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THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION ***EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21, 2019***

WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR. Connected by grace through faith to Him, our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of His resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection. As we view the glory of our Savior in God's Word today may we be led to a stronger faith and reliance on Him for our every need. May the Holy Spirit bless us richly in our worship on this Easter morning!

TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS a special welcome in Jesus' name! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. We wish you God's richest blessings and invite you to leave a record of your visit by signing our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

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EASTER SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

Liturgical Note: The paraments up front have been changed to white, reminding us of the glory of the risen Christ that is now also ours, through faith in Him!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today
Christian Worship #150:1,2,4

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where He was laid; Alleluia!
Praise Him for the ransom paid; Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n" today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Stand

**Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P He is the living one. He was dead, and behold He is alive forever and ever!

C Amen and hallelujah!

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, who delivered Your Son over to death for our sins and raised Him to life for our justification, we pray: grant to us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will and graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all sins, and after this life raise us to eternal life, through the same, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

All (say) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

All Merciful Father, we confess that we have indeed sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, erring and straying from Your ways like wandering sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts and have offended against Your Law. Too often we have left undone what we ought to have done. Too often we have done what should never enter our minds to do. In our remaining time of grace, restore us, O Lord. Heal us with the

forgiveness won for us by Him who was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Grant, for His sake, that we may from now on live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SINGING

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Lutheran Service Book #457:1,2,4

P Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

C Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

P Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

C Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

P Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

C Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

P Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

C Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

P Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

C Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

P Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!

C Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

EASTER PRAISE (*be seated*)

P Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while He was still in Galilee, He told you, "The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail Him to a cross. But three days later He will rise to life.""

Luke 24:5-7, CEV

**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.**

P My friends, I want you to know that our bodies of flesh and blood will decay. This means that they cannot share in God's kingdom, which lasts forever. I will explain a mystery to you. Not every one of us will die, but we will all be changed. It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye. At the sound of the last trumpet the dead will be raised. We will all be changed, so that we will never die again.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52, CEV

**He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.**

P Our dead and decaying bodies will be changed into bodies that won't die or decay. The bodies we now have are weak and can die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true, "Death has lost the battle! Where is its victory? Where is its sting?"

1 Corinthians 15:53-55, CEV

**He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly 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.**

P After this, I saw a large crowd with more people than could be counted. They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and have made them white. They will never hunger or thirst again, and they won't be troubled by the sun or any scorching heat. The Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to streams of life-giving water, and God will wipe all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 7:9,14,16-17, CEV

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. "Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. "The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve 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 to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder

than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*

P I believe that Jesus Christ, God's true Son, has become my Lord.

C He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all evil.

P Before He did this, I had no Lord or King. I was held captive under the devil's power,

C condemned to death, stuck in sin and blindness.

P For when we had been created by God the Father and had received from Him all kinds of good,

C the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, and all evil.

P So we fell under God's wrath and displeasure and were doomed to eternal damnation,

C just as we had merited and deserved.

P There was no hope or comfort for us until this only and eternal Son of God—in His immeasurable goodness—

C had compassion upon our misery and wretchedness.

P He came from heaven to help us.

C Now all those tyrants and jailers have been expelled.

P In their place has come Jesus Christ,

C Lord of life, righteousness, every blessing, and salvation.

P He has delivered us poor, lost people from hell's jaws, has won us, has made us free,

C And has brought us again into the Father's favor and grace.

P He has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection,

C So that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

P How much did it cost the Savior? What did He spend and risk

C So that He might win us and bring us under His dominion?

P He became man, was conceived and born without sin, from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, so that He might overcome sin.

C He suffered, died, and was buried so that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe.

P Not with silver or gold,

C But with His holy precious blood.

P After that He rose again from the dead.

C He swallowed up and devoured death.

P He ascended into heaven,

C And assumed the government at the Father's right hand.

P He did these things so that the devil and all powers

C Must be subject to Him and lie at His feet,

P Until finally, at the Last Day, He will completely divide and separate us

C From the wicked world, the devil, sin, and death.

P/C ALLELUIA! THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN 728 (tan hymnal)

Christ Is Living

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with 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; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

“HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!”

1. Hear the Good News!
2. Believe the Good News!
3. Share the Good News!



After the sermon all stand to sing:

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

(Lutheran Service Book #488)

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS / PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

P Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 480 (1,4,5)

He's Risen, He's Risen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (4/21) 9:30 am Worship Service
Sat 8:00 am Spring Clean-Up Day
Sunday (4/28) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School (The Sower and the Seed, NT 17)
 10:45 am Quarterly Voters' Meeting

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Ladies' Gathering at Rosalee's Pizzeria in Longmont: Saturday, May 4, 11:00 am (*a sign-up sheet is posted on bulletin board*)
- Elders' Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 8:30 am
- Colfax Marathon: Sunday, May 19 (*take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier, due to this event*)
- West-Central Delegate Conference: May 21-23, hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING APRIL

- Ushers: Don Claeys, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Larry Reed
- Communion Assistant: Mike Sprengeler

IN OUR PRAYERS: Amy Claeys, daughter-in-law of Don and Ruth Claeys, who has been suffering from double pneumonia. We pray the Lord to grant her healing and swift recovery. ++ Ed Scott returned home from the rehabilitation facility (he had suffered injuries in a fall at home and was receiving therapy at the rehab center). He sends Christian greetings to the people of St. Paul and a "thank you" for the cards of encouragement he received.

