

**Sunday, March 27, 2016 Easter Day**  
**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-COMMUNION**

**INTRODUCTION**

*“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**                   **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**                   **# 365 ELW**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus’ resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and † frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**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.**

**PRAISE CHOIR ANTHEM: "Mighty to Save"**

**FIRST READING:**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every 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.

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24**

*Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
*(Ps. 118:24)*

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. R**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. R**

*(This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.)*

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

*(This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.)*

**GOSPEL:**

**John 20: 1-9**

*John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes.

**HYMN:**

**“Thine is the Glory”**

**#376 ELW**

**SERMON:**

**“Sunday's Here”**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**#838 ELW**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

*A brief silence.*

O God of life, pour the life of your Son's resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime, and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Grant to all nations your life of peace. Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. We pray especially for . . . . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Visit the needy with your compassionate life. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. Especially we pray for . . . . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the signs of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death (*especially*). Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #367 ELW**

**Welcome - we're glad you are here with us! Please come again.**

### **Those Serving Today:**

Music: Marlys Beaver

Greeters: Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger

Ushers: 8:30am-Skip & Lynn Hanson 10:00am-Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Lector: 8:30am-Char Berg 10:00am-Joanne Haglund

Hospitality Hosts: Merrily Jones, Loretta Westerlund, Bill & Cheri Johnson

*Thank you for volunteering!*

### **Response to God's Word Last Week:**

Attendance: Palm Sunday 03/20/2016 9:00 am 102

Attendance: Maundy Thursday 03/25/2016 9:00 am 28

Attendance: Good Friday 03/24/2016 9:00 am 34

### **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

**March 28 – April 3, 2016**

Monday	03/28	7:00 pm	AA & Alanon
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
Tuesday	03/29	8-11am	Pastor's Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilter's
Wednesday	03/30	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		7:00 pm	Praise Team

Thursday	03/31	8:00 am R.O.M.E.O.S 12:30 pm Fun Timers
Friday	04/01	10:00 am Bone Builders
Saturday	04/02	1:00-4:00pm Foot Care Clinic 4:00-7:00pm Benefit for Gloria Westerlund
Sunday	04/03	8:30 am Worship 10:00am Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Choir will start practice on Wednesday night, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing with the choir can just come to practice. Everyone is welcome.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. Three Sundays in April are still open.

**FOOT CLINIC** our next Foot Care Clinic will be held Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

**COUNCIL SECRETARY** There is an opening for a Secretary on the Church Council. Main duties are: Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all Council, Annual & Special Congregational meetings. If interested please pick up an application and detailed job description in the office.

**SEMINARIAN SUNDAY** Join WELCA for breakfast on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> after service as a seminary scholarship fund raiser. There will only be one service, at 9:00am, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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Church Secretary: Mary Braun & Mary Kramer

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

***Welcome Visitors! Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex, listing your home address and phone number. If you would like pastoral care, feel free to contact the church using the information noted above. We wish you a blessed day in the Lord!***



## *Easter Lily Dedications*

<b>Marilyn Andrews</b>	<b>Husband &amp; Family</b>
<b>Carol Bakken</b>	<b>Maynard</b>
<b>Theresa &amp; Marvin Berry</b>	<b>Rose Scott</b>
<b>Judie Birk</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Chuck &amp; Elsa Carlson</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Rich &amp; Karen Carron</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Lisa Cierzan</b>	<b>Cierzan Family</b>
<b>Wayne &amp; JoAnne Danielson</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Skip &amp; Lynn Hansen</b>	<b>Our Parents</b>
<b>Merrily Jones</b>	<b>John Jones</b>
<b>Dianne &amp; Del Jones</b>	<b>In Memory of Mother, Helen</b>
<b>Darrell Kelly</b>	<b>Family Members &amp; Friends</b>
<b>Leanne Larson</b>	<b>In Memory of George</b>
<b>Leanne Larson</b>	<b>In Memory of Gertrude</b>
<b>Kathy &amp; George Larson</b>	<b>John Hagelin-Brother</b>
<b>Mike &amp; Sherri Lofgren</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Lois Falk-Len &amp; LaVonne Lofgren</b>
<b>Keith &amp; Dorothy Munding</b>	<b>In Memory of Loved Ones</b>
<b>Don &amp; Donna Myhre</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Karen Raisanen</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
<b>Jenny Schuett</b>	<b>Dennis</b>
<b>Dick &amp; Sue Stebbins</b>	<b>Loved Ones</b>
<b>Mary Swanson</b>	<b>Del</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Mary Vukelich &amp; family</b>	<b>In Memory of Bob &amp; Ron Appleman</b>
<b>Bev Wedig</b>	<b>Al &amp; Jen</b>
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