

Easter Sunday Service

April 4, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Return and See

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses - especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God and by His grace, once again, we get to view it "up close and personal"!

PRELUDE

BELL CALLS US WORSHIP

EASTER GREETING

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

C: Amen.

P: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,

C: who was, and is, and is to come.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

C: to receive honor and glory and praise.

P: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,

C: be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

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COLLECT FOR EASTER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

The prophet Isaiah tells of a day when God will swallow up death and His people will celebrate with feasting. This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus rose from the grave.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SONG

"Jesus is Risen Today"

3rd & 4th Grade Video

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

The New Testament books are based on the eyewitness testimony of those who saw the risen Christ. Paul urges us to hold fast to this saving Gospel.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

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EASTER GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV) *Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning just as he had promised. With a mixture of great fear and joy, the women race off to tell the disciples about what they have witnessed.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

EASTER MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Pastor Jon Dunbar

#461 vs 1,3,5,8

by Carson Richters

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION HYMN

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

And now, may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all this is pleasing to him. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

"Lamb of God"

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#633 vs 1,2,7

Hebrews 13

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

#480 vs 1,4,5

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev David Ohlman, Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Polk
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

Gretchen Christjaener (Carol Gruber's mother) recovering from a stroke at Ridgewood

Lois Richters healing from a knee surgery on Wednesday

Family of Delores Stuhr (Jayne Griffith's mother) who passed away

For Our Congregation and Community:

Dealing with an illness: Joan Naber, Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Jackie Corner, Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Declining Health: Norma Ehlers

~Easter Lily given in love ~

Given By:
Gordon, Emily, Ben & Charlotte Luebbe

In Memory Of:
Emily's Grandmother Connie Nesheim

**Jay, Danielle, Saige,
Paityn, Eastyn & Case Scheele**

**Becky Scheele
All our Grandparents in Heaven**

LaDean Rieger

Richard and Kenny Rieger

Linda & Jim Luebbe

Raymond & Mary Naber Arvin & Tena Luebbe

Mike & Jo Franks

grandson Dustin Pane

Jim & Pauline Bulgrin

**Ethan Bulgrin, Edgar & Esther Bulgrin, Walter &
Evelyn Luebbe and Marlowe Luebbe**

Bill & Sherry Winkelman & Family

Joseph Dvorak Ebner & Ola Winkelman

Rita Ritterling

Gene Richters, Del & Hannah Richters, Laurence & Dorothy Wefer

Byron & Jody Wiemer

Loren Wiemer, Gene Richters Mary LaPuzza, John McAndrew

Gene, Sandy Schlechte & Family

Wilbur and Anna Schlechte Mary Ann Lorenz

Larry, Jayne Griffiths & Family

**Delores Stuhr
Hollis & Justin Volzke and Marvin & Loretta Volzke**

Loyd & Marlene Erks

All of our loved ones

Ewald & Edith Fehlhafer

All of our loved ones

**Florence Gruber
Gale, Carol, Wayne, Denise Gruber & Families**

Don Gruber

Gene & Sandy Schlechte

Emil & Jan Lampe

Bonnie & Pastor Gudgel

son Phillip

Kurt, Liz Bulgrin & Family

Ethan Bulgrin

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In Response to God's Love

March 28 : Total Attendance: 192 Sunday School: 25 Online: 92

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(04-04-21) Acolyte: Andrea Gumaer & Jessica Bauers **Lay Reader:** Jeremy Gumaer & Samuel Dunbar
Organist: Carol Erks

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (04-04)	6:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service w/Communion online and in person
	7:00 AM	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
MONDAY (04-05)	-----	NO SCHOOL
	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (04-06)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (04-07)	8:20 AM	Chapel Pastor Mau
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Administrative Meetings
	7:00 PM	Womens Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY (04-08)	-----	
FRIDAY (04-09)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (04-10)	-----	
SUNDAY (04-11)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person and Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 03-31-21	Amount received 03-28-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$6,700.00		\$158,537.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$380.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$11,554.00		
Total	\$6,700.00	\$16,099.00	\$170,471.00	\$199,584.00	-\$29,113.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$250.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$300.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,274.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$30.00	\$99.00	\$2,825.00	\$2,885.00	-\$60.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

Recognition for Pastor Gudge! Pastor Gudge recently announced that he will be retiring from Visitation Ministry in mid-April after almost nine years of faithful service to our congregation! On Sunday, April 18th we will be recognizing Pastor with a card shower and special presentation at the end of the worship service. Cards may be dropped off at church office or mailed to their home if you prefer. That address is: 24 Eastridge Drive N., York, NE 68467

Today April 4, 2021 on Lincolns Channel 8 10:00 AM-This is the Life-No Place to Hide-A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort. **10:30 AM-**The Easter message is presented by Rev. Ken Johnson, pastor at Zion Lutheran in Avon, SD and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Springfield, SD. The message, "Left Hanging on the Angel's Word" is based on Mark 16:1-8. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site:

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April 11, 2021 10:00 AM-This is the Life-Dead Wrong-Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman. **10:30 AM-**Rev. Matthew Wurm, Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD selected John 20:22-23 for his message, "The King's Heralds". The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site:

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