

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

The Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Day April 4, 2021

The first Easter morning begins with sorrow and confusion. Life isn't turning out the way it's supposed to for the disciples. But the presence of the risen Jesus changes everything. Sorrow is transformed into hope and joy. When we look at the challenges in our own lives through the lens of resurrection, we discover that we, too, can live in hope.

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RINGING OF THE BELL – DARKNESS TO LIGHT

HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* #365 VS 1,2

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God's final word to us is always "Yes!" And to that we say:

Amen! We agree with God; this is the way it's going to be!

We are finding grace where we never expected it.

We are discovering life where there was only death.

We are discovering hope rising where we thought hope was dying.

God never stops loving us, and we will never stop expecting love.

We will live hope! We will hope more and more, and hope will win the day. This is God's great "Amen" for all of us today!

We will shout for joy and announce Easter news to all of creation.

Amen! We agree! This is the way it's going to be!

HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* #365 VS 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

A moment of silence for reflection

God of hope,

We confess the despair of our own Good Fridays, when we feel like hope is dying all around us and inside us. On this Easter, break through the barriers of our doubt and cynicism and bring the hope of your resurrection presence into our troubled hearts. We need you to break through the death of our sin and shame, and bring your resurrection life. We need you to do what we cannot do for ourselves, and bring your promise of new life and the hope of conquered death. Forgive our sin and help us to see the open doorway to the good news of our own resurrection.

Today brings the best news of all: Jesus lives! Jesus died a cruel death on the cross. His body was placed in a borrowed tomb, and after three days the stone was rolled away! The tomb is open! Death is defeated! Jesus is alive! Hope is alive! 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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Hope Rising

SPECIAL MUSIC

This We Pray

Richard Stinson (9:30)

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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

For Christ is risen **Christ is risen indeed.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Will Remember Thee* Richard Stinson
(9:30)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *"Thine Is The Glory"* #376 vs 1,2

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

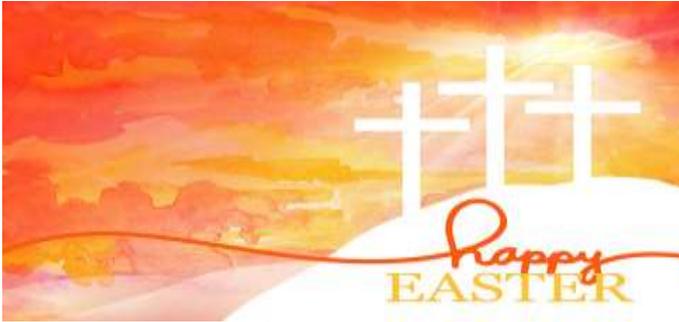
**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** *Refrain*

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! Thank you for being a part of our worship today. Our faith story is not done but continues forward. You are invited to join us for worship and any of the ministries of our congregation as we continue to grow in faith and proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



Thank you to all those that brought flowers to share for our Easter Services. Some of the flowers are in loving memory of:

Chuck Twitero
David Morrison
Larry VanDreissen
Ricky VanDreissen
John and Nellie VanDreissen
Daniel and Joyce Sterud

A background image of several pink tulips with green leaves, slightly out of focus, creating a soft and gentle atmosphere.

Easter Prayer

Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Help us remember why You gave Your life. Because of love. Because of mercy. Because we desperately need them both and do not deserve it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Thank You for Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Thank you that you loved me enough to send a perfect sacrifice, so that we could live together eternally. I confess that I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I ask you to come into my heart, and I commit to following Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord God, You loved this world, you loved us all, so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts and souls that are forever grateful for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice deeply in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



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Mission Of The Month



American Red Cross

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 aide, 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. Aprils' 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.

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We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Frances Audiss and Mason Lester.

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

**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.



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