

**Prelude**

Variations on the Hymns of Easter

**Easter Greeting** (*please join in repeating three times*)

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

**Welcome**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

O Lord God, you are great and wonderful!

**And great is your Son, Jesus the Christ, whom you sent to redeem the world from fear and hate, sin and death.**

Putting on our flesh, Christ lived among us full of grace and truth.

**Christ became like us so that we might become like him.**

To those who believe in him, Jesus gives new and abundant life.

**Even though we die, we shall live in Christ Jesus.**

The powers of evil have done their worst. Christ lay bound in death and hell.

**But God raised him from the grave, the first fruits of those who have died.**

With joy and thanksgiving we cry aloud, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

(loudly) Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

**Opening Hymn**      "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

#365

**Confession & Forgiveness**In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup>Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup>Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**Amen.****Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. 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.

**Special Music**

7:00 a.m.

"God of Grace and God of Glory" Arr. by Jason King

Handbell Choir  
Directed by: Bev Splinter

8:30 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m. "God so Loved the World" John Stainer

Praise & Rejoice Choir  
Directed by: Tera McDonnell**Children's Message****Hymn**

"Hallelujah Jesus Lives"

#380 vs. 1 &amp; 5

**First Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.****Psalm**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.****Gospel Reading**

Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.****Sermon**

"Guess Who is Back"

Pastor Dan Overbo

**Hymn**

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

#619 vs. 1, 2, 7 &amp; 8

**Apostles' Creed**

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.

## The Prayers of the Church

### Hospitalized/Ill:

Tori Simon, Nicole Rislov, Teagan Benda, Cathy Stavig, Sharon Bevers,  
Terry Kallenberger, De Ann Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel  
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,

### Deaths:

Claire Konold, Marilyn Arneson, Eleanor Wiesner

## Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew  
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:  
ELCA World Hunger

Offertory Response      "Thine is the Glory"      #376 vs. 1 & 2

## Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## Communion

The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

## Announcements

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.  
Amen.

Sending Hymn      "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"      #367 vs. 1 & 4

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude      "Hallelujah" Chorus (Handel)



A prayer for you:

Gracious God, we come before You, hearts filled with gratitude. We thank You for the blessing of our selfless volunteers, who offer their time and talents to serve those around them. Let joy, peace, and satisfaction be upon the good work that they do. Provide them with strength and inspire them as they seek to impact not just our community but the whole of society. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve this Easter Sunday.  
You are appreciated beyond measure.



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | Watertown, SD  
Resurrection of Our Lord | Sunday, March 31, 2024



# Easter Plants

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

- Craig, Jessica, Addison & Avery Kruse
- John & Lorna Stonebarger
- Todd & Amber Hansen & Family

## IN HONOR OF:

- *Jim Silliman* by Jim's Family
- *Our Grandchildren- Tori, Addy, Maverick, Wren, Rhett, Nora & Violet* by Bill & LouAnn Clark
- *Amy Pedersen, Our Children & Grandchildren* by Roger & Karla Stimson
- *Howard & Irene Nielsen, Allan Nielsen, Bazil Anderson & Jim Nielsen* by Michael, Cheryl, Alec, Natalie, Samantha & Abby Anderson
- *Leland & Marie Swinger & Clarence & Irene Drake* by Burdette & Janet Drake
- *Our Loved Ones* by Doctors Ed & Cathy Gerrish

## IN MEMORY OF:

- *Joe Moeller* by Karen & Family
- *Harold & Clarice Jorgenson* by Steve & Joan Jorgenson
- *Loretta Bopp* by Steve & Joan Jorgenson
- *Alvin & Doreen Johnson* by Denise Schmahl, Betsy, Alissa, Todd, Thomas & Families
- *Corky & Virginia Moehring* by Their Children
- *Don & Joyce Olson & Art & Margaret Gustafson* by Matt & Wendy Olson & Family
- *Uncle Stan* by Chase & Jessica Peterson
- *Kevin Pierce* by Chase & Jessica Peterson
- *Mark & Norbert Geffre & Bob Faehn* by Kathy Geffre
- *Joel Lamb & Chad Lamb* by Bradyn Lamb, The Lamb Family & Dale & Janet Even
- *Our Parents, Arlee Johnson, Forrest & Mildred Stimson* by Roger & Karla Stimson
- *Bill & Judie Sheehan* by Randy & Chris Owen
- *John & Beverly Owen* by Randy & Chris Owen
- *Our Parents (Nelsons & Riddles)* by Marian & Rich Riddle
- *Joan Hopper, Russ DeVine, Terry DeVine & Lisa Albers* by Monte & Michele Hopper
- *Leonard & Lavonne Splinter* by Steve, Bev & Amy Splinter
- *Donald Gugel* by Annette Gugel, Kids & Grandkids
- *Kenneth Ackley* by Verla Ackley
- *Our Grandparents and Morgan's Great Grandparents* by Mike, Melissa & Morgan Passow
- *Blake Kruger* by Kruger Family
- *Allen Andersh & Arden Stave* by Burt & Barb Andersh

# Easter Plants

## IN MEMORY OF:

- *Mary Hatlestad, Bob Morris* by Sam & Tom Hatlestad, Ian, Susan & Elliot Morris
- *Loren TeKrony (Lisa's Dad) & Cleo Olerud (Rory's Dad)* by Rory & Lisa Olerud
- *Don & Dorothy Crouse* by Donlynn Rice
- *Samuel John Horstmeyer* by Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer
- *Zacary Sasse, Harlan & Ramona Krause* by Marlys & Joe Tesch
- *My Sister Karen* by Deanna Ericsson
- *Harold Schroeder and Rodney Schroeder* by Rich, Melanie and Dillon Schroeder
- *Our Parents: Grover & Joyce Peterson & Lester & Helen Johnson* by Ron & Candace Johnson & Family
- *Norman & Marlys Birkeland & Clifford & Thelma Lindstrom* by Allen & Jan Birkeland
- *Kathy Terwilliger* by Kerry, Alan, Abby, Kate & Maddie Stager
- *Bestemor* by McAreavey Family
- *Jamie Isaacson* by Caryn, Jennifer, Brian, Stacey, Aaron & all the Grandkids
- *Gene & Jean Lundy & Michael Lundy* by Dave & Tammy Neale
- *Donna Neale* by Dave & Tammy Neale
- *Donna Anderson* by Jenni, Ryan, Lydia & Lainey Nuttall
- *Dawn Burns* by Jenni, Ryan, Lydia & Lainey Nuttall
- *Larry Rohde (late husband) & Andy Brink (brother)* by Tammy Rohde
- *Frank Andrews* by Eric, Patti, Kade & Cooper Johnson