

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**  
**Easter Day**  
**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-COMMUNION**

**INTRODUCTION**

*On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the “eighth day” of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” #369 ELW**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**ADULT CHOIR CONTATA “Wondrous Love”**

# WONDROUS LOVE

Suffering Servant, Crucified Christ, Risen Redeemer

*by Lloyd Larson*

Narration

Choir: Wondrous Love

Narration

Choir: Blessed is He Who Comes

(solos by: Shiela Penoyer & Sharon Whipple)

Solo: Were You There (Jim Christensen)

Narration

Choir: My Redeemer's Love

**Congregation:** Please join us in song with the below words when the director cues you in.

**I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,  
on the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love for me;  
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,  
on the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

## **Thanks Be to God**

## **PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they

came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON: “He is Risen!”**

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Renew your creation with seasonable weather and growth. Protect plants and animals from the damage of excessive heat or cold, drought or flooding, windstorm or hail. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare (*especially*). Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Shelter the homeless. Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Free us from fear, and renew us in faith. Bless the newly baptized, those who seek to know your love, and all who come to your holy table. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*) and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your Easter promise of resurrection and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.  
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**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 be your risen body in the world.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION** - *Distribution by intinction.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Especially on the Day of Pentecost*

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #367ELW**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

## **Those Serving Today:**

Music: Adult Choir directed by Sheila Penoyer

Greeters: Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger

Ushers: 8:30am- Skip & Lynn Hansen 10:00am- Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Lector: 8:30am- Kathy Berland 10:00am-

Hospitality Hosts:

*Thank you for volunteering!*

## **Response to God's Word Last Week:**

Attendance: Palm Sunday 04/09/2017 9:00 am 105

Attendance: Maundy Thursday 04/13/2017 6:30pm xx

Attendance: Good Friday 04/14/2017 9:00 am xx

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

**April 17 – April 23, 2017**

Monday	04/17	9:00 am	Women's Devotions @ Pat Becker's home
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	04/18	9-11am	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	04/19	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		9:30 am	WELCA
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	04/20	8:00 am	R.O.M.E.O.S
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
Friday	04/21	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	04/23	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00am	Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Choir practice has started on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing with the choir can just come to practice. Everyone is welcome.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. Three Sundays in April are still open.

**FOOT CLINIC** our next Foot Care Clinic will be held Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** There is now a decorated box in the Fellowship Hall for donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Donations will be collected all year so if you find new articles at garage sales or thrift stores or want to pick up items when you go to the Dollar Store they can be placed in the box. Also bring in any shoe boxes (wrapped if possible).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS** will be on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at Pat Becker's home. We will start a two month study, "Listening to the Third Slave" based on Matthew 25:14-30.

**LOCAL TALENT WANTED** Worship & Music committee is looking for church members and family or friends to share their musical talents with us for special music on Sundays. Contact Jim Christensen if you, or anyone you know, would like to share your talents with us.

**JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC FESTIVAL** If you like contemporary Christian music there is an opportunity to enjoy several artists at this outdoor family music festival on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.joyfulnoise.com](http://www.joyfulnoise.com) for details or talk to Jim or Darlene Christensen if you are interested in attending.

**QUILT DISPLAY** Bethesda quilters will be displaying the quilts they have made for Lutheran World Relief in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please take a few minutes to look at them and see the beautiful work they have done.

**CANNING JARS** There are 4 boxes of big canning jars we can't use for jelly. They are on the counter in the kitchen by the coffee pot. Please help yourself to them or we will recycle.

**THE DATE OF OUR ANNUAL JELLY MAKING** has been set for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Please come and join in the fun. No experience needed. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall. The jelly will be sold at the veggie stand this summer. All proceeds go to the Benevolence Fund. Donations are very welcome. Some items needed are: sugar----150 lbs; strawberry jello----16-20 (3 oz) boxes; Sure Jell----about 17-20 boxes; Regular mouth lids----10-12 boxes (we have plenty of rings); Also need a few more jars, so bring in your empties. If you have rhubarb or hot peppers in your freezer from last year we could use them. **All donations need to be in by April 30<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to everyone that helps out.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The date for volunteering for the call committee has passed and I am pleased to announce that we have nine volunteers to assist in finding our next permanent pastor. Thanks to all who considered volunteering and a special thanks to those who did volunteer. The personnel committee will be meeting during the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> to review the volunteers, you can look forward to further communication in the near future. Presentation of the volunteers for approval by the congregation will be made in the not too distant future.

**WELCA** meets on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am



## *Easter Lily Dedications*

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Honor or Memory of</u>
<b>Marilyn Andrews</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Parents</b>
<b>Carol Bakken</b>	<b>Maynard</b>
<b>Pat &amp; Jerry Becker</b>	<b>Ingrian Lutheran Church</b>
<b>Judie Birk</b>	<b>Our Families</b>
<b>Jeannine Bruesewitz</b>	<b>Darwin</b>
<b>Chuck &amp; Elsa Carlson</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Pastor Terry Frovik</b>	<b>Parents: Earl &amp; Priscilla Grefsrud; Carl &amp; Irene Frovik</b>
<b>Skip &amp; Lynn Hansen</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Brother</b>
<b>Ron &amp; Arty Heins</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Merrily Jones</b>	<b>John Jones</b>
<b>Darrell Kelly</b>	<b>Loved Ones</b>
<b>Dennis &amp; Lynne Meidlinger</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Keith &amp; Dorothy Munding</b>	<b>Loved Ones</b>
<b>Don &amp; Donna Myhre</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Wayne &amp; Janice Olson</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Loved Ones</b>
<b>Doris Reinhard</b>	<b>Sam Reinhard</b>
<b>Sue &amp; Al Samuelson</b>	<b>Our Families</b>
<b>Jenny Schuett</b>	<b>Dennis &amp; Parents</b>
<b>Penny Sjoquist</b>	<b>Loved Ones</b>
<b>George &amp; Patti Smith</b>	<b>Fathers</b>
<b>Dick &amp; Sue Stebbins</b>	<b>Loved Ones</b>
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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**