

Prelude “This Joyful Eastertide” J. Behnke

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

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

Special Music “An Easter Chant” G. Young

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by: Kristy Tostenson

Opening Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #367

Confession & Forgiveness

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus has left the tomb empty to empty sin of its power. Just as the stone was rolled away from the tomb on that first Easter morning, O Holy Spirit, roll away the stones from our hearts. Enable us to confess our sins, repent of them and receive Christ’s forgiveness.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

O Lord, we bring before you all of our sins—what we have said and done, what we have failed to say and do.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

O Lord, we bring before you all of our sins—the pride and arrogance, the gossip and slander, the hurtful thoughts and words.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

O Lord, we bring before you all of our sins—the lust and disobedience, the selfishness and rebellion, the greed and gluttony.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.)

Your Redeemer lives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead. Your Redeemer and friend, Christ Jesus, forgives you of all of your sins. Just as the tomb was left empty, Jesus has emptied sin of its power over you, and he has set you free. Know that your Redeemer lives, and know that your Redeemer declares to you: Your sins are forgiven!

What a friend we have in Jesus!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Lord Jesus, what a Redeemer you are! You free us to live a new life as your holy and redeemed people. By the very same power that overcame the grave and left the tomb empty, empower us to live with great hope, joy, celebration and peace. Place in our mouths the great Good News that our Redeemer lives. We pray in your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. “Shout for Joy, Loud and Long” D. Mowgray

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by: Kristy Tostenson

Children’s Message (congregation please sing ‘Jesus Loves Me’ as children gather)

First Reading Job 19:23-27a

Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So 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.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They 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.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon “SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND: Redeemer” Pastor Laura Overbo

Hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” #619 vs. 1, 2, 7 & 8

Apostles’ Creed and Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offering

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Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:*

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Fallout Shelter Ministries

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

Offering Prayer

Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go now, knowing that your Redeemer—Christ Jesus—lives and frees us to live a new life of resurrection peace and power, joy and jubilee. Amen.

Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

#365

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” J. Behnke



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.



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Resurrection of Our Lord | Sunday, April 20, 2025

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Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony

Join us on April 27th, both during and after worship, as we celebrate the generous donation that has allowed us to fully pay off the remainder of our mortgage.

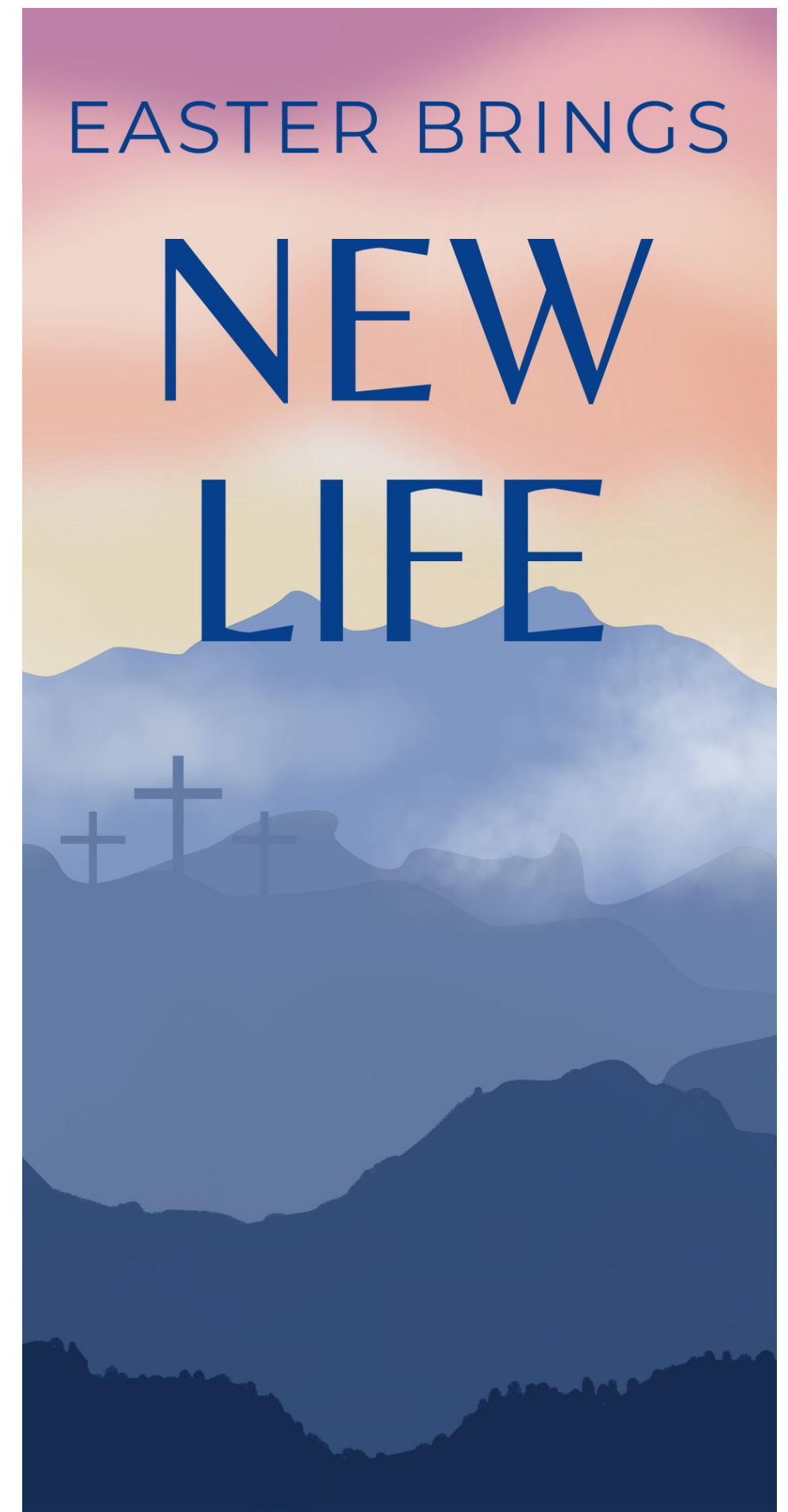
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SCAN ME



