



EASTER SUNDAY

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: Resurrecting God, you conquered death and opened the gates of life everlasting, changing the world forever. Teach us to keep faith with all the disciples before us, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

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

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

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 online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

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!

(We now invite you to 'send' the alleluias you have typed into your comment line)

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!

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 Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17, 19-24

Read Responsively

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

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

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

¹⁵Shouts 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!"

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

¹⁹Open 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."

²¹I 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.

²³By 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.

Gospel Verse

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

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Hymn:

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW #379

**2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Sermon

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

Profession of Faith: 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...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

....through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you,

O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 is present! Christ will come again!

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

We are 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

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**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.**

Receiving of Communion

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with the food of life in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

Benediction

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the bonds of death, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and ‡ bless you, now and forever.

Hymn: **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** **ELW #369**

**1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Dismissal

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us go forth in joy and peace, share the good news!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Vicki** (ICU-Lung Embolism—friend of Susan Martin), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery--Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny & Alice Shriver** (recovering), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Lueningborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery--friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Florence Kasza** (Fran Johnson & Barbara Tallmon's sister)

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.



Robert (Bob) Zweifel, 4/12

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned meats

BACKPACKS: mac n cheese bowls



WOMEN OF THE ELCA April MISSION PROJECT:



We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. April's project is the Bake-less Bake Sale. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Mark CLCW Mission Project on the envelop and leave it with, Christy, the Office Manager.



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



A Community Coming Together!

The hospital has asked the quilters to sew 1,000 masks. They would also like to sew an additional 700 masks for the congregation. We are asking for donations of elastic to be used for each mask. We are in need of approximately 662 yards 1/8"-1/4" wide or rope elastic. You may drop off the elastic in the church office Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm or let us know where it can be picked up. We truly appreciate your help.



Join us for Men's Bible Study via Zoom (online) every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



*We are Here
to Help You!*



We're Here To Help: As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing

to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.



Your Offerings: Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give

electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – April 12

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADERS: Bill Huelle, Mary Jo Huelle,
Susan Martin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, April 12
EASTER SUNDAY**

10 a.m. – Online Worship

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. – Men's Online Bible Study

Sunday, April 19

10 a.m. – Online Worship

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The crowds shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David,” as they approached Jerusalem with Jesus. David was a mighty warrior and they surely expected God’s triumph to include military victory. Instead God’s triumph would look very different, being accomplished with sacrifice, suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection on Easter.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 16:1-8 A group of women discover the tomb is empty! Write “Alleluia! He is risen!” on a piece of paper and display it prominently in your house.

Monday – Read John 20:1-10 John tells a slightly different version of Jesus’ resurrection. In John’s version, the disciples go away initially, having not seen the resurrected Jesus. Pray for all who grieve asking that they find peace in the promise of the resurrection.

Tuesday – Read John 20:11-18 Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene. Why do you think Mary does not recognize Jesus right away? Reflect on how, even today, grief can keep us from seeing Jesus.

Wednesday – Read Luke 24:13-27 Two disciples encounter a strange man on the road to Emmaus. How well do you welcome the strangers in your midst? What could you do to be more welcoming of others?

Thursday – Read Luke 24:28-35 The man is revealed to be Jesus! Why do you think it was in the teaching of scripture and breaking of bread that the man was revealed to be Jesus? How is Jesus revealed to us today in the breaking of bread?

Friday – Read Luke 24:36-49 Jesus appears to all the disciples. Give thanks for Jesus’ resurrection and the promise of new life both now and in the life to come.

Saturday – Read Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus commissions the disciples to spread the good news! What is one way you could spread the good news of Jesus’ resurrection even in these days of social distancing?