

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too.

I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile. Then I realized its worth.

A single smile just like mine could travel the whole earth.

So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

WELCOME

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,

praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

RESPONSIVE READING

Sing a new song!

A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth

Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God

Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday

Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

We place our visions and hopes on the altar of our Lord.

For God has taken ordinary things.

And made them extraordinary. Sing a new song!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God,

as you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility.....

as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn, as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed of tomorrow, we praise you for this day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.

~ from *Still Laughing God: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter*, posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* website.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

All thy works with joy surround thee,

earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,

flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!**

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,

all who live in love are thine;

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the

last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 8

*O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.*

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

HYMN

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

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SERMON

Knock, knock. Who's There?

HYMN

Take Time to Be Funny

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord

Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word

**For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.**

**Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.**

**For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.**

CONFESSION AND CREED

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator –He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Rev. Robert M. Thompson

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.

Make us people who give joyfully from a cheerful heart out of the abundance you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

DISMISSAL

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.

~ from Holy Humor Sunday celebrations at Roscoe United Methodist Church, Illinois

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!



HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE? We are excited to announce that Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hermosa has added Tithe-ly to our toolbox as a way for our worshipers and supports to be a disciple through Please check it out and let us know if you have any questions. Giving is such an important part of worship. Not being able to gather together in worship and "pass the plate" has restricted how we can practice our faith through giving. Tithe-ly is a free app and website that allows you to give directly to Our Savior's. For those who like to write a check as part of their act of worship, you are invited and encouraged to continue to do so. Checks can be mailed to Our Savior's Lutheran Church at PO Box 136, Hermosa, SD 57744. The mission of the OSL continues. It just looks a little different now.



**Hermosa-Fairburn Community Food Bank Open & Feeding SD
Food Box Drop**

Tuesday, May 5 9 am - 11 am

Location: Heartland Hair

Please stay in your car and we will bring your boxes to you.
Contact OSL at 605-255-4662 if you would like someone to deliver groceries to your home or if this time does not work for you.



Tuesday, April 28

10:00 Zoom Gathering for Women of the ELCA

We will start journeying through "I Am She".

This resource was designed by the WELCA to help women act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Together we will gain an understanding of our own gifts and bold purposes, learn from other bold examples, develop a plan to live out our bold and share in community and celebrate the boldness of each individual. Zoom link and "I Am She" resourced will be emailed as well as posted on our website and Facebook page.



Join Maysyn and Chelle for an online Bible study through the end of April!

Tuesdays 7pm Sneak Peek

Thursdays 7pm Bible Study

Sneak Peek and Bible Study will be at the above scheduled times on Facebook Live.

<https://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa/>

There are many opportunities to gather online each week and keep our family of faith thriving! If you need help connecting to Facebook Live or YouTube, to watch and participate, please call Josie in the church office and she can walk you through it. 605-255-4662

Sunday, April 19th

9:30am OSL Sunday Service- on Facebook Live

Tuesday, April 21st

7:00pm Bible Study Sneak Peek on Facebook Live

Wednesday, April 22nd

5:30pm DOG Night Story with Pastor Deb-on Facebook Live

Thursday, April 23rd

7:00pm Weekly Bible Study-Facebook Live

Sunday, April 26th

9:30am OSL Sunday Service-Facebook Live

*All services will be Live on Facebook at their scheduled times. You can also watch them at a later time on Facebook or YouTube.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa>

YouTube Page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheOSLHermosa>



Jennifer and Family, Pat, Clyde, Mike, Rebecca, Tiffany, Rachel, Rhonda, Taylor, Felix, Wayne, Laura, Patricia, Riley and Baby, Patty, Terri, Suzan, and Chelle

We continue to pray for our leaders and our nation, all those that are sick, and all those that are on the front-lines during the Covid-19 virus.



Life and guidelines are changing almost daily
Some are getting laid off

Some are working extra and are in danger of exposure
Some are homeschooling-parents and children
Some are stuck in unsafe households

Whatever the struggle and stress, Pastor Deb is here to listen and to help. Please **DO NOT HESITATE** to contact her if you need to. Mental health is just as important as physical health! 605-890-0781
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Helping South Dakota Residents

www.coronahelpsd.com

Corona Help South Dakota is an initiative to pull together individuals, organizations and churches to help our state during this difficult virus outbreak. This initiative is being led by The Helpline Center (211), Feeding South Dakota and Churches. Corona Help SD is focused on delivering necessities to individuals that are homebound and also providing food distributions to insure that people across our state have the necessary support.

Head to the above website if you need help or if you want to help. You can input your needs right in the site and they will connect your need to an area provider who can help.

Don't have internet or need assistance finding help? Contact *The Helpline Center* by dialing 211 on your phone.