Easter Plants

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

- Marv & AJ Sherrill
- *For Our Grandchildren* by Art & Cindy Barse
- Dave & Lynnita Kluckman
- Destry & Kelsey Skjefte

IN HONOR OF:

- *Our 5 Children & 16 Grandchildren* by Roger & Karla Stimson
- *Wyatt James Riddle - Our First Great Grandchild* by Marian & Rich Riddle
- *Our Grandparents and Morgan's Great Grandparents* by Mike, Melissa, & Morgan Passow
- *Our Parents* by Randy & Chris Owen
- *Our Grandkids- Addy, Maverick, Rhett, Nora, Wren, & Violet* by Bill & LouAnn Clark
- *Our Families* by The McAreaveys
- *Our Children & Grandchildren* by John & Lorna Stonebarger

IN MEMORY OF:

- *Harold, Mavis & Rodney Schroeder & Ed Chapin* by Rich, Melanie, & Dillon Schroeder
- *Howard & Irene Nielsen, Brazil Anderson, Allan Nielsen* by Michael, Cheryl, Alec, Natalie, Samantha, & Abby Anderson
- *Our Parents* by Robert & Dawn Johnson
- *Our Parents* by Roger & Karla Stimson
- *Carol & Kermit Lien, & Melvin Enstad* by Wendy Lien, Dean & Lori Enstad
- *Windy Johnson & Don & Joyce Olson* by Matt & Wendy Olson
- *Kevin Pierce* by Deb Larson
- *Of Loved Ones* by Lowell & Jeanne Zander
- *Mary Hatlestad, Bob Morris* by Sam & Tom Hatlestad, Ian, Susan & Elliot Morris
- *Wanda Dahl* by Curtis Dahl & Family
- *Donald L. Gugel* by Annette & Children; Connie, Beverly, Elizabeth & Steven
- *Russ & Ev DeVine, Terry DeVine, Tom DeVine, Lisa Albers, & Joan Hopper* by Monte & Michele Hopper
- *Our Grandparents* by Dan, Misty, Drew & Dace Brenden
- *Ken Varilek* by Bryan & Cassandra Varilek Family
- *Jamie Isaacson* by Dylan Schaible, Will & Amelia Harms
- *Jamie Isaacson* by Isaacson Family
- *Georgia & Mike Rukstad and Bob Collins* by Milt & Chris Carter
- *Chloe Larson, J Milton, Alice Carter, & Mike Carter* by Milt & Chris Carter
- *Samuel John Horstmeyer* by Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer

Easter Plants

IN MEMORY OF:

- *Grover & Joyce Peterson, Lester & Helen Johnson* by Ron & Candace Johnson & Family
- *Brothers Todd McGillivray & Tom Foster & Our Grandparents* by Bret, Gwen, Addy, Haydn & Graysn McGillivray
- *Our Parents Leland & Marie Schwinger & Clarence & Irene Drake* by Burdette & Janet Drake
- *Allen Andersh & Arden Stave* by Burt & Barb Andersh
- *Our Loved Ones that have gone before us* by Tim & Chris Chandler
- *Mary Vanpoucke* by Carl & Mary Tesch
- *Chad Lamb & Joel Lamb* by Bradyn Lamb, Dale & Janet Even, & The Lamb Family
- *Leo, Bette & Drake Titze & Duane Mohror* by Grant & Deb Titze
- *Ted Moe* by Paul, Ty, Kate & Ava Luken
- *Corky & Virginia Moehring* by Their Children
- *Frank Andrews* by Eric, Patti, Kade & Cooper Johnson
- *Our Loved Ones* by Patrick & Nancy Jo Popowski
- *Dick & Marlys Christensen* by Al & Karla, Cabbot & Caleb Christensen
- *Bob Munsterman* by Deb Munsterman & Family
- *Merrill & Peggy Hurlbert, Greg Bullis* by Lee & Jane Hurlbert & Family
- *Perry & Shirley Williamson, Ron Williamson, Peg Slobe* by Lee & Jane Hurlbert & Family
- *Glen & Betty Schull, Alvin & Hazel Spanton, Sherry Spanton, Bob Moes, Warren Berg, Bobby Gasper, Jason Morris* by Steve & Patti Schull
- *Leonard & Lavonne Splinter* by Steve, Bev & Amy Splinter
- *Christy Barkley* by Barkley, Bartelt & Zubke Families
- *Wid & Esther Lewis* by Zubke, Barkley & Bartelt Families
- *Blake Kruger* by DeLyle, Wendy, Wyatt & Abby Kruger
- *Don Givens, Roger Givens & Tom Myers* by Ron, Robbyn, Prescott & Darian Givens & Helga Myers
- *Myron & Joyce Gauger* by Robbyn, Ron, Prescott & Darian Givens
- *Kathy Terwilliger* by Kerry, Alan, Abby, Kate & Maddie Stager
- *Mark & Norbert Geffre & Bob Faehn* by Kathy Geffre
- *Zacary Tyler Sasse* by Marlys & Joe Tesch
- *Larry Rohde, Andrew Brink & Eugene "Geno" Brink* by Tammy Rohde
- *Ray Moe & Dave & Joan Orthaus* by Jeff, Paula, Katie, Jake, Jack, Ty, Kelsey, Robin & Dawson