

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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### EASTER GREETING

P: Christ is risen!

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LBW 151

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 hath procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia! Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118)

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: His steadfast love endures for ever!**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C: He has become my salvation.**

P: Listen! There are glad sounds of victory in all the land.

**C: The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!**

P: We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**C: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love endures for ever!**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

All: **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.**

#### READING – I 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.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL: 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.

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

**1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

*Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

**2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain**

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## THE NICENE CREED

**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 PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve (*especially*). Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

P: Easter people, come now to the table with Christ!

**C: For he is risen! He lives, and presides at this Feast!**

P: Come, eat together the Bread of Life!

**C: For he is risen, and nothing separates us from God's love!**

P: Come, drink together from the cup of Gladness!

**C: For Christ is risen! Risen as he said! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him. He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate, He offered Divine Life to all people suffering under worldly forces of death.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people. It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God that we gather this morning to receive the body and blood of our resurrected Christ.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**All: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LBW 143, vv 1-2

**1. Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abound, Christ hath triumphed, He is living! Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here, Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2. Eternal is the gift He brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings, Christ hath triumphed, He is living! Now still He comes to give us life, and by His presence stills all strife Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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SENDING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here in person, in the parking lot and on-line!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Sharon Vrtiska, Tanner Schmidt, our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Wyatt Schultz (April 4), Sarah Garrels (April 8), Erin Lenner, Austin Nouzovsky, Swan Swanson (April 9), Glenda Knoche (April 10).

**WELCA WILL MEET** this Wednesday, April 7, at 9:30 in the morning.

**THANK YOU** to Kierstin, Kenzi, Delanye, Ruthie, Everett, Ashton, Cashton, Taven, Lacey, Derek, Danelle, Norm and Sandy for completing the roadside cleanup last Sunday afternoon. The roadside is much cleaner, with many bags of trash picked up!! They did their part in keeping God's world a little cleaner! Hopefully it is a reminder to all of us to do our part!

**WITH WINTER ALMOST DONE** -- start thinking if you or your kids have outgrown that coat or winter shoes. We are looking for gently used shoes, adults or kids. We will be collecting these items in July, but will start taking them now, so you can keep your closet clean. Just drop off at church.

**HELP NEEDED:** We have quilt blocks downstairs on the table in the Fellowship for people who are willing to sew them together. Also, blankets for hemming. Thank you for your ministry!

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our first goal of \$150,000 and received the first check for \$1000, so now we are starting over again! You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out - first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

**PLEASE DONATE TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY:** American Lutheran Church gathers food donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. The Food Pantry serves all of Gage County. If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall at any time. Special items needed at this time are Peanut butter, Jelly, Pasta, Rice, Canned -- soup, fruit, vegetables, fish, and beans. NO glass jars, please. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

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**EASTER LILIES:** Our thanks to the following people for sharing the joy and beauty of Easter Lilies with us this morning:

- ✠ Grace Lenners family in memory of our loving Mother and Grandmother
- ✠ Garold & Denise Blaker in memory of Francis, Evelyn & Rod Blaker, Ed & Minnie Williams, Grace, Mona, Ranken, Elizabeth, Nancy & Curt Lenners, Ann Hill, Kevin Alexander and Glen Schwab
- ✠ Randy & DeeAnn Schmidt & family in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Jim & Carol Frerichs in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Delores Huls in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Norm & Sandy Flesner in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Linda Searcey in memory of all loved ones
- ✠ Ervin & Jolene Huls in memory of family and all our loved ones
- ✠ Norm & Karen Mortensen in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Dave & Betty Norton in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Virgil & Pat Jobman in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Duane Lenners & family in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Robert & Arlys Jurgens in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Dennis & Danelle Lenners in memory of Mona and all our loved ones
- ✠ Lenhart & Helen Fritzen in memory of John & Dora Leners and Lammert & Bertha Fritzen
- ✠ Brad & Susan Frerichs & family in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Women of the Church (two)
- ✠ Gene & Velda Lenners in memory of Curt Lenners and all our loved ones
- ✠ Renee Vogel in memory of Patricia Vrtiska, Anthony and all loved ones
- ✠ Tony Vrtiska in memory of Mom & Dad
- ✠ Henry & Ann Lenners in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Ross & Lodene Kaufman & family in memory of all we hold dear
- ✠ Steve & Glenda Knoche, Kyle & Spencer in memory of our Moms and Dads and all we love
- ✠ Jeanie Garrels in memory of Billey, Jenny and Caroline Garrels
- ✠ Ron & Betty Leners in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Ray & Lee Lenners in memory of all our loved ones
- ✠ Bryan, Jackie & Courtney Hill in memory of Don, Ann & Gary Hill and all our loved ones

**WORSHIP HELPERS:**

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