



March 31, 2024- Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday  
Pastor Erik Rundquist

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love  
with each other and our community”

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God’s unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world.

Alleluia!

**Prelude**

**Joanne Richards**

**Welcome**

**Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

**Red Worship Book 367**

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**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Special Music**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**Bell Choir**

**First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43****7:30 am-Donna Wachsmuth****9:30 am- Linda Libra**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24****7:30 am-Donna Wachsmuth****9:30 am- Linda Libra**

**L:** Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

**C:** Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

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

**C:** Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

**L:** The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

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

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

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

**L:** “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

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

**L:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11****7:30 am-Donna Wachsmuth****9:30 am- Linda Libra**

<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.

**Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia.....”

**Red Worship Book pg. 142**

**C:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

**Red Worship Book pg. 143**

**Gospel: Mark 16:1-8****Pastor Erik Rundquist**

<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.

## **P: The Gospel of Our Lord**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

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**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Erik Rundquist**

**Sermon**

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**Hymn**

**“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”**

**Red Worship Book 364**

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

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**Offering/Song “Come to the Table” (sing 2x)**

**Red Worship Book 481**

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

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## **Offering Prayer**

L: O God, you unconditionally share your only son with all who believe in your name. On this holy day, receive our offerings as an affirmation of our commitment to be your faithful disciples. Strengthen our ability to be stewards of your created world and faithful messengers of love to your children. We pray in the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen.

## **Passing of Peace**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly’s song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Red Worship Book pg. 144**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Red Worship Book pg. 145**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Red Worship Book pg. 145**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Lamb of God**

**Red Worship Book pg.146**

**Communion Hymn "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"**

**Red Worship Book 366**

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

**Communion Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"**

**Red Worship Book 619**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" (vs. 1 & 2)**

**Red Worship Book 382**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*the worship is ended ... let the service begin...*



**\*\*The Noisy offering for the month of March is the Food Shelf,  
there will be a bowl as you exit the church.\*\***



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Craig Moline (son of Sharol Huggett), David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, Judy Smith, and Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeney).

**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect:**

**Policemen and women and military.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.**

## Announcements/Calendar

**Sun.** 7:30 am Easter Worship/HC/Bells; 8:30 am Easter Breakfast-Youth; 9:30 am Easter Worship/HC/Bells.

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 11:15 am Evangelism/Stewardship Board meeting; 5-6 pm Community Meal.

**Wed:** Pool/Gym Night -FiA, Confirmation and Youth Group meet at 5 pm- dinner-walk to school- pick up youth at 6:25pm at school.; 6:30 pm Worship Service/HC

**Thurs.** 7 am Men's Coffee and 7:30 am Men's Text Study.

**Sat.** 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship Service/HC; Taste of New Orleans Youth Mission Trip meal after Worship 10:30-12:30 pm.



Please join us for Easter breakfast between the Worship services.  
It starts at 8:30 am and runs until 9:20 am.  
Free Will Offering-Youth

Community Meal Tuesday, April 2 from 5-6 pm.

(Meal prepared and served by A. Johnson family.)



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

### **TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>  
10:30-12:30

**JAMBALAYA, GUMBO, CHICORY COFFEE**

Prize Giveaways and FUN Entertainment  
Kings cake and café Du Monde  
Beignets for Dessert



Confirmation  
Information  
Meeting



7 pm Confirmation meeting  
Parents and Youth  
after Worship on April 10th



*Easter Plants that grace our  
sanctuary, this Easter morning.*

***In loving memory of Nino and Alice Anderson***

*Their children and grandchildren.*

***In loving memory of Luella Willert, Shannon Jensen, Paul and LaVonne  
Jensen.***

*Ron and Lana Jensen*

***In loving memory of Kenzie, Harold and Grandparents.***

***In loving honor of our family.***

*Tim, Mindy, TJ, Trevor, