

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. Barb Mantey

Ushers

Team 7 (Gaskins)

Acolytes

Jack/Nika Pittenger; Eileen Lee

Greeters

Pastor Pittenger & family

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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EASTER SUNRISE



(arrive quietly and wait in silent meditation)

When last we gathered for worship, we saw Christ “crucified, died, and was buried.” As darkness fell, the tomb was shut, sealed, and placed under official guard. As the third day of Easter dawns, God’s messengers greet His people with the Good News...

**PASTOR: RISE! RISE TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!
HE IS RISEN!**

(ALL) HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

Redressing of the Altar: *On the first Easter morning the women came to serve. That morning they came to lovingly care for the dead. This morning they also come to lovingly serve, but they serve the living One! His altar is bare as an expression of our sorrow. They come to redress His altar with colors and symbols of life and joy and holiness! Thank you, ladies, for your service!*

THE EASTER VOLUNTARY & PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!* | 199

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
- 3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son. and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

P: This is the Day the Lord has made! Hallelujah!

C: We will rejoice and be glad! Hallelujah!

P: O Give thanks unto the Lord! Hallelujah!

C: For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever! Hallelujah!

P: You shall call His name 'Jesus'. Hallelujah!

C: Because He will save His people from their sins. Hallelujah!

P: Fear not! For I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Hallelujah!

C: A Savior – Christ the Lord. Hallelujah!

P: The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord! Hallelujah!

C: And of His Christ! And He will reign for ever and ever! Hallelujah! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD /LECTION



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-15

Look, my Servant will succeed. He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted. ¹⁴Just as many were appalled at Him—His appearance was so disfigured that He did not look like a man, and His form was disfigured more than any other person— ¹⁵so He will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him, because they will see something they had never been told before, and they will understand something they had never heard before.

be seated

HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord | 198:1-2

*1. 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.*

*2. 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.*

EASTER HOMILY

please stand

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷Purge out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, namely, Christ! ⁸So let us keep celebrating the festival, not with old yeast, not with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

be seated

HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord | 198:3-5

- 3. 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.*
- 4. 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.*
- 5. 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.*

please stand

THIRD LESSON

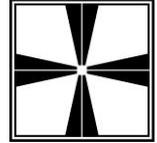
Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is

going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”
8They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed.
They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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.

THE HYMN

The Day of Resurrection | 205

- 1. The day of resurrection, Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness. The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.*

- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.*

- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen,-- Our joy, that hath no end.*

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pastor

Mark 16:6

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified:

Congregation

Mark 16:6

He is not here, He is risen!

Pastor

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a Great Light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath The Light shined.

Congregation

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is the righteous Savior.

Women

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

Men

Luke 2:10

And the Angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Pastor

Luke 2:11

A Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Congregation

I Corinthians 15:21-22

Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Pastor

I Corinthians 15:57

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Women

Revelation 5:12

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Men

Revelation 5:13

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

Women

Isaiah 40:9

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain;

Men

Isaiah 40:9

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Women

Isaiah 9:6

And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Pastor

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

Congregation

1 Corinthians 15:57

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor

Mark 16:6

Behold the place where they laid Him!

THE HYMN

Like the Golden Sun Ascending | 207:1-4

*1. Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth his glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave And Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.*

*2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.*

*3. Though I be by sin o'ertaken, Though I lie in helplessness,
Though I be by friends forsaken And must suffer sore distress,
Though I be despised, contemned, And by all the world condemned,
Though the dark grave yawn before me, Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.*

*4. Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.*

please stand

PRAYER FOR EASTER

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, exalted Prince of Life, that You gave Yourself for us into death, out of divine love, and offered Yourself to Your heavenly Father as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, thus delivering us from the power of death, the devil, and eternal damnation. In proof of this You, the Prince of Life and the Lord over death, rose from the dead on the third day, and brought forth righteousness, innocence, and eternal life.

We pray You, grant us grace, that, by the working of Your Holy Spirit in us, we may take deep-felt joy and comfort in Your death and resurrection, thereby quiet our conscience and overcome all fear of death. And let Your resurrection be to us a cause and incentive to good works and fruits of righteousness, that we, as Your people, may be willing to worship You in the beauty of holiness. Grant that we may daily die to sin, crucify and slay the old Adam with his lusts and desires; that, on the other hand, we may arise spiritually, begin to live in righteousness, walk in a new life, purge out the old leaven, and become a new leaven.

Grant furthermore, we beseech You, that we may look forward with comfort and joy to the resurrection of our deceased bodies, which on the last day shall come forth again by virtue of Your resurrection, and may we then with body and soul enter Your kingdom of heavenly glory and grandeur. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand

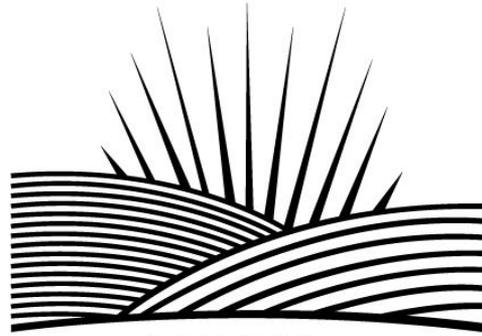
BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Like the Golden Sun Ascending* | **207:5-6**

*5. Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And Thy Holy Spirit send
That my walk and my behavior May be pleasing to the end;
That I may not fall again Into death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me And from which Thou hast relieved me.*

*6. For the joy Thy advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heaven I shall behold Thee.*

be seated



HE IS NOT HERE
HE HAS
RISEN

Please Join Us Today For Our Annual

Easter Breakfast

in the Fellowship Hall 8:15-9:30am

*Enjoy pancakes, sausages/ham, egg casseroles, pastries, fruit, cereal
Coffee, milk & juice prepared & served by our Youth Group families*

~no cost-donations welcome~

(all proceeds go towards Youth Group activities & Convention expenses)

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 6:30pm Choir Practice
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, so 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.

Note on stained glass windows: Today at the 10:00am Festival service we will dedicate five additional "Heavenly Flock" windows, which 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; the remainder are commissioned and pending completion). Today's windows have been placed in memory of: Bob & Doris Delancy; Renata Waldorf & Donna Caretti; Vince, Pat, & Michael Harms; Myrtle Shadbolt; and Alex & Myrtle Barth.

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



OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTER LILIES



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

By

Sam & Penny Bell
Circelli Family
Don & Katherine Evans
Gaskins Family
Norm & Dorothy Reinhardt

Dedication

Thanksgiving for blessings & celebration of Easter

Dave Dahlke
Evinrude Family
Mary Erickson
Rick & Roberta Highfill
Cliff & JoAnn Johnson
Riedel Family
Doug & Kathy Seals
Isaac & Amy Sharrett

in memory of wife Jennifer Dahlke
in memory of the Byron & Bonnie Blinn
in memory of mom Verda and son Michael
in memory of Rick's mother
in memory of our parents
in memory of Danny Burseson
in memory of our parents
for all our loved ones

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.



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