

The Resurrection of our Lord

April 21, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME! Let us rejoice together in the risen Savior!
May you be richly blessed in your worship through the precious word of
Christ. WELCOME! Let us be joyful together!

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

To participate in this service, just follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other. Parts marked P are spoken by the pastor, and parts marked C are spoken or sung by the congregation.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

Pastor Tony Pittenger

Organist

Mrs. Roberta Highfill

Ushers

Team 11 (Harless)

Acolytes


Cayenne/Gus Burleson; Becky/Lizzie Riedel

Greeters

Bob & Charly Riedel

Elder on duty this week

Conrad Plyler

 HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE –
please ask for a receiver at the usher station

FACEBOOK CHECK-IN

Before you silence that smart phone for today's service, or when you get it out again, check yourself in to Bethany on your Facebook page. All your friends will see it-maybe we could be their church home as well!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Holly Spears in celebration of Easter.

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THE FESTIVAL OF EASTER

(Rite II, Responses I/II)



THE EASTER PREFACE:

Pastor: Rise! Rise to hear the Good News!
He is Risen!

CONGREGATION: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | 200:1-4

- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.*
- 2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.*
- 3. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.*
- 4. He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit

C: ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy on us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

be seated

INTROIT:

P: When I awake, I am still with You. Alleluia! You have laid Your hand upon Me. Alleluia! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me, You have known my sitting down and my rising up.

GLORIA PATRI

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

KYRIE

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | 200:5-8

*5. He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.*

*6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.*

*7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.*

*8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,*

"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

COLLECT:

P: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech You, that, as You put in our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Hosea 13:14

I will ransom them from the power of the grave! I will redeem them from death! Death, where are your plagues? Grave, where is your destruction?

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Bless the Lord”

(Ps 103; composer Mikail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff)

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵Through faith you are being protected by God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. ⁶Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials ⁷so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not see Him now, yet by believing in Him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰The prophets, who prophesied about the grace that has come to you, searched and studied carefully concerning this salvation, ¹¹trying to find out what person and what time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, when they wrote about these things. These are the things that have now been announced to you by those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even the angels long to look carefully into these things.

GRADUAL

P: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN*He is Arisen! Glorious Word!* | 189*He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.**My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.**Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth—
He was dead, but see, He liveth!**please stand*

P: The Holy Gospel for ___ is written in the ___ chapter of the Gospel according to St. ___, beginning at the ___ verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON & SERMON TEXT*Matthew 28:1-8*

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell His disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see Him.' See, I have told you!" ⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

*be seated***SERMON***WE WILL FOLLOW CHRIST INTO, AND OUT OF, THE GRAVE.**please stand*

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

OFFERTORY

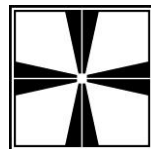
**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

be seated

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND



OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Bethany Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support His saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

please stand

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: All glory to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have fulfilled Your Word and brought Your holy servant Jesus, our Lord and God, through death to resurrection! His resurrection is proof positive that He defeated sin, death and the devil on the cross.

C: Let this news of redemption spread far and wide, that the joy of the Easter Gospel would be received in faith throughout the world.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All thanksgiving to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have adopted us into Your divine family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we have died to sin and risen to new life.

C: Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we would live lives of daily repentance and faith, ever clinging to Jesus, our living Redeemer, for forgiveness, life and salvation.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Dear Father in heaven, You have given our risen Lord all dominion over the works of Your hands.

C: Grant that all who bear earthly authority would exercise their offices with humility, restraint and integrity for the well-being of all and for the preservation of Your Holy Church.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Dear Father in heaven, we implore You to visit the sick, the suffering, the homebound, the grieving and all who stand in need [*especially _____*].

Whatever their trials, comfort them with the knowledge that their Redeemer lives,
C: And that nothing can separate them from the love You have for them in Christ.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, which confesses, with St. Job, that our Redeemer lives, and that we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom;

C: We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

be seated

HYMN

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives | 188

*1. Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.*

*2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heavenly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.*

3. *Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.*

4. *Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.*

5. *Jesus lives! To Him my heart
Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart,
Hinder not my heavenward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise
To its magnet in the skies.*

6. *Hallelujah, angels, sing!
Join us in our hymn of praise,
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feeblers voices raise:
Glory to our God above
And on earth His peace and love!*

