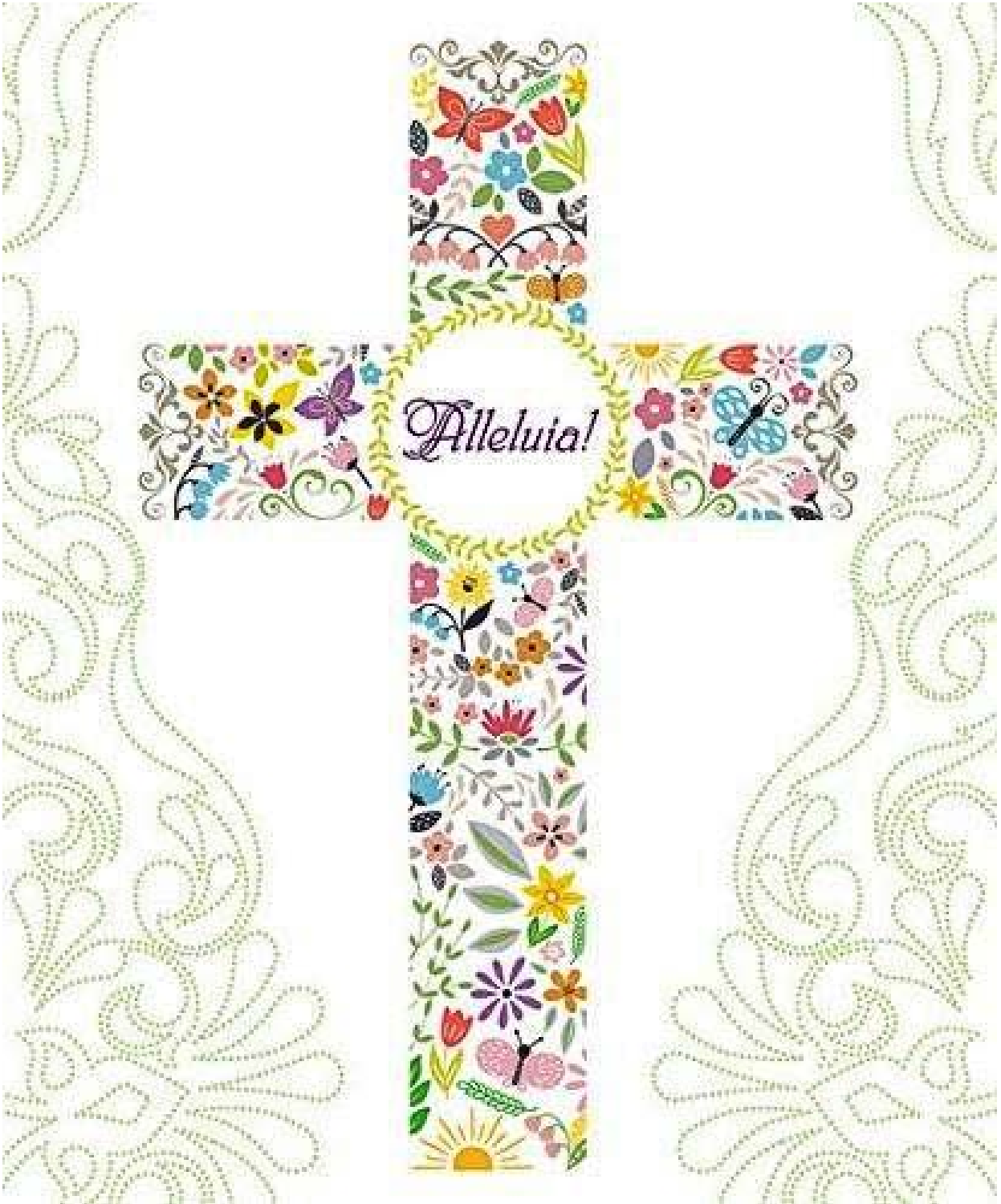


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### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-COMMUNION

#### INTRODUCTION

*This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:**      **"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**      **#365 ELW**  
   Please Stand on the Last Verse

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*As an alternative to the assembly's spoken response, a sung refrain may be used.*

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain [and snow], for [*local water sources may be named*].

