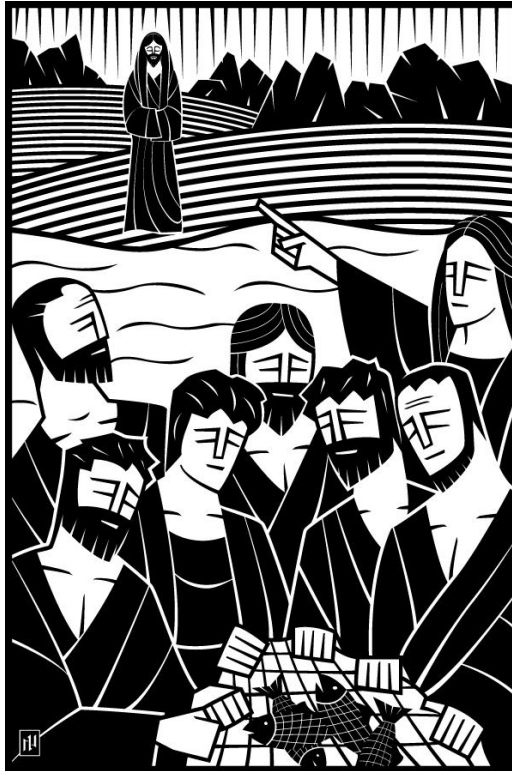


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## About Our Worship Service

**Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!** Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives us forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same Gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love as you worship with us today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our church. If you have any questions or need any assistance, **please speak with the pastor.**

Our practice of closed communion: If you have not communed with us before, please read the note about our Lord's Supper practices printed later in this bulletin under "Distribution of Holy Communion."

Rest Rooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest book: If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Mother's Room: Parents with crying children are welcome to use the mother's room, located off of the narthex. The room is equipped with speakers so parents can listen to the service.

Chair Lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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# MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

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*The Season of Easter*  
**Victorious**

Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever!

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
**Sight Marches Victorious Over Blindness**

The Third Sunday of Easter has traditionally been called "*Misericordias Domini*." It derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit of the day from Psalm 33:5b, "The earth is full of the mercy (*miseriscordias*) of the Lord (*Domini*)."

Scripture often uses the concept of blindness as a metaphor for how hard it is to navigate life without a correct understanding of Christ. Spiritual blindness can take many different forms. In some cases, it is hostile opposition to the message of Jesus. In others, spiritual blindness might be demonstrated in confusion about Jesus' true identity. No matter the specific form spiritual blindness takes, Easter has the power to replace it with sight. Easter allows us to see where we sinners stand with a holy God. It enables us to see the path through life that is worth pursuing (as opposed to those that lead to a dead end). Spiritual sight gives us the ability to see who holds our future in his hands and who is worth our eternal worship.

# ✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

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***Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!***

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*Personal prayers for worship are printed on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.*

*"Understanding Lutheran Worship" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.*

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## THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

### OPENING HYMN                      370    "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*\* The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the red hymnal.*

### INVOCATION    (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

*\* Please stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.



### CONFESSION OF SINS    (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*\* Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation is in C major, 4/4 time. The first line of music is for the vocal part, and the second line is for the organ accompaniment. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us."

## HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

The musical notation is in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

## HYMN OF PRAISE 265 "This Is the Feast of Victory" (*Dignus est Agnus*)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is in D major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## SALUTATION (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

\* Please be seated.

# THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

*For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please pick up a copy of "About the Propers," a weekly document explaining the changeable parts of the service. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-22

*To get his attention, Jesus struck Saul blind. Then he not only restored Saul's physical sight but also gave Saul spiritual sight. Saul was given faith in the One who had risen from the dead.*

\* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30

page 76

in the front of the hymnal

\* The men & boys will sing the first half of the psalm verse; the women & girls will sing the second half. All will join in singing the refrains and the "Glory be to the Father..."

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

*While in exile on the island of Patmos, St. John was given special sight, the ability to see the sacrificial Lamb who is worthy of our worship and praise.*

\* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 1:10

(Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

"Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* *The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

*Please stand at the direction of the pastor.*

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY     John 21:1-14

*Many of the disciples first met Jesus while fishing near the Sea of Galilee. At the time they were spiritually blind, not fully realizing who Jesus was. The resurrected Jesus now appears again to these disciples while they are fishing, and this time they see him clearly through eyes of faith*

M: The Holy Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter, according to St. John, chapter twenty-one.



