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Mission: To Make Jesus Known To All In Our Words and Actions

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship in our sanctuaries. We will gather as an online community for prayer and worship at 9:00 a.m., when our service is livestreamed on Zion's Facebook page.

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new!

Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We raise our voices in praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Welcome

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Rejoice all heavenly choirs of angels! Christ has conquered; the risen Savior shines upon you. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen savior shines upon you Let his place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

*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!*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together.

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, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”
²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.
²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early 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.

Homily

Video: Celebrating Easter

Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession

**P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of
God's creation. A brief silence.**

You are invited to respond:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

**P: Into your gracious and mighty hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.

Benediction and Sending

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, \mp Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Dismissal**

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

+Prayer Requests +

- *For those who mourn: Mike and Cheri Herbst, on the death of his father, Clarence “Red” Herbst.*
- *For those in need of help and healing: Rev. Craig Breimhorst, Ann Blasing, Barry Jacques, Tim Anderson, Taylor Antony, Sadie and Elsie Sorensen, Tiana Iverson, John Greenough, Jan Barnick (daughter-in-law of Dorothy Barnick), Lonnie Honstad, Jeff Dunker, Cole Barden, Erin Visker, Donald Schmidt, Maddie Teigen, and Jed Visker;*
- *For those who are deployed: Evan Masters (brother of Chelsea Copeland).*
- *For all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who grieve the loss of family members or friends; those separated from loved ones by the current mitigation precautions; business owners and managers working to support employees and save businesses; government bureaucrats working to quickly implement legislation and distribute relief; and manufacturers of ventilators, masks, gloves, testing supplies, and other essential equipment for treating and preventing coronavirus infections.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Sunday, April 12 | Service of the Word on Facebook | 9:00 am |
| | Music from Sheldon Meyer on Facebook | 9:30 am |
| | Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom) | 10:00 am |

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| Monday, April 13 | Bible Study on Zoom | 11:00 am |
| Wednesday, April 15 | Confirmation Student Gathering (Zoom – details will be emailed) | 6:00 pm |
| | Congregation Council Meeting (Zoom) | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, April 19 | Service of the Word on Facebook | 9:00 am |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Life during COVID-19 “Stay at Home” and Social Distancing Precautions:

- **In-Person worship services and activities continue to be suspended until further notice.** Worship services are being streamed via Facebook so that we can gather as a virtual community for prayer, reflection, and praise.
- **News and updates** are being shared primarily through the church website and Facebook and, when appropriate, by mail. There was no April newsletter, but a May newsletter is planned.
- **The Church Office will be closed to visitors until further notice.** Pastor Andrea and Mary Gilman will both be working from home. To reach Mary, please leave a message at the church office: 507-726-2849.
- **Pastor Andrea is available for conversation and prayer!** Please reach out to her by phone or text at 507-402-1114. She’s also happy to schedule one-on-one pastoral visits via Zoom video conferencing.
- **The Monday “Dwelling on the Word” study has shifted to an online format.** You’re invited to join us for a time of prayer, reflection and conversation as we consider the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. To join us on Monday at 11:00, please go to:
<https://zoom.us/j/322134420>
- **Offerings** can be mailed to the Church Office (PO Box 236, Lake Crystal). Please consider our eGiving options for making one-time or recurring donations electronically. Details available at: <https://www.zionluthlakecrystal.org/giving>.

ZLCW Update: The Minnesota River WELCA Spring Conference originally scheduled for April 25 has been cancelled.

The Lake Crystal Sharing Shelf continues to serve our community during this time of need. Donations of food can be dropped in the cart at Kevin’s Market. They are currently in need of the following: flour, oil, chili with beans, pears, apple sauce, bags of white rice and 5# bags of potatoes.

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