



HOPE

for All

HE HAS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE.

MARK 16:6 (NIV)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNRISE

APRIL 4, 2021 + 6:30AM

WELCOME

Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are gathered on this most blessed morning in quietness and prayer as we await the first lights of dawn. God has loved us since the beginning of time. He has loved us so much that He gave up His life so that we could be freed from our slavery to sin.

This is the day in which the darkness of sin has been overcome by the Light of the World. This is the day in which God's grace and power are shown once more. This is the day when death is conquered!

Even now people around the world are singing the hymns and hearing the words that sin no longer has dominion over us. The price has been paid. God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and souls as you remember that the blood of Jesus purifies you from all sin.

INVOCATION

Let us worship God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Bless all who gather this morning, both here and around the world, who celebrate the festival of the resurrection. May your Spirit work within us that we will rejoice in the news that death has been conquered and we will be strengthened for the challenges that we

face. We pray this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit.

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.

By his wounds we have healing both now and forever.
Amen.

+ THE PROCESSION +

The Light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

***OPENING LITANY**

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

If you have taken him, tell us where and we will go and get Him.

He is not here. He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Come and see where His body laid.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed be God, who chose us in Christ. Let us come to the fountain of mercy.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God,

**in raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death. Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Grant us the radiant power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Amen.**

In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I proclaim the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and He is the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as Your people toward the fullness of eternal life with You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶The Lord of Heaven's Armies will hold a banquet for all the nations on this mountain.

At this banquet there will be plenty of meat and aged wine—tender meat and choicest wine.

⁷ On this mountain he will swallow up the shroud that is over all the peoples, the woven covering that is over all the nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death permanently.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from every face, and remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

Indeed, the Lord has announced it!

⁹ At that time they will say,

“Look, here is our God!

We waited for him, and he delivered us.

Here is the Lord! We waited for him.

Let's rejoice and celebrate his deliverance!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

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

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought aromatic spices so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled back. ⁵ Then as they went into the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here. Look, there is the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples, even Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸ Then they went out and ran from the tomb, for terror and bewilderment had seized them. And they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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MESSAGE "Encounters with Christ: Salome" Pastor Ben

***A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

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 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 in 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**

Those in need:

- **Donna**, neighbor of Chris Loperfido, having two surgical procedures March 31
- **Bryan Bernheisel**, friend of Marilou Stange. Hospitalized with a fractured neck following a serious car accident.
- **Karen Wright**, hospitalized @ Highland Hospital (blood clots in her lungs).

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- **Wendie Claypool**, relative of Wayne and Bonnie Samuels, had successful hip surgery this past week. Thanks for all your prayers.

Death:

- **Janet Schmidt (3/29)**, cousin of Darlene Byrns and Laurie Ebbecke

Ongoing prayers:

- For everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic
- For our leaders, caregivers, and frontline workers
- For our first responders and medical teams
- For the unemployed
- For those who don't have enough to eat

- For unity and peace in our world
- For our school systems
- For the vaccination process

+ SACRAMENT +

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

***RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS LSB 467



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

THE STRIFE IS O'ER

LSB 464

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,

Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.

Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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***DISMISSAL**

He is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Easter Flower Dedications

Deb Alberty

In Honor of Carol Keeler

Ruth Behnfeldt and Dan Behnfeldt

In Memory of Marvin & Tom Behnfeldt

John & Barbara Bruning

In Thankfulness for Blessings Received

Dan & Lori Connolly

In Memory of Beverly & Gerard Neumann

In Memory of Patricia & Bruce Connolly

Jennifer Wolfanger Cook

In Loving Memory of Dottie Glenn

In Loving Memory of Marie Buck

In Loving Memory of Olive Cook

The Tad D'Ambrosio Family

In Honor of Faith Lutheran Church Staff

In Memory of Loved Ones

Neil & Laurie Ebbecke

*In Memory of Parents, Lois & Walter Ebbecke
and Arline & Ralph Schane*

*In Honor of Children, Kimberly and Matthew (Amanda)
Ebbecke*

*In Honor of Granddaughters, Sarah, Madelyn, Allison, and
Avery Ebbecke*

Faith Lutheran Youth

In Honor of Our Dedicated Youth Advisors

In Honor of Our Supportive Congregation

Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner

In Memory of Charles & Frances McAvooy

In Memory of Otto & Helen Finkbeiner

Tom & Nancy Hammond

In Memory of Frank & Anne Hammond

In Memory of Charles & Jessie Kines

In Thankfulness for Blessings Received

Lyle & Debbie Heggemeier

*In Memory of parents, Raymond Koegeboehn and Everett and
Johanna Heggemeier*

Pastor Peter, Stephanie, Lucas & Grant Johnson

In Honor of Our Supportive Faith Family

In Memory of Our Loved Ones in Heaven

The Kaser Family

*In Memory of Mike Kaser, Beloved Husband, Father,
and Grandfather*

Hans & Jeanne Kurzik

For Blessings This Past Year

The Ledermann Family

For Christ's Victory Over the Grave

In Thanksgiving for Many Blessings

Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn

In Memory of Loved Ones

Mark & Missy Maschoff

In Memory of David Maschoff and George Maschoff

Maryann Maschoff

In Memory of David Maschoff and George Maschoff

Kathleen McCarthy

In Celebration of Family

Chita McKinney

In Memory of Richard Abner

Karen Nitschke

In Memory of Robert & Trudy Nitschke

In Memory of Jerry Tindall

Linda & Alex Pritchard

Grateful for All Our Blessings and Our Lord Jesus Christ

Don & Stella Reschke

*In Loving Memory of Both of Our Mothers, Dorislee Reschke
and Stephanie Cwiok*

Barbara Riethmeier

For Blessings Received

Jane Sandgren

In Memory of Gordon Sandgren

Cheryl Speisman

In Memory of My Parents: Allen and Geraldine Anderson

The Sykes Family

In Memory of Loved Ones

The Trojian Family

To Our Community of Family and Friends at Faith Lutheran

Erin and Charlie Wolfanger

In Loving Memory of Our Father, Love Erin and Charlie