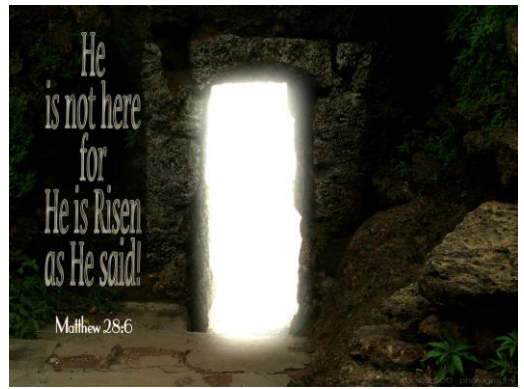


Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Prelude

Were You There

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Piece

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 145:10-13a

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

***Hymn of Praise**

The Day of Resurrection

Insert

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:16

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have committed offenses against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 16

Tune: *Diademata*
Words from Trinity Psalter

¹ Preserve me, O my God;
I put my trust in You.
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord;
No good have I but You.
² The godly ones on earth,
Those holy in Your sight,
³ The noble and majestic ones,
Fill me with great delight.
⁴ Their sorrows multiply
Who after idols seek.
To them I'll no blood off'ings make;
Their names I'll never speak.
⁵ The LORD the portion is

Of my inheritance.
He fills my cup, my lot prepares,
Secures to me His grants.

⁶ The lines that fell to me
Enclose a pleasant site.
The heritage that I received
To me is a delight.

⁷ I bless the LORD Who guides
With counsel that is right.
My heart within me He directs
To teach me in the night.

⁸ I always keep the LORD
Before me, Him to see.
Because He is at my right hand
I never moved shall be.

⁹ Thus gladness fills my soul;
My joy must be expressed
With my whole being, for my flesh
Securing finds its rest.

¹⁰ My soul You will not leave
In death's dark pit to be.
Corruption You will not permit
Your Holy One to see.

¹¹ The path of life You'll show;
Of joy You hold great store.
Before Your face, at Your right hand,
Are pleasures evermore.

54. Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A.I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

55. Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of Christ the Lord, have communion with him and share in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

56. Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A.I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ that I may never come into judgment.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

In The Garden

***Doxology**

No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

In Christ Alone

No. 265

Sermon

1 Cor 15:1-11

(Pew pg. 961/LP pg. 1199)

1) The Evidence of the Resurrection

2) The Case Against the Resurrection

3) The Consequences of the Resurrection

Questions:

1. Why is eyewitness testimony so compelling? Explain.
2. Read Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 1, Section 5. What does it say is our ultimate assurance of the truthfulness and trustworthiness of God's Word?
3. Why is it helpful to look at arguments against the resurrection? What evidence is there really that Jesus was not resurrected? Does this seem plausible in any way?
4. How does Christ's resurrection force us to come down solidly on one side or the other of either its truthfulness or untruthfulness?

***Hymn of Response** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 360

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri** No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

What a Beautiful Name

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Musician

Cathy Reed

Musician

Ken Erickson

Intercessory Prayer & Choir Director

Chris Erickson

Choir

Ben Armstrong,

Adalyn Collins, Angela Collins, Cassy Erickson, Ken Erickson, Marianna Erickson, Michael Fish, Jennifer Gretzinger, Kathleen Gretzinger, Valerie Lash, Ed Ross, Beth Siderius, Jeff Siderius, Kelli Stagl, Andrea Tummond, Jeff Wiseman

Memorial Lilies

*In Loving Memory of
Peter Lanenga*

Don Stam

Elvah & Luella Tyring

Covenant Children In Heaven



Weekly Calendar

SUN 3/31		No Sunday School No Sunrise Service Easter Worship Service
	10:30 AM	
WED 4/3	6 PM	Family Night (All Welcome)
THUR 4/4	6:30 PM	Men's Study
SUN 4/7	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – LORD's Supper
	After Church	MS/HS Bible Study
TUE 4/9	5 PM	Women's Evening Study
WED 4/10	1 PM	PM Group
THUR 4/11	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Study

Serving the Lord

	3/31/24	4/7/24
Nursery During Sunday School	N/A	Connie Eenigenburg
Nursery During Service	Cordie Armstrong & Grace Martin	Angela Collins & Nora Jones
Greeters	Martha Lietchy	Jane Erspamer
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Joel Tummond
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Jim Martin
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	Yon Lindborg
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Spring Small Group Shuffle:** The elders want to encourage deep relationships throughout the congregation, for that reason along with evening out the numbers and adding new people, we are switching up the small groups. The insert describes who is in each group. Talk to your elder if you have questions.
- **MS/HS Bible Study:** Youth Bible study beginning Apr 7. Meeting biweekly after church @ Gretzingers. Sign up and books in the foyer. Lunch will be provided.
- **Save the Date:** The Spring Church Work Day has been proposed for May 4th. The Building and Grounds committee appreciates the extra help. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Windows need cleaned, painting needs to be done, mulch needs to be shoveled, and carpets cleaned and much more. 9am to noon. Please plan to volunteer. Check the email for more details and email Craig if you plan to attend.