



**March 31, 2024**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**9:00 AM**

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*We are not eye-witnesses to an event,  
as were Mary and the disciples;  
we have not journeyed through a dangerous city  
to seek answers or consolation;  
we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day,  
or wept in the garden this morning  
because we could not find Him.*

*But we are here to attest to a story  
that has not lost its power  
during twenty centuries  
of change and conflict.*

*We are here because those before us  
carried this story as if it were precious gold;  
cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.*

*Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
take your places here today  
in celebration and in awe.  
What you are about to hear again  
has the capacity to change the world.  
Your very presence attests  
to the rising up of life  
from the tomb of despair,  
and to the uncontrollable power of God.*

*It is Easter morning again:  
and we will celebrate.*

*~ Ann Siddall*

Welcome to St. Luke's on this celebration of celebrations, the day we celebrate that Jesus Christ has conquered death! We are so glad you are here with us this morning—your presence truly enriches our worship. You are welcome here no matter who you are, where you are coming from, or why you stumbled in. Our welcome won't be perfect, because we're not perfect, but we believe that Jesus loves and welcomes all, so we try to do that too. We're glad you're here, and we hope you experience God's love here today.

*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,  
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

“Thine Is the Glory”

Robert A. Hobby

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Friends, the tomb is empty!

**C: The stone has been rolled away!**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed!**

P: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**C: But God’s love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!**

P: Darkness cannot claim us!

**C: Fear cannot bind us!**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**



### OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365 All Verses

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

P: The light shines in the darkness

**C: and the darkness did not overcome it.**

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed, alleluia!**



### FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*R: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Monte



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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." <sup>8</sup>So 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.

*P: This is the Gospel of our Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**



**SERMON**

Pastor Monte



**SERMON HYMN**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#855, verses 1,3,4 & 5



**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 THE PEOPLE

P: May the Light of Christ shine upon them

**C: May the Light of Christ shine upon them**



## PEACE

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always*     **C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*



## OFFERING

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.*

*Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"On the Third Day"

Allen Pote

*Voices of St. Luke's and Brass*

*Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: *The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

P: *Open your hearts.*

**C: We open them to God and to one another.**

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## DISTRIBUTION - CONTINUOUS

*If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.*

*All are Welcome!*



## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

“Christ is Risen”

Pablo sosa, arr. Hal Hopson

*Voices of St. Luke's*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

*Piano Duet*



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**



## BENEDICTION



## CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia, Jesus is Risen”

#377 Verses 1,2 & 5



## DISMISSAL

P: Is it true that God loves the world?

**C: Amen. This is true.**

P: Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

**C: Amen. This is true.**

P: Is it true that God brings light out of darkness and life out of death?

**C: Amen. This is true.**

P: Then let us go as those whom God has called, to bear witness to the love of God, to be beacons of light and proclaimers of hope. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**



## POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power”

Timothy Johnson

**+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +**

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



***Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!***

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## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Monday, April 1**

**Church Office Closed**

9:00 am Quilters

**Tuesday, April 2**

**Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, April 3**

10:00 am Village Quilters

Thursday, April 4 9:00 am Retiree Breakfast @ Melrose Restaurant

Friday, April 5 **Church Office Closed**

Sunday, April 7 9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:15 am Education Hour

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## Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EDUCATION HOUR

*April 7<sup>th</sup>*: Human Trafficking 101. Martha Kanass, executive director of Exploit No More, will share a special adult education forum During Education Hour.

*April 14, 21, 28, and May 19<sup>th</sup>*: We are beginning a 4-session class on “Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a way of life”. What does it mean to be a “*Lutheran*” Christian?

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- No Sunday school today. Resumes April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Confirmation 6:00pm, and Synergy 7:15pm, resumes April 10<sup>th</sup>.









### SAVE THE DATE:

- June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Music Camp
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> - Vacation Bible School

Let the little children come to me ...  
it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.  
Mark 10:14, NRSV



### **\*\* LENTEN PRAISE PACKS \*\***

-  • Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church and hold it up high. At the end of the service turn your candle off.
-  • Take out the smooth stone and hold it tight during times of prayer. This stone symbolizes the tomb Jesus was put into on Good Friday.
-  • Wave the Palm leaf to move to the music.
-  • Look at the booklet in your bag. Look at the pictures for today to follow along with the readings.
-  • While listening to Pastor's Sermon, take a look at your children's bulletin. Can you make any connections between what is on there to the sermon?
-  • Fill out a prayer slip or two (attached on your clipboard) and place them in the offering plate. Help our Lenten prayer chain grow!
-  • Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, peace sign, or say hello
-  • Place the sticker on your shirt to remember that you are a child of God and He loves you!

The **EASTER FLOWERS** providing additional beauty to the chancel  
are given to the glory of God by:

- ❖ Evelyn Brandt in Memory of David.
- ❖ Robin & Kent Brodie in Honor of Marie-Robin's 106 year old 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin.
- ❖ Becky & Tim Brunner in Memory of Bonnie, Ron, Mark, and Marco Brandt/Don Herman, and Gaylord Brunner.
- ❖ Jim & Myrna Cook for blessings received.
- ❖ Lisa Dettlaff in Memory of Mallory Feldmann, and Allen & Sheila Gunther.
- ❖ Robin Gross in Thanksgiving for blessed families.
- ❖ Judy Hassmann in Memory of her parents and brother.
- ❖ Nan Hoene in Honor of Nina, Toni, and Sarah Hoene.
- ❖ Dan & Sandy Hutchison in memory of Doraine Schindler.
- ❖ Donna Jennings for all God's blessings.
- ❖ Beth Koehler in Honor of Dick and Carole Koehler
- ❖ Dick & Beth Krause in Memory of deceased family members.
- ❖ Anne & Brian Maki in Honor of the blessing of family.
- ❖ Dennis & Suzanne Miller in Honor of their wonderful families.
- ❖ Jennelle Montague in Memory of Papa Montague.
- ❖ Michael & Sally Miller in Memory of Scott Swallows, James Swallows, Georgia Harrison, and Marion Harrison
- ❖ Tom & Marilyn Neuens for the Easter Celebration.
- ❖ Mark & Julie Ohlert in Memory of Jack & Priscilla Krogle, and Cletus & Marjorie Ohlert.
- ❖ Carol & Mark Peterson in Memory of their parents, and in Honor of their children and grandchildren.
- ❖ Kim Roberts, and Autumn Johnson in Memory of Norm Kinsey.
- ❖ Paula Schwartz for the support from family and friends when you need them.
- ❖ Jeri Smith in Honor of the Banman boys – Miles, Andrew, and Hans.
- ❖ Pauline Sneed in Memory of Tom Sneed.
- ❖ Todd & Kelly Sneed in Memory of Tom & Karin Sneed, and John & Carol Fratrack.
- ❖ Gail Stark for all of God's blessings.
- ❖ Jan Szczepanski in Memory of Thelma and Richard Nehring.
- ❖ Dick & Sheri Trucks in memory of Walter & Shirley Trucks, and Karen Kaufmann.
- ❖ Carol VanRyzin in Memory of Virginia Fehlhaber, Allan Marcus & Doug VanRyzin.
- ❖ Liz Wiken in Memory of Mike Wiken & Dad; Dave Kramer.