A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for Sunday, June 30, to thank the Lord for the gift of Pastor John Klatt's service in the pastoral ministry, upon the occasion of his retirement. The service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland at 4:00 pm, with Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller serving as the speaker. A meal/reception will follow at 5:30 pm. Anyone who would like to send cards or words of encouragement for Pastor Klatt upon his retirement may send them to the congregation's chairman at this address: Kirk Kesterson, 2138 S Custer Ave, Loveland, CO 80537 or email him at knckester@msn.com.

THANKS TO ALL who contributed menu items and their serving talents for last week's Palm Sunday breakfast. Everything was great!

Synod Announcements

- **The TVBS Committee** has finalized our list of trips for this summer. We will be going to California, Michigan, Nebraska, Washington, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We are now in need of volunteers to ensure we can make these trips possible. If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information please go to our website: <http://www.clctvbs.org/tvbs>. You will find information about the trips, this year's theme, and a registration form. If you have any questions you may use the 'contact us' link or email us directly at the email address below. Please let us know if you would like more information or have any questions. Thank you for considering!
- **Arise and Shine Retreat** registration is now open! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the salvation which He has won. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS
APRIL 22-27, 2019

Mon 1 Thessalonians: Since things were going sour in the congregation, the Holy Spirit used Paul to do some sweetening by reminding them that neither Paul nor God had let them fall through the cracks (1:2-6). In fact, God had made them a positive influence on other Christian congregations (1:7-10), and Paul had served their interests at the expense of his own, for they had become dear to him (2:1-12). When people love each other,

Tues 2:13-3:13 God's concern for them was indisputable, for He had opened their hearts to His Word, stiffened them to endure persecution, and was smoothing the road for Paul to see them soon (2:13-19). In the interim, Paul kept in touch with them via Timothy, his apprentice (3:6-10). And who but God could keep them secure (3:11-13)? Same with us.

Wed We know how God wants us to behave (4:1-2) in matters of sex (3-8) as well as in our general demeanor (9-12). Switching channels, how long will it take God to bring our departed friends/relatives back to life? No more than the few seconds it takes for *the Lord Himself to descend from heaven* and shout, "WAKE UP!" *Those who are asleep in Jesus* will awake, join the others still alive, and in one great throng we will get *caught up together to meet the Lord* (4:13-18). So let's stay ready for the reunion (5:1-11). Meantime, God has put a lot on our plates (5:12-22). Dear Lord, help us!

Thurs 2 Thessalonians 1 It's our human nature to stumble over the concept that tribulations are blessings in disguise, but here's how it works: We know we are on God's side when Satan makes our life difficult; (Jesus is the prime case which proves the formula). If our life weren't difficult, that would be *prima facie* evidence that we and Satan were on friendly terms; so our tribulations are evidence that we are on God's side, not Satan's. Hallelujah!

Friday 2 Thess. 2 Satan has a sinister way of deceiving hearts: he has created the Anti-Christ, a domain/person which *exalts itself above all that is God's domain, sitting as God in the temple of God* (the human soul), *showing himself that he is God*, and thus seducing souls into his clutches. This minion of Satan keeps people ignorant of God's supreme Bible truth that salvation comes to us via Jesus alone. Therefore we must hang on tightly to His Word/Bible doctrine on all spiritual matters (13-17). Lord, have mercy on us!

Sat 2 Thess. 3: *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified; don't join in misbehavior, laziness, or any other unloving conduct; we (and Jesus) expect more than that from one another. If and when someone acts that way, try to straighten him out. The Lord be with you all; the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

**TABLE OF OUR LORD'S APPEARANCES
AFTER HIS RESURRECTION**

	When	To Whom	Where	Bible Reference
1	Easter Sunday Morning	Mary Magdalene	Near the grave	Mark 16:9 John 20:11-18
2	Easter Sunday Morning	The women returning from the grave	Near Jerusalem	Matthew 28:9-10
3	Easter Sunday Afternoon	Two disciples	Road to Emmaus	Mark 16:12 Luke 24:13-31
4	Easter Sunday	Simon Peter	Near Jerusalem	Luke 24:34
5	Easter Sunday Evening	The apostles, Thomas being absent	Jerusalem	Luke 24:36 John 20:19-25
6	One Week after Easter	The apostles, Thomas being present	Jerusalem	John 20:26-29
7	Time Unknown	Seven Disciples	Sea of Galilee	John 21:1-13
8	Time Unknown	Eleven apostles	Galilee	Matthew 28:16-20
9	Time Unknown	Over 500 disciples	Galilee	1 Corinthians 15:6
10	Time Unknown	James	Probably Jerusalem	1 Corinthians 15:7
11	Ascension Day	All the apostles	Mount of Olives, near Bethany	Mark 16:19 Luke 24:50-51 Acts 1:6-12
12	After Jesus' ascension	Paul	Road to Damascus	Acts 9:1-6 1 Corinthians 15:8

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.