

Welcome!

**Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day
Holy Communion**

April 21, 2019 ++ 8:00 and 10:15 am

***Christ Lutheran Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota***

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

The choir sings these words of joy as we begin our worship service this blessed morning. God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging on a tree.” Alleluia!

God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2018)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Easter Announcement

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(10:15) Choral Call to Worship

“This is the Day”

Hanson

Please stand as you are able.

Easter Words of Faith

from Psalm 118

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

C: Let all the people of the earth now proclaim: “His mercy endures forever.”

P: There is a sound of exultation and victory in the sanctuary of the righteous.

C: The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord is victorious.

P: Now I shall not die, but I shall live, and I will declare the works of the Lord.

C: Even in the midst of my sin, the Lord did not hand me over to death. So I will enter his gates of righteousness with exalting.

P: I will give thanks to the Lord, for he answered me and has become my salvation.

C: On this day, the Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

C: we fear, we doubt, we do not always trust you; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we have failed to recognize you in the poor and needy; we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We pray for your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, your sins are forgiven. May you be strengthened daily with the power to walk in God’s light and love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ----- [365]

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Hymn of Praise – “This is the feast of victory for our God...” pages 140-141
in front of hymnal**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. God of mercy,

C: we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:15) Choir Anthem “*Begin the Song of Glory Now*” Fedak

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” **page 142**
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Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early 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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.”

¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” - - - - [385]

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith through Luther’s Meaning of the Second Article:
On Redemption

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Prayers of God’s People

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”

Sharing God’s Peace

P: The peace of our risen and victorious Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Offering

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may truly be your risen body, loving and serving others in the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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in front of hymnal**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, for you are indeed holy. Through the suffering and death of your Son, he has conquered the power of sin and death, and through his rising, he has opened the way to eternal life.

C: Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, so that we who gather here to share this meal of grace may be strengthened to live in the Good News of Easter.

P: And this is the Good News of Easter: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Sung) "Holy, holy, holy Lord..."

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Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Please be seated.

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.
Those who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion in a continuous manner, then return to your seats via the side aisles.
If you prefer to have communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.
Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.*

Communion Distribution

“Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world...”

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“Thine Is the Glory” [376]

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” [384]

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” [619] (*stanzas 1, 2, 7, 8*)

“We Know That Christ Is Raised” [449]

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing after Communion

P: Now may the body and blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn – “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” - - - - - [367]

Sending

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

** Easter Blessing for the Journey *
May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy! Amen*

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, April 21, 2019 —

Ushers: Chuck Broberg, Josh Fragodt, Pat Hinz, Tom Hinz, Mike Lee, Jeff Varpness

Musician: Gwen Arneson

Acolyte: Caitlyn Tusberg (8:00)

Lector and Assisting Minister: Kris Holm (8:00)

Kaleigh Albertson (10:15)

Garrett Wee (10:15)

Video Camera: Greg Isaackson

Altar Care: Lisa Jones, Kari Wee

Counters: Dave Neuman, Linda VanUden

PA: Craig Aamodt

Communion Deacons, Servers, and Assistants: Corey Moseng, Julia Sterner, Miracle Tucker, Joyce Warnke, Christine Wiatrowski, Shane Wee



An invitation from Pastor Janel (PJ):

If you are **interested in church membership** or know someone interested, please call PJ at the church office 507 423 5100 or her cell phone 651 726 4003. Email is: pstrjanel@gmail.com

BLESSINGS OF ABUNDANCE

Use the envelope included in today's bulletin to make your gift to the ELCA World Hunger Program. Share your blessings of abundance with the hungry and food insecure throughout the world.



world hunger

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



A bench has been made from the sanctuary seating recently removed.

It was made with the intent of auctioning it off for Luther League fund proceeds.

The bench is downstairs. Check it out! Bids for the bench are being taken until May 5th; the "bidding" clipboard is near the bench.

Cemetery Committee Announcements

Spring clean-up day at Christ Lutheran Church cemetery will be held on Wednesday, May 1st, beginning at 6:00 p.m. In the event of rain or inclement weather, clean-up day will be moved to the following Wednesday — May 8th — at 6:00 p.m. Students who would like to help are encouraged to come directly out to the cemetery. Volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes and shovels. **Please plan to remove any pots or flowers before the clean-up day or they will be discarded.** We also be cleaning up the extra dirt and rock that is piled up on corner of the cemetery that evening. If you are interested in either the dirt or rock, please let one of the cemetery committee members know.

The maintenance and caretaking of the Christ Lutheran Cemetery is funded only through the revenue received from burials and through the generous donations/memorials given to the cemetery itself. As you make plans to spend the Memorial Day holiday weekend, please consider giving a donation to the Christ Lutheran Cemetery Fund in memory of a loved one. Any amount of donation is helpful and greatly appreciated. All contributions made will go directly to help maintain the cemetery, not to the Church's general fund. If you wish to contribute, please make your check payable to **Christ Lutheran Cemetery Fund. Special Envelopes are available on the table at the back of our church sanctuary and in your 2019 box of offering envelopes.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our beautiful cemetery!
Christ Lutheran Cemetery Board: Diane Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer, Josh Anderson, Mike Berglind, Marv Kremin, Shawn Myers, Sexton-Gary Morken

— This Week: April 21, 2019 —

Today, Sunday, April 21

8:00 am Sonrise Easter Worship with Holy Communion

8:45 to 9:45 Breakfast, served by Youth

10:15 Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion

11:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Next Sunday, April 28

9:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Monday, April 22

*** 4:30 pm Worship on Cable 180
NOTE NEW TIME ON CABLE**

7:00 Deborah Circle @ church

Tuesday, April 23

1:30 pm Communion @ West Prairie

2:30 pm Communion @ Fieldcrest

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 pm Confirmation—LAST SESSION

Easter Flowers

In Commemoration and Thanksgiving

We give thanks to God for the generosity of those willing to share their gifts so that we may appropriately decorate for this special time.



Given By

Barb Crouse	In memory of Robert Crouse
Cathie Crouse Bueltel	In memory of Robert Crouse
Tom and Pat Hinz	In memory of Pete & Betty Hinz
Audrey Hostetler	In memory of Bud Hostetler
Larry and Bev Isaackson	In memory of Robert Isaackson & Herbert Mauland In honor of Virginia Isaackson & Lila Mauland
Kyle Jarcho and Family	In memory of Kyle's dad, Craig Jarcho
Marilyn Jarcho & Family	In memory of Marilyn's mum, dad, and her brother Bryn
Marv and Nancy Kremin	In loving memory of Beverly Kremin
Jon and Jeannette Myrvik	In memory of James Johnson, Hazel Bundy, Linda Julien, Red Somers, Dale Johnson
Jonathan and Carolyn Olson	In memory of Emilee Olson, Kenneth & Lois Olson, Dennis & Idella Bredlow
Linda VanUden	In memory of Dennis VanUden
Doug and Joyce Warnke	In memory of Kristal Warnke, Vernon & Adeline Warnke, Virgil & Jean Warnke, Pete Warnke
Shane and Kari Wee	In memory of Kristal Warnke, Carl & Marge Carlson, Vernon & Adeline Warnke, Inez & Reuben Wee, Curtis Johnson, Reed Lovsness, Gordon & Bonnie Knutson, Randy & Nicki Rickard, Mark Wee
Friends	In memory of Mary Schwisow

Those who donated flowers are welcome to take them home after today's 10:15 worship.

