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Hymn Story: Christ the Lord is Risen Today! by Clayton Kraby

Originally titled 'Hymn for Easter Day,' Charles Wesley published the well-loved anthem 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today' in 1739 – which was within the first year of his conversion. The song had its debut during the first worship service at the Wesleyan Chapel in London, England known as the Foundry Meeting House.

However, the original lines find their origin long before 1739. The inspiration for this hymn can be traced back to one written in Latin in the 14th century. In the early 1700s that song was translated into English and published as "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." It was this short hymn that served as the building blocks for what would be adapted and expanded by Charles Wesley.

There have been some changes over the years, and the song you are most familiar with is likely different than Wesley's original composition. Originally the song consisted of eleven stanzas, without the "Alleluias!" that echoes throughout the unfolding celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

The original tune that Wesley used for it is also different than what you're used to hearing. An unknown editor later changed the tune to accommodate the alleluias at the end of each line.

Although many hymnals feature a much shorter version of this hymn – often just four stanzas – versions of this hymn have been enthusiastically sung in Easter services for over 280 years. May it continue to be a blessing to you and your church as you celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord every year on Easter Sunday!

I hope you found the above article interesting and insightful! It is so interesting to learn the history of the hymns we sing and how they've developed over time!

In Christ,

Zach Hastings
Director of Music

Church Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:30 am Eucharist (ZOOM)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting
- 6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Womens Podcast and Conversation

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi
- 7:00 pm North Circuit Quarterly Meeting
River of Life

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- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
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MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:

If you desire to continue to wear a mask and social distance from others, please do so.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S PODCAST

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6:30 pm in the narthex
All women welcome!

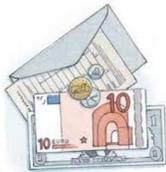
YOUTH MINISTRY—EXPLORATORY MEETING

Have you ever thought, "It sure would be awesome if we had an active youth group at Pacific Hills, where kids could fellowship and connect with one another and grow in their faith together?" If you have, know others have as well. CYF is planning an exploratory meeting with Middle School aged youth (5th – 9th grade) and their families on Sunday, April 24th at 11:45 AM. Join us for some pizza and discussion. Share your ideas and let's see if we can get something started! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Drebes in the church office or email Nicole Vogel (vogel.nicole1@gmail.com) or Stacy Swan (stacey_swan@yahoo.com). Please use the following link to take the survey before the meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOgNKEHpDOzjLJcRiBINdTMjqNtZyO75x0dOd5vIOE6Vwc7g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Vern Cornish would like to remind members to **please** utilize your PHLC Offering Envelopes when you donate! The Envelopes have the required information imprinted on them to ensure the church member will receive credit for their donation!



BIRTHDAY, THINKING OF YOU, SYMPATHY CARDS AND MORE



A large and beautiful selection of assorted cards are available for only \$1 in room 115. The money goes for expenses for shut-in mailings, meals and more. Stop in and take advantage of this opportunity.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
"in celebration of our wedding anniversary."

Joe & Carla Risko



"LESSONS OF THE DAY" WITH PASTOR

Pastor Bryan's Bible Class on the Lessons of the Day meet in Acker Hall, Sundays at 9:15 am. Everyone Welcome!

BIBLE VERSES OF THE WEEK

"Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

(John 20:28)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

STUDY ON ANGELS VIA ZOOM



Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible group are studying **Angels** via ZOOM every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Please email him at rsvod@cox.net or 402-350-0872 for more information

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH is ISSUES ETC., a Christ-centered, cross-focused radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Members of the Wednesday Women's Group have been enriched by listening and discussing a variety of podcast topics each week. Please consider giving this month to the Mission Fund for Issues Etc. and PHLC can be recognized as a congregational sponsor. Thank you from the Missions Board.

ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY FROM EPS

Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) will have roses for purchase after services on Mother's Day with a donation of just \$5.00. Your donation will help to support EPS and give women, who are facing unexpected or unplanned pregnancy, loving care, support, and education about life affirming options.



"We need more Ushers and Greeters! It's

a great way to meet people and serve our church. You can pick the months and service times you like, and we're flexible if conflicts arise". If interested contact Bill Wagner: wlw767@cox.net or 402-730-9505.

"We need a Coordinator for Readers as well as Readers!" This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture which is planned well in advance. If interested contact Kevin Warneke: kwarneke6593@cox.net or 402-612-9151.