

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others."*

The Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Day April 1, 2018

POEM *"My God! My God!"* By Donley Hewett

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RINGING OF THE BELL – DARKNESS TO LIGHT

HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" ELW #365 VS 1-4

INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!

Alleluia!

Rejoice then, even in your distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.

**God has called us from our darkness into the light of his
day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Let us confess our sins to God and ask forgiveness for the sake of our
crucified and risen Savior.*

**Risen and rising Lord, we confess that too often we live as
though we had not been given new life in you. We muddle
after our own schemes. We follow after wayward leaders
and cherish broken dreams. Forgive us, Lord, for the times
we keep the good news of your resurrection to ourselves,
hoard the blessings that you give and live as though we were**

still on the path of despair. Give us your Spirit, the spirit of new life, the spirit of joyful service, the spirit of loving care for all others around us. Make us truly Easter people in this broken world. Fill us with the Spirit so that we might overflow with the serving that proclaims your very presence with us.

I have the honor and privilege, by the grace of God, of announcing to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and free—free to share the steadfast love of God with all.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN “*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*” #389 vs 1, 2, 4

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

Let us pray. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those

also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So 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." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They 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." Having said this, she turned around and saw

Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

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Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG *"Halle, Halle, Halle"*

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Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

SERMON ‘Life’

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” #380 vs 1-5

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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 THE PEOPLE

In your mercy, Hear us, Risen Lord.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“We Are an Offering”*

#692

OFFERING PRAYER

God of great gifts,

**This morning we give you praise, we give you glory,
we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our
hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We
joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of
thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come!
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYM “*Thine Is The Glory*” #376 vs 1-3

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Thanks be to God.

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Thank you to all who helped to prepare for and assist with our Easter services this year, including our musicians: Peg Tesch, Connie Virtue and Marie Kennedy. Together we all play an important part in celebrating the resurrection of our Savior.



Join us next Sunday (April 8th) for
Second Sunday Breakfast!

8:30-11:15am

Egg and Sausage Biscuits

Fruit

Pastries

Drinks

Freewill Donation to help cover expenses
of the OSL Community Youth Group's
summer faith formation trips.

BE THE
HANDS & FEET
OF JESUS

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY:

7:00am Service

Greeters/Ushers -Rod and Dixie Clark

Reader – Rod Clark

Music – Peg Tesch and Conni Virtue

Communion Prep- Carol Neugebauer

Communion Assistant- Chic Schneekcloth

Fellowship Servers – Easter Breakfast served by WELCA
from 8:15-9:15

9:30am Service

Greeters- Carman Lakner and Marvin Neugebauer

Ushers – Roger Downen and Marvin Neugebauer

Reader – Richard Stinson

Music – Marie Kennedy

Communion Prep- Rod and Dixie Clark

Communion Assistant- Cleon Diers

Fellowship Servers – Easter Breakfast served by WELCA
from 8:15-9:15

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (April 8th):

Greeters/Ushers –Youth Group

Readers – Youth Group

Music – Praise Team

Fellowship Servers – Second Sunday Breakfast