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Easter Sunday

Worship Opportunities:

Thursday 7:00 PM. Sunday 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM

WELCOME!!! TO ALL OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS, WE EXTEND A WARM AND SINCERE WELCOME. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING AS WE CONSIDER HOW GOD'S LOVE WORKS...AND HAS WORKED FOR OUR SALVATION.

Death is Defeated

HYMN: CW 157

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

As the hymn is introduced an alleluia banner is brought forward.

During Lent the alleluias were set aside, but now that Christ is risen, they return.

Je-sus Christ is risen to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!

Our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, Al-le-lu-ia!

Who did once up-on the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!

Suf-fer to re-deem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!

Un-to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al-le-lu-ia!

Who en-dured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sin-ners to re-deem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!

**But the pains which he en-dured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our sal-va-tion have pro-cured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now a-bove the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ev-er sing, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Sing we to our God a-bove, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise e-ter-nal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!**

EASTER GREETING

M: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

M: We celebrate this festival day in the name of our God—the glorious Father, the resurrected and victorious Son and the powerful Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

M: Within us new life is awakened. God has given new hope to a dying world. Christ is risen!

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

THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNT ON EASTER MORNING

(A harmony of the Gospel accounts from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)

Very early on the first day of the week, there was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone, which was very large, and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna and other women were on their way to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with spices, and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. They entered the tomb, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. So Mary Magdalene came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "they have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

While the other women were still at the tomb and wondering what had happened, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. At first they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Meanwhile, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head.

The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to tell the disciples the news. As the other women were still on their way back from the tomb, suddenly Jesus met them also. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

M: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

CHIME TONES CHOIR: "A Joyful Song" (9 AM service only)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: **Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

M: The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: **When I was in great need, he saved me.**

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;

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

M: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

C: **The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

After a brief introduction the congregation sings...(CW 341)

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of Life who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 12:1-6 In that day you will say: "I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

PSALM 118 (CW 108)

**The LORD is my strength and my song^{*}
He has become my salvation.**

**The LORD's right hand is lifted high;^{*}
The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

**I will not die but live,^{*}
And will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

Refrain:

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;^{*}
You have become my salvation.**

**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;^{*}
The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day the Lord has made;^{*}
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son;^{*}
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,^{*}
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN: CW 152 (verses 1-2) “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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.

SERMON II Timothy 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen!

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.
This is my gospel.

HYMN: CW 152 (verses 3-4) “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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 to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: **Christ is risen!**

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: **Alleluia!**

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

M: O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

HYMN: CWS 752 In Christ Alone (cf. insert)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Calvary Creed*

I believe that almost two thousand years ago, there lived a man such as the world had never seen before and has never seen since. He was God the Son who became a human being, at times not making full use of his divine power, and at times shaking off his human limitations, but always obeying God's law perfectly.

I believe that he was put through a mockery of a trial, unjustly sentenced, and quickly put to death in order to get him out of the way.

I believe that he died on a cross, and his body was laid in a borrowed tomb, which was sealed and guarded.

I believe that on the morning of the third day after his death, his friends came, intending to take care of his lifeless body, but instead found an empty tomb, because he had risen from the grave.

I believe that he showed himself alive to his followers on a number of occasions, convincing them all, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he was alive.

I believe that his death paid the price for my sins and the world's sins, and that his resurrection has opened the door of eternal life to me and all who believe in him.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior, that he is living and ruling forever, and that because of his life, death and resurrection, I, too, shall rise from the grace and live forever with him! Amen.

DEPART IN PEACE

M: We are once again renewed by the message of the resurrection. Our living and victorious Savior Jesus is our strength as we live in this sinful world and will one day take us to our heavenly home. Christ is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

M: Jesus has completed his mission—he has forgiven the sins of the world. We rejoice that through faith that forgiveness is ours. Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear:

**C: We dedicate ourselves...
to GROW in our faith in Jesus as our Savior,
to GO with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world,
and to GLORIFY God in this world and into eternity.**

THE BLESSING

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may He preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "AMEN!"

C: AMEN!

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN: CW 152 (verses 5-8) I Know That My Redeemer Lives

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to take me safely there.

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!"

NEWS N NOTES

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for after the service in the back of church. Please sign our guest register and please join us again soon!

Thank You, Linda Tesch, for taking time and making the wonderful effort of serving as our organist this morning. And thank you to the Chime Choir for playing "A Joyful Song"! Well done, good & faithful servants!

OPEN FORUM/VOTERS: April 28th has been chosen as our day to gather as a congregation-to carry out God's business. We will first meet between services starting at 9:15A.M. for an "Open Forum Meeting". We encourage everyone to join us as we seek input from every member regarding plans from the Building and Grounds Committee (in charge of utilizing present space and considering future needs for facility expansion etc.) and our Outreach Committee (in charge of the new sign). After second service and a light lunch, we will ask our men in the congregation to step forward as Christ-like leaders, to take in the reports and to act on the recommendations of the Church Council and our various boards. The Voters' Meeting starts at 11:45A.M. Keep an eye out for reports (via email blasts etc.) for you to read ahead of time-to prepare you to discuss and act on behalf of our congregation! If you're not on the mass email list please talk to Rod Wasserman to be included!

On April 28 at 9:30, the elders will be conducting the examination of confirmands during the Bible Study hour.

Calling all mowing teams: we still need a few good volunteers for our mowing list. Please pick a partner and sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more information, please contact Scott Raasch at (402)730-4738

A new cleaning list will be drawn up in the next couple of weeks. If you aren't cleaning, but are willing to serve, please sign up in the narthex.

May 5 is Confirmation Sunday at Mount Olive. What a wonderful day in the lives of those young adults. We are getting an adult choir together for the service. A practice is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, at 9 a.m. You are welcome to join us. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service	Late Service
Altar Care: Beth Ferrell, Christine Smith	Shawna Fox, and Tiffany Beiermann
Ushering: J&W Costin, T Monroe, CJ Kemnitz	L & R Wasserman, C & J Hansen
Cleaning God's House This week: Downstairs-Houfek, Upstairs-Mattox, Narthex-Landis	
In God's House 4/10 & 14 70+162 Total: 232 Total Offerings:\$4,712.00 (\$4,557.69 needed to meet budget)	

Our Week in the Lord (Lord Willing)

TODAY- 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 7:15 AM Easter rolls, doughnuts, fruit, coffee
9 AM Easter Celebration Worship 10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt and Balloon Release

MONDAY-7P.M. Monday Night Church at St. Mark

TUESDAY-9-10AM Women's Prayer Group @ Mt. Olive
6:30P.M. Building/Grounds Use/Expansion Committee Meets

WEDNESDAY-3 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study (70th and Van Dorn)
4:30-6 PM Catechism

THURSDAY- 7PM Evening worship at Mt. Olive, a preview of the Sunday service

APRIL 28- 8AM and 10:30 AM Communion Worship

9AM Adult choir practice for Confirmation Sunday 9:30AM examination of confirmands
9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School, Open Forum Meeting, 9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)
11:45 Voters' meeting
6:30PM Men's Fellowship Book Study