



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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

*We gather for worship as Easter people in the name of the Triune God
– Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as people on a journey.

We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin.

We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

*Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call
God.*

**We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those
we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions.

Amen.

~ written by Tim Graves and posted on [LiturgyBits](https://liturgybits.wordpress.com). <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

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.

OPENING PRAYER

*Let us pray
Almighty God,*

with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

Translation by Rev Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary Professor

"Comfort, O comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins."

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be

made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice said, "Preach!" And I said, "Why should I preach? All people are grass. Their faithfulness is like the flower of the field: Grass withers, a flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows upon it."

"Indeed, the people are grass. And grass does wither, flowers do fade; But the word of our God will stand forever. So go up onto a high mountain, O Zion, preacher of good news. Raise up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, preacher of good news. Lift it up and say, 'Do not fear!' Say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my

God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Why Should I?”

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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.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear our prayers for ... Send us your peace, O God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *There Is A Redeemer*

**There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah Holy one**

**Jesus my redeemer Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah Oh, for sinners slain.**

**Thank you oh my father For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory I will see his face
And there I'll serve my king forever In that holy place.**

**Thank you oh my father For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah Holy one**

**Thank you oh my father For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Fances Audiss

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Gloria Olawsky; Ashley James; Esther Downen; Linda Morrison; Bruce Sunding; Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Aldean (Cousin of Deann Hagen)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Linda (Friend of Cathy Dahl); Fred Steckman (Brother of Wyone and Joy); Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

**For our leaders at every level.

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



The American Red Cross responds to an emergency across the United States every 8 minutes. From small house fires to multi-state natural disasters, the American Red Cross goes wherever they are needed, so people can have clean water, safe shelter and hot meals when they need them most. Their purpose is to meet the immediate disaster-caused needs of individuals, families, and communities. They help to shelter families, serve meals, support emergency responders, deliver relief supplies, provide medical care and create recovery plans. Most recently in our area, the Central & Western South Dakota Red Cross Community Chapter responded to multiple wildfires and set up evacuation sites for those needing to evacuate their homes in Rapid City and Keystone.

Along with disaster assistance, the Red Cross serves as blood and platelet donation centers and provide valuable training and information in first aid, CPR, lay responder safety, mental health and multiple other areas. Military families also count on the Red Cross for help when emergencies arrive and their loved one is deployed. More information about all the work of the American Red Cross can be found at www.redcross.org. April's Mission of the Month financial donations will be sent to our local Red Cross organization in Rapid City to assist them in their work. *Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.*



This week's
events

Sunday, April 11th

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

10:30am Worship Committee meets

10:30 am Property Committee meets

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

Thursday, March 4th

9:30 am WELCA @ OSL and via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

3:00 – 5:00 pm Hermosa-Fairburn Food Bank Open

Sunday, April 18th

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

10:30am Church Council Meets

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

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