



## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2019 AT 7:00 AM

*(THE SERVICE BEGINS ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CHURCH.)*

### OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**The Lord is risen! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! Let us worship God.

### \* PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH AND LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

*HYMN #232*

*JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY*

*"EASTER HYMN"*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**The lighting of the Pascal Candle** has been associated with the celebration of the Resurrection since at least the 5<sup>th</sup> century. As it is lit, it symbolizes the victory of the Risen Christ, the Light of the World, over the dark powers of sin and death, and it will remain in the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his resurrection you have delivered us from the power of death. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we now share with him. Help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life that we have been granted through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

### \* HYMN #238

THINE IS THE GLORY

“JUDAS MACCABEUS”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, though Christ has been raised from the dead,  
we confess that we do not believe in him as we should.  
Our faith is feeble, and our gratitude is modest.  
Doubts afflict us, fears immobilize us, and joy eludes us.  
Forgive us, O God, for we do not fully grasp the victory of Christ's resurrection.  
As you brought Jesus from the tomb, rescue us from our failings,  
lift our broken spirits, and renew our hopes.  
Help us to trust your resurrection power to change our lives  
and make us new, that we may know the life abundant given in Jesus Christ  
and live as his faithful followers now and always. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayers and reflection)*

### KYRIE ELEISON #551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“LAND OF REST”

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \* RESPONSE #555

O LAMB OF GOD

“LAND OF REST”

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

*(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 121

SPECIAL MUSIC

ZACH AND MIKAYLA DODGE

SECOND READING

JOHN 20:1-18

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 108

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #241

*WOMEN, WEeping IN THE GARDEN*

“KINGDOM”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

ZACH AND MIKAYLA DODGE

\* AT THE PRESENTATION # 609 *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

“LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## SEALING OF THE WORD: HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,  
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made; by your hand you formed us  
and set us in the world to love and serve you.

Even when we have been unfaithful to you, you continue to keep faith with us.

You brought Israel out of Egypt, breaking the bonds of slavery  
and leading them through the sea to freedom.

Through the ages, you spoke of love and justice by the prophets.

And when the time was right you sent your Son,  
the Word made flesh, so that we might see your glory in its fullness.  
He died that we might live and is now risen that we might be raised to newness of life.  
Therefore, we praise you, lifting our voices with heaven and earth to the glory of your mighty name:

*(To be sung by all to the tune "Land of Rest")*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us.  
He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins.  
He came with mercy in his voice and was mocked as one despised.  
He came with peace in his heart and was met by violence and death.  
But by your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb.  
At his command, the gates of hell were opened.  
The one who was dead now lives. The one whose name is above all names,  
before whom every knee shall bow, is raised to rule over all creation.  
In ascending on high, he promised to be with us always.  
And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take this bread and this cup and celebrate the sacrament that Jesus himself instituted.  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living  
and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Thus, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*(To be sung by all to the tune "Land of Rest")*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup,  
that in breaking this bread and sharing this cup our eyes may be opened  
to recognize Christ's presence in our lives and in our world.  
Make us one, we pray, with all who share this feast.  
Unite us in ministry and service throughout the world  
and give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection when,  
with all the redeemed, we will feast with you in your kingdom.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor, all praise and adoration are yours, O God, now and forever.  
We pray all these things through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come;  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(We will receive communion by intinction. as directed by the ushers,  
please come forward using the aisle closest to you, take a piece of bread from the basket,  
dip it into the cup, eat it and then return to your seat using the other aisle.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal and life-giving God, we offer our thanks  
and praise that you have brought us to this day of resurrection.  
We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son  
and that he has been raised to rule all the powers of this world.  
Grateful for the summons to new life, and grateful for the way you have fed us,  
nurtured us, and sustained us at this Table,  
we ask you to send us into the world to share the good news  
we have come to know in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #248 CHRIST IS RISEN, SHOUT HOSANNA! "ODE TO JOY"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* SUNG BENEDICTION #306 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS "DENNIS"

*(Please join hands as we sing together.)*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.  
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Walt Peters  
Liturgist: Janet Hendershot  
Ushers: Mike and Cathy Levitas  
Sound: Joe Aurigemma  
Musicians: Bryan Lohr, Zach and Mikayla Dodge

Please join us for light breakfast foods and hot beverages following worship.  
A basket is provided for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

You are also invited to join us at 11:00 AM for our traditional Easter Morning Worship Service, preceded by a time of fellowship at 10:00 AM in the church library.

## OUR STAFF

Guest/Supply Preacher.....Rev. Walt Peters  
Director of Music Ministries .....Bryan Lohr  
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson  
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma  
Sexton.....Zach Dodge

## THE SESSION

**Class of 2019:** Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

**Class of 2020:** Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, Ann Kellermeyer, Cathy Levitas, and Joe Weaver

**Class of 2021:** Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Agnes Yount

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty  
Moderator.....Walt Peters

## MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

## VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 12:15 PM: SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP LUNCH & AUCTION