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Lake Zurich, IL*

*...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.*

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**Easter Sunday  
Here I Stand—Standing in Victory  
April 16, 2017**

*A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.*

*Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.*

*In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department.*

**Before Service Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, conqueror of death, we praise and extol You that in Your resurrection You have completed our redemption and revealed Your victory on our behalf over sin, Satan, and the grave. Your resurrection is also the proof that all You said is indeed God's truth. Fill us today with confident faith and joyful readiness to confess You before all people. Direct our minds to the crown of life that You have gained and prepared for us. Lead us in pure worship and living service so we show that we are children of Your resurrection. Grant us daily newness of life and, as fruit of it, irrepressible joy in You. Amen.

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*As We Gather: Easters come and go, and it seems that little changes. Or does it? What we sing and celebrate today is already ours. We were baptized into His death and raised with Christ to new and everlasting life. *Easter is the celebration not only of Christ's victory but also of our own victory in Christ Jesus, our Savior.* Christ is risen, and we with Him. It is a victory already ours but not yet fully complete in us. Part of Christian life is seeing who we are and the life we live in the context of the baptismal miracle of new identity and new life that we have been given. Every day we grasp this gift by faith and remember it is "for me." We wear a new name and are heirs of an eternal victory and a life that death cannot overcome. How might our lives change if we lived out this glorious Easter truth more than one day a year?*

*Prelude*

*Introductory Video: "Love is Alive" (1 minute 53 seconds)*

*Pastor's Welcome*

*Opening Hymn: CW 160 "This Joyful Eastertide"*

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession and Absolution

P: "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." *Romans 6:8-11*

**C: "I caused Your grief and sighing by evils multiplying as countless as the sands." It was our sin that caused Christ to die to ransom us from the death of sin. By the power of Your death and resurrection, Lord Jesus, forgive us and raise us to new life.**

P: The risen Jesus is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. Whoever believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Easter Proclamation

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now shining and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# Begin the Song of Glory Now

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Johann Störls . . .

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008 *Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch*, Stuttgart, 1744



1 Be - gin the song of glo - ry now: The Son has ris - en  
2 Pre - pare the song of glo - ry now: The Son has ris - en  
3 Re - peat the song of glo - ry now: The Son has ris - en



from His grave! The night of mourn - ing long is past; Life  
from His grave! Com - pos - ers, play - ers, find new sounds For  
from His grave! Com - plete the Eas - ter o - ver - ture, And



has a pur - pose, af - ter all. Our Sam - son smashed the  
ev - 'ry in - stru - ment and voice: A note, a chord, an  
join the Al - le - lu - ia choir "In Je - sus' name" the



gates of hell, And we are free at last, at last! Be -  
a - ri - a, A Ky - ri - e, a Glo - ri - a. Pre -  
song be - gin, And end: "All praise to God a - lone!" Re -



gin the song of glo - ry now: The  
pare the song of glo - ry now: The  
peat the song of glo - ry now: The



Son has ris - en from our grave!  
Son has ris - en from our grave!  
Son has ris - en from our grave!

## The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Risen Lord, on this day we praise You and give thanks for the living hope that is ours through faith in Your name. You suffered and died, taking onto Yourself the penalty that we deserved for our sins. You were buried in a borrowed tomb and on the third day You rose in victory, defeating sin, death and the devil. Your victory is our victory, and today, as we stand at the empty tomb, we rejoice in the gift of life and resurrection that You have won for us. Mighty Savior, hear our prayer and accept our thanks and praise.

**C: Amen.** (*spoken*)

*The First Lesson:* **Hosea 6:1-3** (*The restoration granted on the third day means God's people can forever walk in God presence, having as our own the victory Jesus won over death.*)

“Come, let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces

but He will heal us;

He has injured us

but He will bind up our wounds.

<sup>2</sup> After two days He will revive us;

on the third day He will restore us,

that we may live in His presence.

<sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the LORD;

let us press on to acknowledge Him.

As surely as the sun rises,

He will appear;

He will come to us like the winter rains,

like the spring rains that water the earth.”

