

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

Lesson. Isaiah 65:3-11

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Gospel. Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Resurrection of Our Lord



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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The women go early on Easter Morning and discover an empty tomb. They were perplexed, but the emptiness of the tomb declares that Christ is Risen. And the treasure of new life – eternal life – belongs to all who believe in him.

Silence Please take a candle & wait in silence for the service to begin.

(As our dancers bring the light of Easter, share the light with your neighbor by tipping the unlit candle.)

Announcements

Easter Greeting

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed**

Unveiling of the Cross

The Processional Hymn

(Congregation please remain seated until v. 3)
(with Hosanna Handbells)

ELW 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- * 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
(Interlude)
- 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!

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Easter/Holy Communion
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Monday: 9 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5 pm Al-Anon
7 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Staff Meeting
3 p.m. Mill Street Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir
NO FLY
6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells
6:30 p.m. 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
NO Senior FLY
7:30 p.m. Practice for Acolytes & Bible Bearers for the Sundays in Easter
NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch-Pr. Jennifer
9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study and Coffee

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, April 3

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

CONFIRMATION WILL RESUME MARCH 30th

☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 Women
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was
 Men
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

All are welcome to commune with us today. Please come up by the center aisle and hold out your hand to receive the bread. Both wine and white grape juice are available (grape juice is in the center portion of the tray.) Gluten free wafers are available as requested. Children who do not yet commune may come forward for a blessing. After you have received communion you may return to your seat by the side aisle.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns during Communion: **376, 369**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Song** **Hallelujah Chorus** Handel
 Adult Choir & Hosanna Handbells

(Anyone who desires is welcome to join the adult choir in the singing of the Hallelujah chorus. When you are finished taking communion, Please remain in/near the Choir loft to receive your music.)

***Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Share the Good News!
 C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

*Indicates when congregation should stand

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Adult Choir Director:	Erik Vigesaa
Hosanna Handbells:	Linda Mellon
Greeters:	8:30- Joel, Alison & Maria Myhre 11- Jason & Randi Resler
Bible Bearer:	8:30- Leonard Hatzenbuhler 11- Robin Werner
Banner Bearer:	8:30- Logan Sonmor 11- Kris Werner
Acolytes:	8:30- Aaron Shelstad, Cole Knudson 11- Sydney Batzlaff, Alison Koch
Sacristans:	8:30-Teresa Shannon 11:00-Carolyn Sund
Communion Assistants:	8:30- Myron & Lori Brusven 11- Dalyce & Orrie Leabo
Lectors:	8:30- Brian Becker 11- Teri Spangler
P.A. Operator:	8:30- Kevyn Heck 11- Bud Mellon
Choreographer:	Hannah Carlson
Dancers:	Hope Fletchall, Andrey Lockett, Grace Opatz, Lilly Stumbo, Alya & Onya Kretchman, Mya Lillemon, Sydney Batzlaff

***The Nicene Creed**

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Church**

P: ...Lord, in your mercy, or ...Let us pray to the Lord.
C: hear our prayer. Lord, have mercy.

***The PEACE is shared**

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

The Offering Anthem

God's Son Has Made Me Free
Adult Choir

Grieg-Overby

***The Offertory**

Doxology
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

***Consecration of the Gifts**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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

***The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. . . .
C: Amen

Anthem

Joyful Song
Hosanna Handbells

Arnold Sherman

First Lesson

(congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

(**Alleluia Banner:** after withholding the word Alleluia from our lips and from our worship throughout the season of Lent, this joyous word returns on Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's resurrection. This is symbolized by the large Alleluia Banner carried in our procession)

***Gospel Acclamation and Procession**

(Please turn as Bible procession goes by)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(congregational response after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***The Gospel**

(congregational response after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Luke 24:1-12

The Sermon

Easter Treasure

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
(Children come forward on the last verse)

ELW 367 (V. 1-3)

The Children's Event

Pastor Saul

Anthem

In Christ Alone
Adult Choir

arr. David Angerman