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April 4, 2021
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
Worship Services

JOYBELLS: "Christ The Lord is Risen Today" *arranged by Douglas Wagner*

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB #457

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end He will stand on this earth.
(*Job 19:25*)

C: He is risen!

P: God set Him free from death and raised Him to life. Death could not hold Him
in its power. (*Acts 2:24*)

C: He is risen!

P: But three days later, God raised Him to life and let Him be seen. (*Acts 10:40*)

C: He is risen!

P: He has set a day when He will judge the world's people with fairness. And He has chosen the Man Jesus to do the judging for Him. God has given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death. (*Acts 17:31*)

C: He is risen!

P: Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you and He will raise you to life by His Spirit. (*Romans 8:11*)

C: He is risen!

P: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Everyone who has faith in Me will live, even if they die. And everyone who lives because of faith in Me will never really die. (*John 11:25-26*)

C: He is risen!

P: "Don't be afraid! I am the First, the Last and the Living One. I died, but now I am alive forevermore and I have the keys to death and the world of the dead." (*Revelation 1:17-18*)

C: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSON OF OUR SINS

P: Risen Lord Jesus, we sing about the victory over sin that You have won for us through Your death and resurrection; but we don't live it very well. We still cave in to sin's attractiveness every day. Sometimes we even indulge in it. Worst of all, we remain reluctant to confess our sins and so receive the forgiveness and cleansing that You have promised.

C: I deny my sins as much as possible, Lord. When I cannot deny them, I try to justify them—to You and to those I've wronged—with outlandish excuses or feeble attempts to make up for them. When none of this works, I plummet into feelings of failure, despair, and worthlessness. Lord Jesus, enable me to realize that my sins are undeniable. They are inexcusable. They are unrepayable. But they are all forgivable. That's what Your resurrection is all about! Enable me to come clean before You—and to believe that by Your love I am forgiven.

A time of silent confession

P: God is gracious and freely forgives all who come to Him in repentance and faith. I announce this precious forgiveness to each of you in the name of the Father and of the risen Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: We thank God for this wonderful gift!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB #461
Vs. 1, 2, 3, 8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

- 1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
- 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.
- 3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.
- 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.
- 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

JOYBELLS: "What Wondrous Love Is This?" *arranged by Steve Danyew*
Jen Rukavina, Flute

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

- 12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
- 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

- 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.
- 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.
- 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
- 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.
- 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.
- 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EASTER VIDEO

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VIDEO

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

- 1 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.
- 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb
- 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"
- 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.
- 5 As 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.
- 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "
- 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE HYMN: He's Risen, He's Risen

**LSB #480
vs. 1-2**

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

MESSAGE: "THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING", PASTOR DOUG WIDGER

MESSAGE SONG: Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1: I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus:

Oh there's nothing better than You, There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than You

Verse 2: I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

CHORUS

Bridge 1:

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

Bridge 2:

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One
God Almighty, Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You, Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life, Forever seated high

I believe in You. I believe You rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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OFFERING

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!... To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! (*Rev. 5:12-13*)

SENDING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB #465

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has 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!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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COMMUNION NOTES

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service.



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OFFERINGS

Month to Date:	Church	Early Ed.
General Rec'd	82,601.00	26,463.67
Ministry Goal	Church	Early Ed.
For March	72,300.00	19,500.00

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Ernie Owens	A-B	Ernie Owens	P-R
Hank Jacobs	C-E	Joe Masterson	S
David Swille	F-H	Keith Mangels	T-Z
Mike Kennedy	I-L	Head Elder:	
Mike Curtis	M-O	Joe Masterson	



Easter lilies are beautifully decorating our sanctuary. (Thank you, Altar Guild.) They have been purchased in honor and in memory of the following:

- ◆ Betty Auth - 2: For world peace
- ◆ The Savant & Patton families - 1: In loving memory of Erna Kirk, an amazing Mother and Grandma. Your love still blesses us.
- ◆ Gary & Susan White - 1: For Jesus
- ◆ Samantha Hosti - 1: In memory of Jim Schmidt's father, Lewis Schmidt
- ◆ Santa George - 2: For loved ones
- ◆ Nat Davies - 8: In memory of Allen Hardy Sanders, Rob Timmons, Glen & Doris Johnson, Randy Glenn Johnson, Rene Brown, Obadiah & Modupeh Davies, Priscilla Davies, Samuel Davies
- ◆ Linda Buck - 1: In honor of family
- ◆ Samantha Hosti - 1: In memory of Natalie Barger
- ◆ Charlotte McCormick - 1: In loving memory of her husband, Don McCormick
- ◆ Norm & Nancy Grieser - 1: To the Glory of God
- ◆ Marilyn Rutledge - 1: In honor of her sons, Keith and John Rutledge.
- ◆ Jim & Jan Runzheimer - 1: In memory of their parents
- ◆ Mike & Dorothy Kennedy - 2: In memory of their parents and brothers
- ◆ Jana Topping - 1: In memory of her father, Frank Topping
- ◆ John & Tracey Rukavina - 1: In honor of loved ones
- ◆ Keith & Lyn Mangels - 1: In memory of Gary Mangels
- ◆ Kay & Roland Savant - 1: In Thanksgiving to God for our Grace Church family and all the extra duties many of you have been doing to keep our church families safe and the home bound cared for! You are loved and appreciated.
- ◆ Marty and Lucy Schlotte - 1: In memory of their daughter, Jill
- ◆ Eric & Bette Rathjen - 1: In memory of Bette's parents, Virgil & Violetta Anderson
- ◆ Mike & Shawn Curtis - 1: In memory of their grandparents
- ◆ Samantha Hosti - 1: In memory of her husband, Dick Hosti
- ◆ Charlotte McCormick - 1: In loving memory of her daughter, Laura June
- ◆ Marilyn Rutledge - 1: In honor of Dale Strain
- ◆ Barbara Koehn - 1: In memory of her husband, Phil
- ◆ Nancy McCormick - 1: In memory of her mother, Norma Watkins.
- ◆ Joe & Phyliss Sparks - 1: In memory of their parents
- ◆ Richard & Paula Crossman - 1: In memory of Ann, Bill, Charlotte, Garland, Joan and Marion
- ◆ Jessica Nieves - 2: In memory and in honor of loved ones
- ◆ Don & Sharon Alloy - 1: In honor of Courtney Kay Campbell
- ◆ Mike & Shawn Curtis - 1: In honor of their children and grandchildren
- ◆ Eric & Bette Rathjen - 1: In memory of Eric's father, Fred Rathjen
- ◆ Darlene Topping - 1: In memory of her husband, Frank Topping
- ◆ The Woolstons - 1: In memory of Lisa's mom, Ruth
- ◆ Lou Ann Kersten - 1: In memory of her husband, Jim
- ◆ Gary & Susan White - 1: For all those who have gone before
- ◆ Linda Buck - 1: To the Glory of God
- ◆ Ruth Brown - 1: In memory of her husband, Harvey, and daughter, Elise
- ◆ Samantha Hosti - 1: In memory of Stephanie Schmidt's father, Stephen Hibbard
- ◆ Tommy & Delores Smith - 1: In memory of their parents
- ◆ Kathy Lauer - 2: In memory of loved ones
- ◆ Nancy & the Turnbough family - 1: In loving memory of Delores Turnbough
- ◆ John & Tracey Rukavina - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ◆ Roland & Kay Savant - 1: In love and appreciation to Cyndy Otto for all the care & support she has provided to sooo many Grace members through her many years of service for our church. God Bless You!
- ◆ Janice Dehoney - 1: In loving memory of Mildred Anderson