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Easter Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.
April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us.*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Call to Worship

Today is the day of resurrection!

We will rejoice and be glad!

Our sin has been forgiven.

Death has been defeated.

Light has overcome the darkness.

The tomb is empty!

Jesus Christ is risen today.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**ELW #365
vv. 1,2,4**

**1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

***The Easter Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace and the peace of the risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

PMA Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle is Done"**

**ELW #366
vv. 1&3**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

**3. The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Once you were no people, now you are God's people. Through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection we have become God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Do you renounce your old, dead life?

Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus.

Do you plan to continue living as one of God's children, proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection in all you say and do?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me -- each and every day of my life.

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Risen Lord, in your mercy....**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering

Offertory: "In Christ Alone"

Choir

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

* Words of Institution

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor ending with...)

As we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

The stone is rolled away. Death could not hold Him.

Set free from the power of death, we live in the joy of the resurrection.

To you, O God, Father, ‡ Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

*Benediction

The God of all,
who raised ‡ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn:

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain***

**3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain***

**4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Caleb Payne** (Hospice), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Elnora Sell**, **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Jan Van Newkirk**, **Wes Sell**, **Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Lee Saip** (recovering due to an infection—Wes & Elnora's son-in-law), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirlie Schuldies), **Willard Rusch** (recovering from a fall—Becca Pierce's father), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from heart surgery), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs' mother), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Florence Schmidt** (Carol Bosshardt's mother).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

Thank you to everyone who provided an Easter lily for our sanctuary this Easter.



Virginia Pickett & Family

In memory of

**her brother Larry Stahla, her husband Lloyd Pickett, her parents Carl & Fern Stahla
and her husband's parents Ernest & Effie Pickett**

Marv Braaten

In memory of

**his wife Alice Braaten, his parents Hans & Mabel Braaten, his brother Glen Braaten,
Alice's parents Sam & Betty Backer, and brother-in-law Don Stormoe.**

Jean Stormoe

In memory of

her sister Alice Braaten, her husband Don Stormoe and her parents Sam & Betty Backer.

Pam Eskam

In memory of

her husband Gary Eskam.

Marlene Downer

In memory of

her husband Wayne Downer.

Mark & Shelly Koehler

In honor of

Healthcare workers & first responders.

Bill & Chris Thomas

In memory of

loved ones lost.

H A P P Y
B I R T H D A Y

Bob Zweifel, 4/12

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APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Pancake Mix

BACKPACKS: Mac 'n Cheese Bowls

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW APRIL MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the CLCW bulletin board next to the narthex door to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following:

Paper plates, paper towels, napkins, Styrofoam & plastic cups.

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower'.

Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.



April 9: Easter Sunday

Easter Service at 10:30am! Come join us
for our Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am
before church!



Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is April 15th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets, softener and laundry detergent. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – April 9

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn Margheim

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Ben Moravec & Max Judy

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Margheim's

Next Sunday – April 16

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Rhyann Buckley & Merrick Walsh

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, April 10

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – Council

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Diane Vandenberg's

Tuesday, April 11

12 p.m. – Sarah Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, April 12

5:30 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, April 15

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, April 16

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

APRIL 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus is alive!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:1-18	Christ's resurrection
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-4	New life in Christ
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	The joyful return of exiles
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:14-20	We are a new creation
Friday	Genesis 2:4b-25	Creation of man and woman
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord's always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and my Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:17b-18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice in your steadfast love and the power of Christ's resurrection for all that you have made. In the name of the risen Christ, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Allhailu, Christ is risen. O Lord, we give you thanks for sustaining us with this food and with the power of Christ's resurrection for us and all the world. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice in the risen Lord.



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APRIL 9, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus Christ is Risen Today



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

- Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections.
- When was a time you were in disbelief and couldn't understand something that was happening?
- As we continue to grow and mature, how is the Christian faith an ongoing process of learning and growing?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:1-18.

The resurrection account, the first Easter Sunday story as recorded in the Gospel of John, is filled with misunderstandings. Mary Magdalene sees the empty tomb and thinks that someone has taken Jesus' body away. Two disciples come and see it as well. The disciple that Jesus loved (traditionally thought to be John, the author of the Gospel) believes, but believes what? The very next verse says "as yet they did not understand the scriptures, that he must rise from the dead" (v. 9). The disciples leave and go home! Mary, however, remains and talks to two angels. She does not seem awed by the encounter so it is likely she does not recognize them as angels. Then she sees Jesus and thinks he is the gardener. Finally, she hears Jesus call her by name. She then recognizes him and he sends her out to tell the disciples. Like Mary and the disciples, we, too, are on a journey of understanding what Jesus' resurrection means for us and the world. It is a life filled with new insights and awe that leads us to tell others what we have seen and heard.

Discuss: What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you?

Pray: Eternal God, help us to grow in our faith and understanding that we may be filled with joy and be faithful witnesses to the power of Jesus' resurrection for the world you love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you share the good news of Christ's resurrection with others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The Kindness Rock Project was a trend that began in 2015. Small, smooth stones are painted with messages of kindness and hidden for others to find. Bring the good news that Christ is alive to friends and neighbors during the Easter season as a reminder that the stone was rolled away. Find or buy smooth stones, paint them, and write the words "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" on each one. Use those stones to bring the good news that Christ is alive to friends and neighbors during the Easter season. Place the stones in locations where someone can easily find them.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to www.milestonesministry.org