*Sunday School and Preschool Selection:* “Up From the Grave He Arose”

*The Second Lesson:* **1 Corinthians 15:20-28** (*The firstfruit of the harvest guarantees more to come. Christ's victory over death serves as a guarantee of your ultimate victory over death.*)

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a Man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For He “has put everything under His feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under Him, it is clear that this does not include God Himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When He has done this, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all.

*Verse of the Day:* (*Sung by the soloist with flute descant*) Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (*Psalms 118:24*)

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 24:1-9** (*The ultimate victory.*)

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered His words.

<sup>9</sup>When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

Catechism--Second Article of the Apostles' Creed & 1 Corinthians 15:17

P: Paul writes, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” Because of this, Easter morning delivers the joyous truth that Christ has been raised, and God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in His work accomplished for us.

P: Let us share together our hope in the resurrection with these words from the Apostle's Creed:

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean for us?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.**

**All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

Hymn of the Day: CWS 720 “**Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**” (A hymn of Martin Luther)

*Verse 1: All*

*Verse 2: Women*

*Verse 3: Men*

*Verse 4: All*

*Verse 5: Women verse only, Men sing Alleluias at the end of the verse*

*Verse 6: Men verse only, Women sing Alleluias at the end of the verse*

*Verse 7: All*

*“The words, Christ is risen from the dead, we should blazon and inscribe with letters so large that just one letter would be as large as a steeple, yes, as heaven and earth, so that we would see and hear, know and think of, nothing but this article.”*

*(Martin Luther, sermon for Easter Eve, 1532)*

## Sermon Theme: HERE I STAND—STANDING IN VICTORY

The Offering: (Visitors, please fill out the welcome slip and place it in the plate.)

The Offertory: “Ode to Joy”—Played by New Life’s Tone Chime Choir

### The Prayer of the Church

P: Crucified and risen Savior, the world offers us false hope and peace that is easily lost. In You alone we have a living hope and peace that can never be taken from us. In You alone we have victory over death and the hope and promise of resurrection. Risen Lord,

**C: In You we have life and victory!**

P: Crucified and risen Savior, empower us as Easter people, as Your servants to carry the good news of salvation to people who are without hope. Help us to bring Your comfort and care to those who are filled with despair and fear. Risen Lord,

**C: In You we have life and victory!**

P: Crucified and risen Savior, just as You rose bodily from the dead, on the Last Day, at Your command, we too will rise, transformed and glorified, to live in Your presence forever. With all the saints we will praise You, the Lamb who was slain for us, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Risen Lord,

**C: In You we have life and victory!**

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Hymn: CW 157 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

### The Closing Prayer

P: O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to death and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sins be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### The Blessing

P: The Lord, who hears the cries of all who mourn, bless you and keep you. The Lord, who raised Jesus from the grave as the firstfruit of His new creation, make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord, who calls you to take hold of that which is truly life and to look up and see His bountiful grace, mercy, and forgiveness, look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Closing Hymn: CWS 719 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Announcements

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| <b>Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</b> |
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Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

**Today**—Easter Breakfast at 8:15 AM

Easter Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class

**Monday**—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

**Tuesday**—Outreach Committee at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**—Branch Connection Service Project at 6:30 PM

**Saturday**—Indoor / Outdoor clean up from 9:00 AM to Noon

**Next Sunday**—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Adult & Teen Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation class at 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

If you purchased an Easter lily please remember to take yours home and enjoy.

The property chairman John Landenberger has scheduled a spring cleanup day for the church property this Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 AM to noon. If you can’t make it to help on that day, you can come any day to accomplish one of the jobs listed on the sheet pinned to the bulletin board. Some jobs are inside jobs. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet if you are willing to knock out a job.

Next Sunday, Pastor Paul Prange will give a presentation during adult Bible class on our church body’s worker training system.

At a special meeting this Wednesday night at 6:30 PM (not on April 26<sup>th</sup> as noted on the church calendar), the Branch Connection will be making tie blankets to be given to the residents at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights. The project is intended to be a fun activity that all the women of our congregation are invited to. Please bring a scissors if you have one and plan to attend!

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| <b>Our Faithfulness to God’s Word—<br/>Palm Sunday: 74</b> |
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