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of mercy, 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

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

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.*

<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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you

have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

<sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.  
The Word of the Lord.

## **Thanks Be to God**

**HYMN:           “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”           #367 ELW**

(Please stand for the Gospel)

**GOSPEL:   Mark 16:1-8**  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please sit)

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

(Please Stand)

“Thine Is the Glory”

#376 ELW

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

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

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

*A brief silence.*

You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized (*especially*) as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

**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**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**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: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #619 ELW**

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



## Those Serving Today:

Music: Digital Hymnal Greeters: George & Kathy Larson  
Ushers: 8:30am- Skip & Lynn Hansen 10:00am- Chuck & Elsa Carlson  
Lector: 8:30am- Jeannine Bruesewitz 10:00am

*Thank you for volunteering!*

## Response to God's Word Last Week:

Attendance: Palm Sunday 03/25/2018 9:00 am 102

Attendance: Maundy Thursday 03/29/2018 6:30pm 23

Attendance: Good Friday 03/30/2018 9:00 am 30

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

April 2 – April 8, 2018

Monday	4/2	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/3	12-2:00pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	4/4	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Confirmation
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	4/5	8:00 am	R.O.M.E.O.S
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
Friday	4/6	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	4/7	1:00-4:00pm	Foot Care
Sunday	4/8	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 will started this Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing with the choir can just come to practice. Everyone is welcome.

**WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS** will be on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at Pat Becker's home.

**FUNERALS:** Marvin Berry, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 am service, 10 am visitation here at Bethesda, luncheon to follow. Ernest Burman, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 am service at Malmo Free Church.

**FISH FRYS:** Fridays April 6 & 20 at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. 5:00pm – 7:00pm. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Please join us in packing meals at Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, April 12 from 12 noon-2pm in Coon Rapids. Those interested in car-pooling will meet at Bethesda Lutheran at 9:30 am. Registration is required so please email the church with the names of those interested in participating. There are over 25 people already registered; we still have room for more! Sign up is in the Narthex. If packing isn't for you, but you are interested in supporting this special event, consider a making a donation by marking your envelope with a special donation for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). The list of people going is posted on the entrance doors. Please let us know if you can't make it, so we can free up spots for others.

**MEMORY GARDEN** Paver orders will be taken now through mid-June. We have a new preferred customer status that will allow you to purchase pavers at a reduced cost. A 3 line pavers is now \$25.00 and a large paver of up to 5 lines is \$35.00. Order forms are in the narthex and can be completed and returned to the Memory Garden/Nature Trail office mailbox. They can also be given to either church secretary or Val Benton.

**HYMN SUGGESTIONS** If you have a favorite hymn you would like us to play there is a suggestion basket in the Narthex. Let us know what you want to sing.



## *Easter Lily Dedications*

### Name

### In Honor or Memory of

**Carol Bakken**

**Maynard**

**Jerry & Pat Becker**

**Loved Ones**

**Roy & Char Berg**

**Parents**

**Judie Birk**

**Family**

**Chuck & Elsa Carlson**

**Parents**

**Rich & Karen Carron**

**Family**

**Ron & JoAnn Haglund**

**Eldon English**

**Doug & Nancy Hansen**

**Family**

**Merrily Jones**

**John Jones**

**Del & Dianne Jones**

**Parents**

**Darrell Kelly**

**Friends & Family**

**Keith & Dorothy Munding**

**Family & Friends**

**Pastor James Muske**

**Parents**

**Pastor James Muske**

**Family**

**Rich & Marge Nelson**

**Family**

**Troy & Laury Nyberg**

**Children & Grandchildren**

**Troy & Laury Nyberg**

**Parents**

**Jenny Schuett**

**Dennis & Parents**

**George & Patti Smith**

**Fathers**

**George & Patti Smith**

**Daughter - Toni**

**Julie Swaggert & Dennis Hennessy**

**Parents & Family**

**Mary Swanson**

**Del & Jenny**

**Bev Wedig**

**Al & Jen**

**Judy Wuorio & Ray Piispanen**

**Family**



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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**