



March 31, 2024 - Festival of Easter

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 though our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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

Confession of Sins

Pastor: We cannot enter God’s presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore give voice to those sins, confessing our faults and failures to one another and to God Himself.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! God has not merely overlooked our faults; He has not missed our failures; and He knows the frailty of the human condition. Rather, He became one of us as Jesus, who died to pay for every sin of ours and our sinfulness itself. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are forgiven indeed! In the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore 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.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

People: **Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Easter Story In Word And Song

First Reading: Mark 16:1-8 (*The women go to the tomb and find it empty.*)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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 (*Peter and John also go to the tomb.*)

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

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

Hymn: LSB 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen" vs. 1, 2, & 3

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

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

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

Choir Anthem: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Sermon: John 20:1-10 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

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 488 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

Offerings

COMMUNION CONFESSION (1 Cor. 10:17, Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 11-23-32)

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:

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*)

The Communion Liturgy

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 indeed good, right, and salutary that we should in every time and place thank and praise You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But today we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He took our sins to the cross and yet arose, destroying death in the process and opening eternal life to us. 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 that we have a living Savior who transforms our fears and will one day cast out all fear forever. 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.

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 March 31, 2024

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Family for the Week: Larry Wright Family & Homebound Families
Grace, Lamar - Rev. Galen Friedrichs

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanks:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Bill Thompson – (Health and healing)

Josie Blankenship – (Great-granddaughter of Bill & Cathy Munden – health and healing)

Dean & Jo Hadley – (Health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Mrs. Chris Atkins - (friend of Pam Bowling - health and healing from cancer)

Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)

Sandra Whalen – (health and healing from back surgery)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow - health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)
Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)
Janet Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing from surgery)
Norma Kaiser – (friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)
Alice Troyke – (health and healing from a fall)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken hip)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
Linda Kennell – (Pastor Kennell's mother – health and healing)
Bob & Bev Hess – (health and healing from a fall)
Kathy Brown – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health and healing)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing from cancer)
Jeff Flatten – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
Danata Hopkins – (continued health and healing)
Pete Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Ellie Armstrong – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law 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)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	March 31st	8:30 am – Easter Breakfast 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	April 1st	Braille in Freistatt - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm LWML in Freistatt - 1:30 pm
Wednesday	April 3rd	Pastor in Office Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Thursday	April 4th	Pastor in Office

Sunday

April 7th

9:00 am - Happy Half Hour

9:30 am - Fellowship

10:00 am – Service

Birthdays: Don Wolf-Mar. 29; Jodi Wright-Apr. 1; Vonnie Suelter-Apr.2; Betty Gordon-Apr. 3; Garrett Dean-Apr.4; Cathy Munden-Apr. 7

Anniversaries: Michael & Amy Garoutte-Apr. 5

LWML will meet on April 1 at 1:30 pm in the chapel at Freistatt. Karen Kleiboeker has the worship and the program. Please join us. All are welcome.

Portals of Prayer for April - June are now available. If you need a large print version, please see Pastor.



Grace will be doing a Shine project as last year in helping out at Camp Barnabas. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please consider signing up to help out. Our work day is April 20th.

New Church Directory: Grace will be doing a new Church Directory. We would like to have pictures of new members and any current members wishing a new picture. Contact Charlie Chambers to get new photos.

Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in hope, peace, trust and perseverance. The services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live out our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

Mar. 31 John 2:1-18 "Guided to New Life"

March

GREETERS:

03/31: Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS:

03/31: Bill Michel

April

GREETERS:

04/07: Gladys Bauer & Cheryl Lile
04/14: Emily Ernest & Edee Chambers
04/21: Bill & Diane Thompson
04/28: Bill & Joanne Michel

USHERS:

04/07: Don Wolf
04/14: Charlie Chambers
04/21: Bill Michel
04/28 David Lampe

Grace is Collecting Supplies for Trinity School in Freistatt through the month of April.

- (1) Zip Lock baggies - any size
- (2) Colored markers
- (3) Dry Erase board markers for white boards
- (4) Post-It notes – 4x6 or 3x5 size with lines

There is a collection box in the entry way of the church. If you have any questions, please see Linda Myers.

Spring Cleaning:

If you have any extra cloth material and wish to donate it for making quilts and blankets to be given away, please let Don Wolf know.

Aurora City Wide Garage Sale: Save the date – June 1 - on Grace's lot. Spaces are available to anyone who wants to sell. Grace is also having a booth and anyone wanting to contribute articles should see Pam Bowling. Items are being accepted now through May.