

Sunday, March 27, 2016
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday

Keith Lankford, Pastor

Diane Hermanson, Organist

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Hanna Ranstad, Reader 10:00 AM

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!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on
the Usher Stands.

DRESSING OF THE ALTAR 7:00 AM SERVICE

GATHERING HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ELW 365

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose
mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and mercy,

you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

**Yet we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of
sin. We are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive
us our 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.**

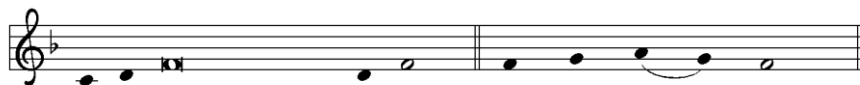
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare
to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GREETING

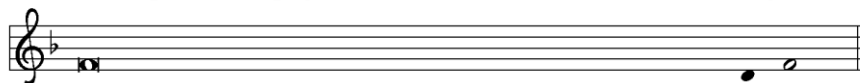
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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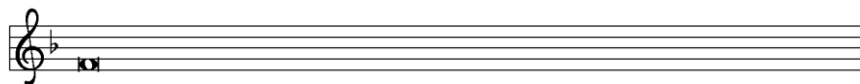
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



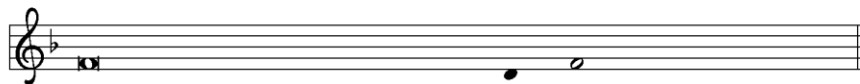
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



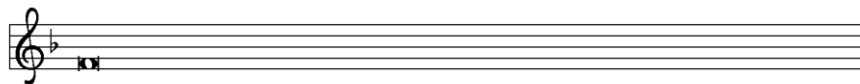
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



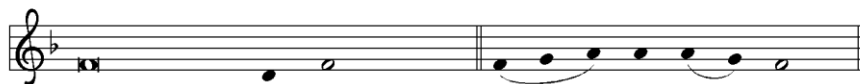
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



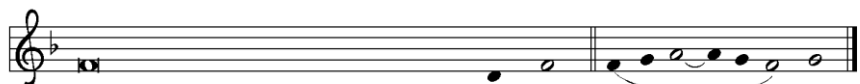
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE


Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God,

**our heavenly Father, you raised up your Son, Jesus Christ,
overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.**

**Continue to fill our minds with good desires, that by your
continual help we may bring the same to fruition; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶ **the right hand of the LORD exalts,**
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD'S doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For

he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON
GOSPEL VERSE**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the

Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED ELW p.126

**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, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEAL

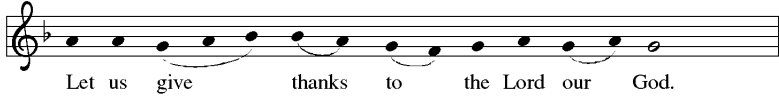
OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *All baptized Christians, who believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cup your hands to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available upon request. If not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms in an "X" before the pastor. Children may also be brought forward for a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Thine is the Glory*

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DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 27th **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Breakfast

11:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, Weds., Friday

9:00 AM Exercise

Tuesday, March 29th

9:30 Bible Study

Wednesday, March 30th

Pastor will be out of the Office

Next Sunday, April 3rd

9:00 AM Education

10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 AM Fellowship

Mike Wardlow will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on April 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at St. Edward Catholic Church in Henning. Please stop by for cake and coffee to help him celebrate his special day!