

EASTER *The Resurrection of Our Lord!*

April 21 & 22, 2019

Welcome to Worship! Christ is risen! That was the last news those who came to the tomb early that Sunday morning expected to hear. How could one who had been put to death on Friday rise up alive on Sunday? Despair changed to hope, and sorrow to joy! The risen Christ is here today and gives us power to rise up to life and hope.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

A Staffed Nursery is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will not meet today. **An Easter Breakfast is from 7-8:30am and an Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 9:00a.m. service.**

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered in all services. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. Gluten free wafers are available. The Common Cup will be served to those who have not taken an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray.

Large Print bulletins and Hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: (6:30, 11:15, & 7:00 PM) "The Strife is O'er" -Wilbur Held
(9:00) "Come You Faithful Raise the Strain" -Patricia Hurlbutt

THE EASTER GREETING (Please Stand)

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Hymn 457

Please face the cross as it is carried in and turn as it passes you.

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THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!" Page 155

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (We pray together)

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13-14**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Isaiah 65:17-25**

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

THE EPISTLE READING: **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

THE PROCESSION OF THE GOSPEL: (6:30/9:00) "Alleluia! Glorious Word!" -Jennings

(We read from the center of the church as the risen Christ came to be among His disciples)

THE GOSPEL: **Luke 24:1-12** (Page 884) **C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were

perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ!

THE GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: (6:30/9:00) "Alleluia! Glorious Word!"

THE HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" Hymn 465

THE SERMON: "Rise Up!"

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THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: (11:15) "Hail Thee Festival Day";
(6:30, 9:00, & 7:00) "Alleluia! Alleluia! Heart to Heaven" -Stephen Johnson

THE PRAYERS

+++ HOLY COMMUNION: Pages 160-166; Anthem: (11:15) "Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful"; Hymns: 461, 633, 477, 463, 464, 482

THE CLOSING HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection" Hymn 478

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE: "Christ Is Arisen" -J.S. Bach

The Vicar will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez & Pastor Bloch

Lector: Vicar Werner **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: 6:30 & 9:00-Adult & Youth Choir; 9:00-Brass Ensemble, Handbell Ensemble; 11:15- Children's Choir

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