

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

INTRODUCTION

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME/ANNOUCEMENTS

The April Noisy Offering collection will go to Unleashed Pet Rescue , chosen by our Confirmation class. The flowers today are in celebration of Joni Benz's Dad turning 100. Happy Birthday!



PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 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!
- 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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.;

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CARILLON RINGERS "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski. Organ—Tom Watgen; trumpet—Will Conner

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus,

whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

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.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

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.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 24th Chapter. Glory to You, O Lord. Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the

empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were per-

plexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the



mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Kris Dietzen

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

Deanna Hardenburger Cindy and Joel Sorensen

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Deanna, Cindy and Joel one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

Response: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 382

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er; through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more; death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now, angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

- 3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
 See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground; Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*
- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall. We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the

virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the Living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped And glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world. (A brief silence.)

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world (*especially*). Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way (*especially*). Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

Amen.

PEACE

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us. The peace of the Lord be with you always,

And also with you

Let us share God's peace with one another.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy pg. 108 WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. **COMMUNION**

COMMUNION SONG pg. 112

CHOIR 'Easter Anthem' by Schrader **COMMUNION HYMNS** ELW 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast—
 Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia! 7
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- Faster triumph, Easter joy,
 this alone can sin destroy!
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,

that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

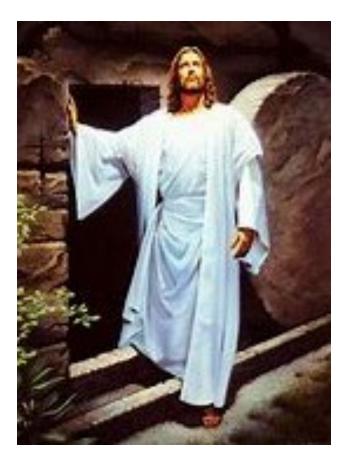
RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 619

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

- 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 exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
- 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.
- 4 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.

- 5 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.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly 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 Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!
 Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.





Easter Gilies

John & Marge Bott, "in memory of Vernon, Merelene & Dale Haselhorst."

Pastor Kris Dietzen, "in memory of my mother Marcheta Dietzen." "in memory of Pastor Fred Schmidt ."

Deanna Hardenburger, "in honor of my children and grandchildren."

> Patricia Klima & Linda Bayer, "in memory of Charlotte Bayer." "in honor of William Bayer."

Jeannine Matthews, "in memory of my parents, Marie & Sylvester Wendt."

Jason & Christie Mensch, "in memory of Helen Kirschbaum." "In honor of Maureen Mensch."

Dave & Mary Mindrup, "in memory of John Tietjen, Ernestine Tietjen & Alfred Mindrup."

> Donna & Larrie Nichols, "in memory of our parents."

Mike & Jane Scherrer, "in memory of our parents." "in honor of our children and grandchildren."

Todd & Vanessa Schott, "in memory of our loved ones in heaven."

Amanda, Julia, Jarsley & James Sibson "in memory of all loved ones."

PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.780.6408 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain. Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

St. Mark's members:

Jane Stresewski, Joni Benz, Shirley Knappenberger Linda Westbrook, George McElroy, Nan Wolfe, Pete and Linda Cagle, Shane Paulson, Janet Schmidt, Susan & Bill Roberts, Phyllis Dettmer, Madison Young

Family & friends:

Shellie, Sister of Shondi Webb, Austin, grandson of Jim and Mary Weeg, Larry McCord, Father of Kathy Hinkle's sister in law. Jane Ventress, friend of Ruth Ann Hackler's granddaughter, Manuel & family, friend of Jenny Wheeler's grandson. Elsie, Aunt of Debbie VanKempen, Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck, John and Suzanne McMahon, friends of St. Mark's, Allen, Son of Kathy Hinkle's Step-mom, Jo Ann Sidoreus, friend of Pastor Kris, Juliana Marie McClelland, friend of Susan Roberts, Andrew, friend of the Scherrers, Ron, Nephew of Jenny Wheeler, Kenny Belcher, friend of Steve Benz, Doug Vogelsberg, friend of Dale Albers and Sheryl Alderson, Craig Downing, Father of Joni Benz, Suzie, Aunt of Nancy Bryer, Jenny Mack, Niece of Jenny Wheeler, Chris, Brother of Pete Cagle, Amber Smith, friend of Pete Cagle, Family of Kathy, cousin of Barb Nail, Iris Howard, friend of Pete Cagle, Steele McLaren, friend of the Luins,

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A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson, Logan Peck, nephew of Karen and Stan