



*Jesus  
Lives!*

*Ye seek Jesus  
of Nazareth,  
which was crucified:  
he is risen; he is not here.*

MARK 16:6

**Service for the Lord's Day  
Easter Sunday**

**April 21, 2019**

**10:30am**

*\* indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.  
**Bold text** indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Greeting**

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried, only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the Gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

**\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Introit**

Easter Call to Worship  
Chancel Choir

Grosvenor

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #113 (blue) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!***

### **Call to Confession**

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin, and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

**Sung Response**                      *Alleluia*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Listen, church: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*Sung Response**                      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**                      1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**Anthem**

*Crown Him the Risen King*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Larson

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:1-18

**Sermon**

Pastor Christina

**\*Hymn #108 (blue)**

*Christ is Alive!*

## **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Prayers of the People**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Sung Response**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine in the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine on your church, gathered today.***

**Morning Offering**

**\*Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Litany for Easter**

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

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,  
and to many faithful witnesses.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe  
and proclaim this good news to the world.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! Amen.**

**\*Hymn #122 (blue)**

*Thine is the Glory*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until he puts all enemies under his feet. Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end,

## **John 20:1-18**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

**Prayer List:**

*Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.*

**Concerns:**

Bonnie Smith, who had a fall last week; Shelly Sanders; The family of Ann Gabrion Hull, who died April 7; Sally Nester; Garret Miniard; Jim Elliott; Barb Elliott; Ralph Brillhart; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gayle; Jan Felton; The Rev. George Gillette; Mackenzie Brown; Susie Page; Bonnie Smith; Pat MacDonald; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country;

**Thanksgivings:**

Three expected grand-babies in the church family this year; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

**Continuing Prayers:**

Geneva Alasadi & family; John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; Shelley Zamarron & family

*If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.*

## **Happening this Week:**

- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
  - Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- The church office will be closed. If you have a pastoral emergency, call Pastor Christina at 248-217-7178.*

## **Next Week's Volunteers – April 28, 2019:**

- Chuck & Karen Emery, Greeters
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Ushers
- Tom Heinlein & Vickie Thum, Counters

## **Craft Day Coming! Saturday, May 4 at 10am**

Join Pastor Christina and the Mission & Fellowship Team for a Craft Day! We will gather on May 4 at 10am in the Fireplace Room. Our goal for the day is to make blankets for the Linus Project (see below, under Mission and Fellowship Opportunities). We will also decide when an on-going craft day might work best. No crafting experience? Come on over anyway - we'll teach you how to tie a fleece blanket! Questions - see Joy Heinlein or Pastor Christina.

## **Mission and Fellowship Silent Auction**

Coming up in May (May 5 & 12), the Mission and Fellowship Team is hosting a silent auction! The proceeds of the silent auction will go toward the Good Samaritan Fund. Bids are secret, and at the end of the auction, we will notify the highest bidders of their purchases. See Joy Heinlein for more details!



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