~DEDICATION OF HEAVENLY FLOCK WINDOWS~

PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

P: Lord Jesus, all who die in faith live with You. Let this Heavenly Flock be a witness and a comfort to all people that because You live Your people too live. Grant that as we come to worship You, or even as our community drives by this house of prayer, that these images bear witness of faith in the forgiveness of sins, faith in the resurrection of the body, and faith in the life everlasting. Grant this for the sake of Your life, death, and resurrection. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:13-17

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

DEDICATION HYMN

The Church's One Foundation | 473:1, 2, 5

1. *The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

2. *Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.*

*5. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore,
Til with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

COLLECT FOR EASTER

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You delivered Your Son for our offenses, and raised Him again for our justification: We beseech You grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will; graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all sins and after this life raise us to eternal life; through the same, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you †peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord | **198**

*He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He Opened Death's prison, the Incarnate Word
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.*

*The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.*

*But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.*

*Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.*

*Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.*

CALENDAR

- SUNDAY 4/21** *Easter*
7:00 am & 10:00 am Easter Worship
(no Sunday School)
 8:15 am - 9:30am Easter Fellowship Breakfast
- MONDAY, 4/22** *Easter Monday; no Monday Worship*
(office closed)
NO SCHOOL ELC-8
- WEDNESDAY, 4/24** 8:20am BLS/ELC Chapel
- FRIDAY, 4/26** 6:00-8:00 pm Outdoor Family Game Night
- SUNDAY, 4/28** 8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

THE RECORD

Last Sunday 243 of God’s people came to worship and hear His holy Word. 45 attended Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. 70 received Holy Communion at the 8:15am & Monday night services.

Many thanks to all who helped with Spring Cleaning Day last Saturday. It was a little challenging working around the weather and other events, and there are still several tasks remaining. If you have an hour free this next week, please stop by the office to check the list and pick one or two to do and cross off!

Much appreciation also to all our wonderful volunteers who’ve assisted with our various Holy week events. Your service is a blessing.



OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTER LILIES

Lilies adorning the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by:

By	Dedication	
Sam & Penny Bell Circelli Family Don & Katherine Evans Gaskins Family Norm & Dorothy Reinhardt	} Thanksgiving for blessings & celebration of Easter	
Dave Dahlke		in memory of wife Jennifer Dahlke
Evinrude Family		in memory of the Byron & Bonnie Blinn
Mary Erickson		in memory of mom Verda and son Michael
Rick & Roberta Highfill		in memory of Rick’s mother
Cliff & JoAnn Johnson	in memory of our parents	
Riedel Family	in memory of Danny Burleson	
Doug & Kathy Seals	in memory of our parents	
Isaac & Amy Sharrett	for all our loved ones	



MANY THANKS TO OUR YOUTH GROUP
FOR DECORATING THE LOVELY EASTER
FLOWER CROSS IN THE NARTHEX,
AND ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED FLOWERS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Easter Gift for You – Be sure to pick up your free DVD *“To the Ends of the Earth”* in the narthex as you depart today.

Confirmation Proofs are ready for viewing/ordering: They are in a large white envelope in the office ‘inbox’. Write your orders on the sheet provided and attach check per instructions. They will be sent to the printer the end of this month and generally take 1-3 weeks to process.

New Spring Bible study - next Sunday, 4/28 at 10:00am the Adult Bible Class will begin our April/May topic, “The End and End Times”. Join us!

Outdoor Games and Snacks this Friday: Come enjoy our first ever outdoor Family Game Night & ‘snack potluck’ this coming Friday 4/26 from 6:00-8:00pm. If you have one, bring an **outdoor game** to share with the group (bocce ball, corn hole, etc.) Each family is also asked to please bring a **snack or appetizer** to enjoy outdoors, along with **lawn chairs or blankets** for sitting on.

NOTE ON STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The “Heavenly Flock” windows have been purchased to the glory of God in loving memory of all those who are now at rest with Jesus. Six windows were dedicated last Easter. Five more windows are dedicated today; the remainder are commissioned and pending completion. Today’s windows have been placed in memory of:

NORTH SIDE (KITCHEN)

Robert & Doris Delancy
Renata Waldorf & Donna Caretti
Vincent, Patricia, & Michael Harms

SOUTH SIDE (ROAD)

Myrtle Shadbolt
Alex & Myrtle Barth



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SERVICE TIMES: Sundays 8:15 & 11am; Mondays 7pm;
Sunday School for all ages 9:45am