

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

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+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING NINE +

It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."

ORGAN PRELUDE Sonata #3 Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING (X3)

Please stand as you are able

P Alleluia. Christ is risen.

C **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

OPENING HYMN Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

No. 365

COLLECT FOR PURITY

P Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P We pray: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

(Acts 10:34-43)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Sung* Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;

God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

² Let Israel | now declare,

“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song,

and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the
righteous:

“The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
¹⁹ Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
 I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.
²⁰ “This is the gate | of the Lord;
 here the righ- | teous may enter.”
²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
 and you have become | my salvation.
²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
 has become the chief | cornerstone.
²³ By the Lord has | this been done;
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the | Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
 GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son,
 and to the | Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the begin- | ning,
 is now and will be forever. | Amen.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from the First Letter to the
Corinthians

If for 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 first fruits
of those who have died. For since death came through a human
being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human
being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But
each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those
who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the
kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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. (*1
Corinthians 15:19-26*)

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel...

C Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (*John 20:1-18*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY I Know that My Redeemer Lives! **No. 619**

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

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Grace Karsten, Ella O'Donnell

Please be seated

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able.

The response to “*Lord, in your mercy,*” is “***hear our prayer.***”

A Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! At this the heavenly choirs of angels rejoice, the earth exults, and mother church is glad. Therefore I ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all of God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the paschal victory of Christ.

A brief silence is kept.

A Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for those who have come through the waters of rebirth into the promised land of your eternal kingdom. Guide all your baptized people who struggle to know and to do your will in the kingdoms of this world, that by their lives they may show forth the new life in Christ to all nations. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the signs of your dominion in the earth. Bring peace to Ukraine and all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks for the abiding presence of your Son in word and sacrament. As we feast this Easter Day on the true bread from heaven, set our minds on things above, that we may gain a new perspective on the things that are on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith, who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruits of the victory of Christ, the paschal lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give you thanks that Mary Magdalene found healing in the encounter with the risen Christ. Give wholeness and peace to all those in need: the sick, the unloved and the forgotten, the poor and the hungry, the dying and the bereaved. We pray especially for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud...and those carry in our hearts, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the ELCIC, and the National Church staff
- the Southwestern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Rev. Tim Wray, Dean
- our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Dr. Andrea Wilhelm, Chaplain for University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Camrose
- our synod's parish workers and youth workers
- Our Saviour Lutheran, Edmonton, and St. John Lutheran, Edmonton
- Good Shepherd Congregation, Socota, Colombia
- Grace Lutheran Church in Rancho Cordova, California
- the bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Finland
- the Calgary and Edmonton District Council of Churches, and all those who serve on these councils
- the Anglican, Lutheran, Mennonite, and Moravian churches of Canada

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel or stand as you are able. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C And with you.

Please be seated

THE OFFERTORY

P Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14, 15*

THE OFFERING *Setting of the table*

OFFERTORY HYMN “He is Risen” arr. H. Hopson

OFFERING PRAYER

P Eternal God, make us ready to tell and show others your love, even if we are rejected. Let your great love fill our lives, so that we give ourselves and our possessions in service to you and other people.

C Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

SALUTATION

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Please stand as you are able.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

P You are indeed holy, almighty, and most merciful God. You give life and bring new life in your risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord...

... Therefore, Father, before you we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P We offer to you, most holy God, ...

... Through the promise He made to His disciples, we await His final coming to fulfill all of life and to make new the heavens and the earth.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P As we now gather to receive this Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, strengthen us in your mercy and grant us the fullness of your salvation and peace.

**C Through him, with him and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken

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THE FRACTION

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

No. 392

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen

No. 375

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds **No. 367**

THE DISMISSAL

P Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN POSTLUDE “Litanies” Jehan Alain

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**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. We continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship. Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or talk with the pastor.

### WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Usher:               | Vern Schnell                 |
| Lector:              | Linda Schnell                |
| Communion Assistant: | Walter Anderson              |
| Altar Guild:         | Our Volunteer                |
| Refreshments:        | Linda Schnell, Tanya Wellman |
| Zoom Host:           | Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh      |

### OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

| 13 April 2025 | Last Week | Budget 2025 |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| Current       | \$ 3,004  | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0      |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 20     |             |
| Other         | \$ 775    |             |
| Attendance    | 64        |             |

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 20 Apr | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 21 Apr |          | Office Closed               |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 22 Apr | 6:30 PM  | S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support |
| Wednesday | 23 Apr | 10:00 AM | 12 Step Program             |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Thursday  | 24 Apr | 10:00 AM | Knitting Circle             |

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| Friday   | 25 Apr | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program         |
| Saturday | 26 Apr | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship   |
| Sunday   | 27 Apr | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday of Easter |

**EASTER FLOWERS** – Thank you very much for your generous donations!

**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS**– items for the May issue are accepted until Tuesday, 22 April 2025. Either place the item in the Highwood Highlights mailbox downstairs, or (preferred) email to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**KNITTING CIRCLE** – Calling all knitters and crocheters and those wanting to learn these skills. We meet Thursday, 24 April at 10:00 AM. Prayer shawls, mittens and all other items are waiting to be crafted.

**SOUTHWEST AREA REFUGEE MISSION** – AGM is Tuesday 13 May 2025, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church. Interested attendees contact [calgaryswarm@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryswarm@gmail.com) for more details

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> | Second Sunday of Easter |
| Acts 5:27-32                | Psalms 150              |
| Revelation 1:4-8            | John 20:19-31           |

*Easter Blessings to you and your loved ones.*