



Hallelujah! Christ is risen, indeed!

Easter Sunrise Service - April 12, 2009
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ~ Hecla, SD ~ www.hecla.lutheran.com

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Words of Welcome and the Invocation

P: Welcome to the worship and celebration of victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. We worship this day and always in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: † "Amen"

JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And now, as the first day of the week began to dawn, while it was still dark, they came to see the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, for it was very large.

When Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb, she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

The other women entered the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments, one young man clothed in a long white robe, sitting on the right side. And the women were alarmed and afraid and bowed their faces to the earth.

And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid or alarmed; for I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you seek the Living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen, as He said. Behold, here is the place where they laid Him. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

And they remembered His words.

And he said to them, "But go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and indeed, He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, for they trembled and were amazed; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And they ran to report it to His disciples.

Confession and Absolution

P: To come before the Lord with unburdened souls so that we may offer our praise and thanksgiving without restraint, let us join in making confession of our sins. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15)

C: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn 1:8-9)

ALL: Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to Your loving kindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
blot out my transgressions.

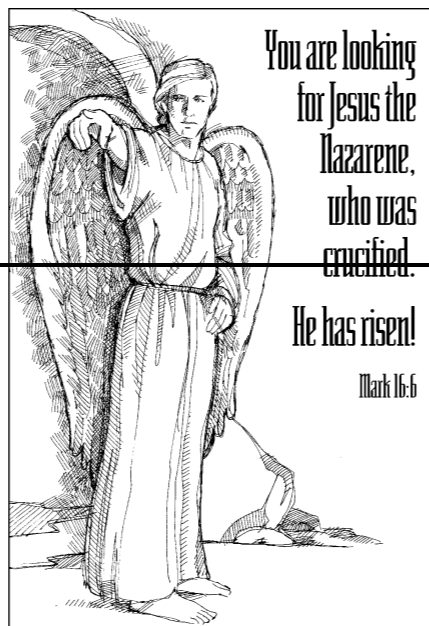
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is always before me.
Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done evil in Your sight.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. (Ps. 51)

P: Rejoice, dear sinners, for your sins are forgiven through Christ Jesus. By raising Jesus from the dead, God declares to you that He has accepted the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for your sins. The debt of sin has been paid. In the name and by the command of your risen Lord and Savior I forgive you all your sins. Sin, death, and the devil are rendered powerless through Christ Jesus. Go and sin no more.
And now, with sins forgiven, let us enter the courts of the LORD with hearts that are joyful singing our hallelujahs!

C: O come let us worship our risen Lord! Hallelujah!

Adult Choir

"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"



Opening Hymn: "Easter Hymn"

By, Edward May - April 4, 1950

(Melody: 212 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing")

1) With joy our voices now we raise
To sing our risen Savior's praise
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"He lives!" as Scripture surely saith,
The Victor over sin and death.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2) Our Lord has broken death's cold tomb,
And sealed the prince of this world's doom.
Alleluia! //
Now death can hold us nevermore.
Then let your song still higher soar.
Alleluia! //

3) Heav'n shouts its joyous praise today,
Earth makes her glad reply to say:
Alleluia! //
Angels come down to comfort men,
"He's risen!" Sing your praise again:
Alleluia! //

4) Our Lord now reigns eternally,
The Prince of Life! 'Tis He! 'Tis He!
Alleluia! //
We'll greet Him on the final day,
With all the saints to gladly say:
Alleluia! // Amen.



Responsive Reading

(from 1 Corinthians 15 & Job 19)

- P: If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.
C: I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
- P: And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!
C: And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
P: Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
C: In my flesh I shall see God,
P: If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.
C: Whom I shall see for myself,
P: But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
C: And my eyes shall behold God, and not another.
P: For since by man came death,
C: By Man also came the resurrection of the dead.
P: For as in Adam all die,
C: Even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
P: But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,
C: Afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.
P: Hallelujah! Christ has risen, as He said!
C: He has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!
P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ has destroyed death. Hallelujah!
C: And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Hallelujah!
P: Hallelujah!
C: Praise the LORD!

The Easter Collect

- P: Let us pray - Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly implore You that as You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.
C: † "Amen"

"This is Most Certainly True!"

The Apostle's Creed, hymnal page 12

Hymn

200:1-2 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

The Lord is Risen Indeed!

A HARMONY OF THE EASTER STORY

THE VISIT OF PETER AND JOHN

Peter therefore arose and went out, and the other disciple, and they ran to the tomb. So they both ran together; and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. Stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and the handkerchief, that had been around His

head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes, and Peter marveled to himself at what had happened.

Hymn

200:3-4 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

JESUS' APPEARANCE TO MARY MAGDALENE

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping; and, as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Now when she had said this, she turned

around, and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, 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, "Rabboni," which is to say, Teacher.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me; for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept, that she had seen the Lord, and He had spoken these things to her. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

JESUS' APPEARANCE TO THE OTHER WOMEN

And as the other women went to tell the disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice." So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

And they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with

them who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

THE LIE OF THE GUARDS

Now while these women were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."

So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Hymn

200:5-6 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

APPEARANCE TO THE TWO ON THEIR WAY TO EMMAUS

After that Jesus appeared in another form to two of them, as they walked and went into the country. For, behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained so that they did not know Him.

And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

And He said to them, "What things?"

So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in

deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within

us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon."

And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how Jesus was known to them in the breaking of bread, but they did not believe them.

Hymn

200:7-8 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

JESUS' APPEARANCE TO THE DISCIPLES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Now as they said these things, when it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus Himself came and stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace be with you." He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table.

But they were terrified and frightened and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. But while they still did not believe for joy and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb, and He took it and ate in their presence.

And He rebuked their unbelief and

hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

Then He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."

