



## Festival of Easter - April 17, 2022

### As We Gather:

“Alleluia! Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” This ancient greeting sounds among us again today, as we celebrate Easter: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ has defeated sin, death, and the devil and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. May the resurrection of Jesus Christ fill us with a living hope that encourages us in our lives each day.

### Welcome

**Hymn of the Day:** LSB 457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

### Invocation

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Let us rejoice and be glad as we celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

**People:** **Joy fills our hearts for the Lord is risen.**

**Pastor:** Let us praise the Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for this is a day of joy and gladness.

**People:** **Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**All:** **Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen! Alleluia!**

### Confession of Sins

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ: This morning we gather together in view of God’s mercy to celebrate Christ’s triumphant resurrection and the new life He gives us. As we do, we also remember that we do not always live as we ought as God’s children.

*(Moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)*

**All:** **Most merciful God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. You have given us new life in Jesus Christ, but we have often returned to the ways of sin and death. We have not loved You as we ought and we have not loved others as You have loved us. We have followed our own desires and have allowed other things to get in the way of our serving You. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we ask You to forgive all our sins and to renew in us a daily commitment to do Your will.**

**Pastor:** Christ is risen, and through His resurrection God gives us new life. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!  
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn of Praise:** This Is the Feast (*Music in hymnal LSB page 155*)

Refrain: (*Song begins with the refrain.*)

**This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.**

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo -ple of God.**  
(*Refrain*)
2. **Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.**  
(*Refrain*)
3. **Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:** (*Stanza 4*)
4. **Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.**  
(*Refrain*)
5. **For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia.** (*Refrain*)

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we do so in view of Your mercy. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have defeated death and opened to us the way to everlasting life. We thank you that His victory over sin, death and hell is shared with us so that we become more than conquerors through Him who loved us. In view of Your mercy, help us by Your Spirit to live as newborn children of God. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### The Easter Story In Word And Song

**First Reading:** Luke 24:1-11 (*The women go to the tomb and find it empty.*)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Pastor: Christ the Lord is risen!  
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn:** LSB 470 "O Sons and Daughters Of The King" vs. 1, 2, & 3

**Second Reading:** John 20:3-10 (*After hearing the report of the women, Peter and John also go to the tomb*)

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

**Pastor:** Christ the Lord is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Hymn:** LSB 469 "Christ the Lord Is risen Today" vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

**Third Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (*A portion of Paul's great chapter on the significance of Christ's resurrection.*)

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Pastor:** Christ the Lord is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Choir Anthem:** "This Blessed Easter Day"

**Sermon:** Luke 24:1-11 "Mercy at the Open Tomb—God's Great Surprise"

**Nicene Creed:**

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers

**Hymn:** LSB 480 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” vs. 1, 2, & 3

### The Communion Liturgy

**Pastor:** The Lord’s Supper is God’s gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ’s body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord’s Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**All:** I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God’s forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. *(Augsburg Confession-Article X)*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying

**Sanctus:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *(Music in hymnal LSB page 161)*

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Lord’s Prayer

**All:** 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.

### Words of Institution

#### Greeting of Peace

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**Agnus Dei:** “Lamb of God” (Music in the hymnal LSB page 163)

**All:** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Communion Distribution

**Distribution Hymns:** LSB 461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”  
LSB 467 “Awake, My Heart With Gladness”

### Post Communion Prayer

**All:** We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. And we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

### Benediction

**Pastor:** Go forth and share the Good News that Christ is risen!

**People:** We will tell them that He has triumphed over death and the grave; that He is alive in our world; and that we can live in hope and peace each day.

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn:** “Because He Lives”

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus, He came to love heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

*(Chorus) Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain day because He lives.**

*(Chorus)*

**And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.**

*(Chorus)*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of April 17, 2022**

**Church**  
**News**

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**PRAY FOR:** Stan & Sharon Crandall – family of the week  
Zion, Prairie City, MO - Rev. Joel Meyer

**Prayers of Peace and comfort for the family of Bob Springer on his passing.**

**Complete Prayer List**

Emily Pulikal– (Joanne Michel’s niece – peace and comfort for at-risk pregnancy)  
Betty Marsh – (Health and healing from a broken hip)  
Kay Johnson – (Health and healing from a blood clot)  
Judy Lehde – (Health and healing from knee surgery)  
Peggy Lilienkamp – (health and healing after gall bladder surgery)  
Finley Wilson – (Troy Wilson’s son – health and healing from ear issues)  
Erica Wilson – (Troy Wilson’s ex-wife – health and healing)  
Ryan Young – (Kathy Holle’s nephew – protection on his military deployment)  
Rick Thomas – (Health and healing from cancer & Covid)  
Mahlon Stine – (Joe Lynn’s grandson - health and healing)  
Larry Willis – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Stacy Maples – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Margaret Seburn - (Cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)  
Gary Gardner– (Health and healing from surgery)  
Bill Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)  
Joan Wolf – (Health and healing)  
Michael Lampe – (Pastor’s son – health and healing)  
Eric Folsom – (Healing and finding purpose)  
Randy Wallace – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)  
Rick Strong – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)  
Diana Bauer – (Daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)  
Mary Ramm – (Relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)  
Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)  
Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)  
Chris Woodard– (Friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
Ronnie Garoutte - (Father-in-law of Amy Garoutte - health and healing)  
Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)  
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)  
Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)  
Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)



**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Breakfast – 8:30 am Service with communion – 10:00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in the Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in the Office Elders Meeting – 9:00 am Council Meeting – 10:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Pizza – 6:00 pm Game Night</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am</b>

Fellowship – 9:30 am  
Service with Pastor Troyke – 10:00 am

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**Birthdays: Joanne Michel - Apr. 24**  
**Anniversaries: None**

**Free Will Offering - “Food for the Poor”:** Thank you for your donations of \$86.00. Pastor uses this money for those in immediate need.

**Ukraine:** There is an announcement on the bulletin board of ways to help Ukraine through the LCMS. *Trinity Church in Freistatt is sponsoring a fundraiser for Ukrainian Relief. The bulletin board has a poster detailing the event.*

**Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: April – “Shower Us With Supplies”**

New school supplies such as pencils, pens, binders, expo markers, sticky notes, glue sticks, markers, crayons, highlighters, backpacks and folders.  
Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information.



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**April**

**GREETERS**

**04/17: Bill & Joanne Michel**  
04/24: Bob & Rachel Sanford

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**04/17: Dennis Doss**  
04/24: Charlie Chambers

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**Grace Lutheran T-shirt (let Pam have your order)**

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