\* *After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



## NICENE CREED     (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

\* Please be seated.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      160    *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

**EASTER ACCLAMATION** (Luke 24:6,34; 1 Corinthians 15:20)

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**SERMON**

John 21:1-14

*"The Easter Difference"*

**CREATE IN ME** (Psalm 51:10-12)

\* Please stand.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



\* *Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### \* Offering Collection

*God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One of these ways is by giving back a portion of what he has given us to support the work of the Church.*

*If you are a guest, please don't feel that you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' eternal love for you.*

*If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!*

### \* Friendship Registers

*A Friendship Register (i.e. the maroon book) is located at the end of each pew. Sometime before you leave, please write in your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

EASTER

page 126 in the front of the hymnal

\* *Please stand at the direction of the pastor.*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked May 1 as a day to thank God for his work through St. Philip and St. James, Apostles. We will recognize this minor festival in our prayers today.*

## LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but † deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

# THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the note printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Distribution" so you may be informed about our congregation's Holy Communion practices.*

## PREFACES

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)



**C: And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)



**C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

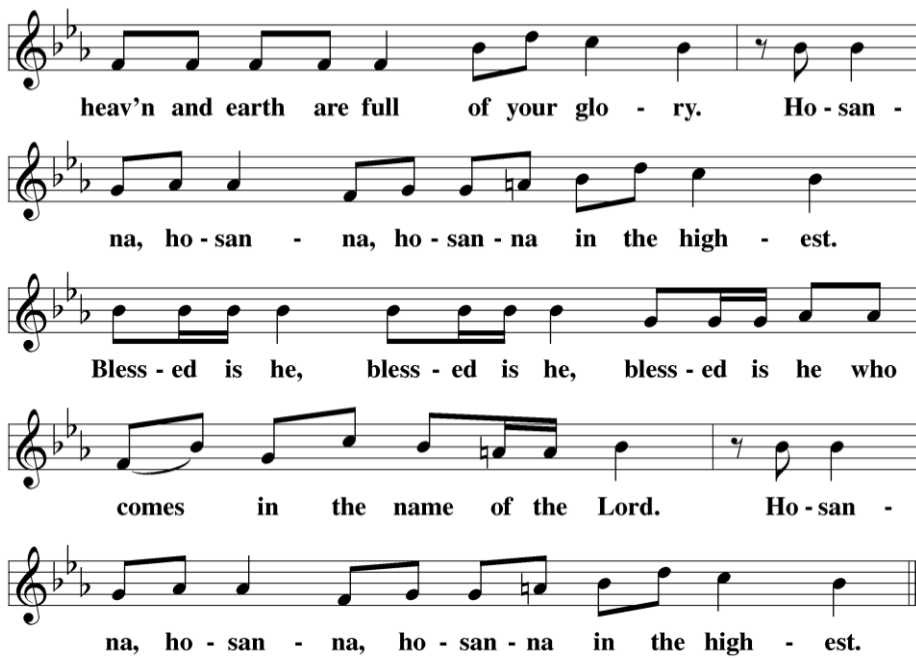
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

\* Please be seated.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

### \* Visitors

*Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:*

*The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching (to be 'in communion' means to share and hold in common). By eating and drinking at our Lord's Table, we are not only sharing Christ's true Body and Blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.*

*We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all true Christians in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune.*

*If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11. The Pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.*

\* Communicants

A guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Prayers for before and after Holy Communion are found on page 11.

When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When the pastor distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

\* Children and Non-Communicants

You are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they don't intend to commune.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN      720    "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
2 No son of man could con - quer  
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came  
4 It was a strange and dread - ful



bands For our of - fens - es giv -  
death, Such ru - in sin had wrought  
down, His peo - ple to de - liv -  
strife When life and death con - tend -



en; But now at God's right hand he  
us. No in - no - cence was found on  
er; De - stroy - ing sin, he took the  
ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands And brings us life from heav -  
earth, And there - fore death had brought  
crown From death's pale brow for - ev -  
life; The reign of death was end -



en. There - fore let us joy - ful be  
us In - to bond - age from of old  
er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says



And sing to God right thank - ful -  
And ev - er grew more strong and  
An emp - ty form a - lone re -  
That death is swal - lowed up by



ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -  
bold And held us as its cap -  
mains; Its sting is lost for - ev -  
death. Its sting is lost for - ev -



ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tive. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursed tree—  
So strong his love—to save us.  
See, his blood now marks our door;  
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now his grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

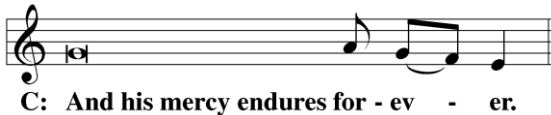
*\* Please stand.*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

## THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love  
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



## AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

\* Please be seated.

## CLOSING HYMN

162 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"



*A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on page 11 in the front of the hymnal.*

***You will not be ushered out.** You may depart any time after the conclusion of the closing hymn.*

*If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.***

***If you have an offering,** you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.*

***Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!*

# WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN



**Special thanks to:** Linda Loeffel for playing organ... Aaron Palmer for serving as distribution assistant... Jerry Loeffel for serving as usher... Mark Buske, Kyle Peterson and Brooke Smith for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... and Brooke Smith for taking care of altar duty.

All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay informed about all congregational news. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.

Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**.  
For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)



## **The Paschal Candle**

*Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (Exodus 12 & 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).*

*Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).*

*The Paschal Candle is lit every Easter morning to symbolize that Christ is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*