



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER DAY
April 20, 2014
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Our liturgy begins with the blessing of the Paschal Candle, which symbolizes Christ's breaking of the darkness of sin and death to bring us all the Easter victory. The Paschal Candle will shine as our symbol of the resurrection throughout the Easter season, at all baptisms and at all funerals. After the blessing, the day is proclaimed with the ancient Easter shout, joyous songs and, festive musical offerings and the word of God that proclaims the victory of Christ for us all. May the blessings of the Risen Lord be yours this day and always.

Gathering

All stand and face the rear of the church.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A: Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

A: By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

C: **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lighted.

P: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds. Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

As the Paschal is raised, the Minister proclaims the resurrection, shouting three times:

P: *(boldly)* Christ is Risen!

C: *(boldly)* He is risen indeed!

All stand to sing the entrance hymn.

Entrance Hymn

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Red book #367

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

Lesson . . . Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 *(Read Responsively)*

Give thanks to the Lord, who alone is good;
whose steadfast love is everlasting!
The Lord is my strength and my might;
the Lord is my salvation.

Let the gates of righteousness be opened
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(10:30 a.m.) Choir Anthem

"See What a Morning"

Adult Choir

Gospel . . . John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"

(which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon . . . "Out of Nothing"

*Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Red book #365

*Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

*Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Meal

Offering

Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.) "See What a Morning"

Adult Choir

*Offertory Prayer *(spoken together)*

Let us pray. Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn.

(spoken) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The minister continues with prayer and the Words of Institution.

***The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

Communion is served in a continuous manner. Ushers will direct you from both sides down the center aisle. You receive the bread at the center station and then walk to the side where you receive the wine. Grape juice is available. Please place the empty glass in the baskets provided. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table.
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Music During the Distribution

Hymns Red book #619, #376

***Blessing and Song of Praise Red book #886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

- 1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**
- 2. The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**
- 3. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

***Prayer**

Sending

***Benediction**

P: May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

C: Amen.

P: Through the resurrection of his Son, God granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

C: Amen.

P: May almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn Red book #382 “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” (verse 1)**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light one more appears;

Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

***Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Birthdays -April 20-26 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

20-Roger Groskreutz	22-Deb Degner	Justin Melby	Derick Schultz
21-Hayley Olson	24-Madison Erickson	25-Tanya Carlson	26-Don Zabel
Adyson Warmka	Scott Linde		

In memory of Liz Larson memorials have been received towards the Improvement Fund.

Kitchen Cleaning will be April 26th at 8:30 a.m. With many hands the work will be light. If you are able to help clean the church kitchen please come, we should be done by 12:00 p.m. Please bring rags and pails.

Lutheran Social Service Man-Fair Region Auxiliary Spring Rally - April 22, 2014, 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elmore. “Conquering Debt”-Who we are and what we do. Speaker, Julie Zacharison, Supervisor and Credit Counselor for LSS Financial Counseling. Ingathering: quilts, treasure boxes for the Homeless Youth programs and the Reach Drop-in Center in Mankato.

The Mankato Riverblenders present “Back 40” celebrating 40 years. Sat., April 26th 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Dr, North Mankato. Tickets available from chorus members, Cub Food and Hy Vee in Mankato or 507-420-5847. Medo Lutheran plans to go with a group, please let Pastor Laurie know you have tickets to attend to arrange rides.

Scott & Joelle (Elmer) Jacobs would like to thank you for your support either with giving of items or funds for the Ukraine. Donations were enough to cover the cost of the four suitcases that will be given to Esther Dundas. Please keep Scott, Joelle and Esther in your prayers as they serve in the Ukraine.

Women of the ELCA Salad Luncheon - April 30th, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are able to make a salad or a pan of bars or work that day please sign up on the sheets by the church office. Thank you.

Are you willing to serve on a Ministry Team? Time, Talents, and Treasures and Social Concerns Ministry Teams are looking for members. They meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Church Office if you are willing to serve.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal - April 23rd - Meatloaf

At their Visioning Retreat Good Shepherd's Church Council, Transition Team, and Call Committee engaged in planning for the next three to five years in ministry. These leaders want to share these ideas and plans with members. You are invited to pick up a written report which summarizes this planning. (Summaries available on the table in the hall outside the office.) And you are invited to attend a presentation and conversation about this planning which will be held next Sun., April 27th, following worship at 10:30.

Easter Flower Garden:

In memory of Dick Sauer, Ernest & Lydia Thisius, Hilton & Irene Sauer, given by Lorraine Sauer

In memory of Gordon Lesto, given by Shirley Lesto and family

In memory of Lorraine Hansen, given by the Gordon Hansen family

In memory of LeRoy Larson, Paul & Rose Mershon, given by Donald & Joyce Larson, and Donna Mershon

In memory of Izzy & Patricia Gottberg, given by Bea & Paul Hensche

In memory of Elmer Ziegler, Harry & Bernice Holstad, given by Barb Ziegler

In memory of Frank & Esther Groskreutz and Adolph & Ada Giese, given by Wm & Lois Groskreutz

In memory of Willard Stern, given by Ione Stern and family

In memory of Marie & Melvin Stern and Bob & Millie Mershon, given by Kent & Linda Stern

In memory of Richard Sauer, Aaron & Marian Heglie, given by Jim & Linda Sauer

Women of the ELCA

In honor of our grandchildren, Amber & Alexis Kauffmann, and Cobalt & Aviana Love, given by Gary & Marlene Kauffmann

In honor of their children William III & Laura Groskreutz and Heidi & John Grunwald, given by Wm & Andrea Groskreutz

In honor of their grandchildren, William IV & Elizabeth Groskreutz, and Haley, Drew and Blair Grunwald, given by Wm & Andrea Groskreutz

Daily Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Apr 21 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Colossians 3:5-11

Apr 25 - Psalm 16

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

John 20:11-20

Apr 22 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Exodus 15:1-18

Colossians 3:12-17

Apr 23 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Joshua 3:1-7

Matthew 28:1-10

Apr 24 - Psalm 16

Song of Solomon 2:8-15

Colossians 4:2-5

Apr 25 - Psalm 16

Song of Solomon 5:9—6:3