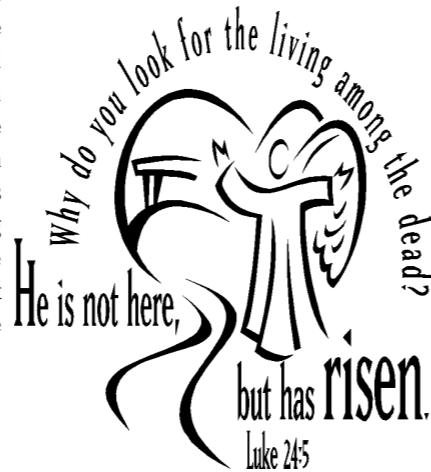
So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Hymn

199 - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

The Easter Message:

Luke 24:1-8 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 "saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." 8 And they remembered His words.



EASTER'S QUESTION:

"Why Do You Seek the Living among the Dead?"

The Offertory:

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Cor 15:20-22)

Cong: † Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (WS2000 - 732:3)

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Our Responsive Easter Prayer:

- P: The Lord is risen!
ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
- P: We render thanks to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.
C: As the exalted Prince of Life You gave Yourself for us unto death.
- P: You offered Yourself to Your heavenly Father as a propitiation for our sins,
C: thereby delivering us from the power of death,
the devil, and eternal damnation.
- P: To prove once and for all that You are the Prince of Life and the Lord over death,
C: You rose from the dead, and brought forth
righteousness, innocence and eternal life.
- P: Grant us grace,
C: that by the working of Your Holy Spirit in us
we may find great joy and comfort in Your death and resurrection.
- P: Let Your resurrection be to us an incentive to good works and fruits of righteousness,
C: that we as your people may worship You
in the beauty of holiness.
- P: Grant that we may daily die to sin.
C: Crucify and slay the old Adam in us
with his lusts and evil desires.
- P: Raise in us our new man,
C: that we may live in righteousness
and walk in newness of life.
- P: Grant also that we may look forward with comfort and joy to the resurrection of our deceased bodies,
C: which on the last day shall come forth again
by virtue of Your resurrection.
- P: Grant us all these things even as we join to pray as You taught us:
- ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven;
- P: Truly You are our Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, on the day of His resurrection, declared His ascension to "My Father and your Father, to My God and your God."
ALL: Hallowed be Thy name;
- P: Enable us to honor You with a faithful and bold witness to our risen Lord, and a new life worthy of His Gospel.

ALL: Thy kingdom come;
P: Keep us under Your good and gracious rule through that Spirit by which we live before You now and shall live forever.
ALL: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
P: O Father, help us to submit our lives to Your gracious will, even as Jesus put His life into Your hands.
ALL: Give us this day our daily bread;
P: Free us from exaggerated concern and anxiety for our physical welfare, knowing that You are the Provider of all our needs.
ALL: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
P: Move us to be gracious and forgiving to those who have hurt us, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us, certifying our justification by His resurrection.
ALL: And lead us not into temptation;
P: From the leaven within and the temptations around us, deliver and keep us, good Lord.
ALL: But deliver us from evil;
P: Fulfill Your promises to preserve us from all evil, and keep us from despair in the midst of all trouble.
ALL: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen, Amen, that is, yes, yes, it shall be so!

Hymn

198 "He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord"

The Risen Lord Blesses His People:

Pastor: The Benediction
Cong: † Amen, amen, amen!



Closing Hymn

732:4 - "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Announcements

"If the Lord wills we shall live and do this or that..."

† WELCOME to you all on this special day! We are pleased to have you with us as we praise the name of Him who died and rose again. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our congregation please speak with the pastor. We also ask that our visitors record their visit with us by signing the guest register. We hope you will join us again!

† EASTER BREAKFAST will be served in the basement following our service this morning. All are invited to join us. Following the meal we will be watching a video on the life of Jesus.

† PASTOR PFEIFFER will be out of town until late Thursday afternoon. Because of this there will be NO classes this week. If an emergency arises you may reach him on his cell phone - (605)380-5195

† VACANCY PASTOR - our sister congregations of Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich have called Pastor Pfeiffer to serve as their vacancy pastor upon the resignation of Pastor Dummann, effective following today's worship services. After consulting the Voters and prayerfully considering this divine call, Pastor Pfeiffer has ACCEPTED this vacancy call. It should not affect any of our activities here in Hecla. The congregations are basically looking for someone to conduct worship services and visit shut-ins during the vacancy. If you have any questions

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE...

Today 8:30 - Easter Breakfast

9:00 - Passion Video

Wednesday, April 15

NO Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 19 - 1st Sunday after Easter

9:00 - Worship

10:15 - Gospel's Study and Sunday School (NT42)

or concerns about this vacancy call, you are encouraged to speak with your pastor. Pastor Dummann continues to serve as a pastor of our sister congregation, First Lutheran, in Faulkton. Redeemer and Zion have called Pastor Michael Gurath, who is currently completing a part time call in Phoenix, AZ. Pastor Michael Gurath is also considering the call to Living Word, Liberty, MO.

† NOTES FROM THE VOTER'S MEETING
There were seven voters present for our April 5 meeting. The Voters increased the amount of money given to the "Pastor Victor Fund" to \$1500 for the next three years. † A dump truck load of gravel was purchased for the parsonage driveway. † A STUDENT AID FUND was established. It has been created to supply financial assistance to members wishing to attend ILC and are in need of such assistance. † The Voters approved a go-ahead to purchase health insurance for Tamar Reim, in the hopes that after they are married Pastor will be able to get on the plan as well and reduce the high premiums on his current Major Risk program. † Vacation was approved for Pastor on Sunday, June 21 and 28. Pastor will try to find guest speakers for those Sundays. † If you have any questions about any of the actions taken, please speak with Paul or Pastor.

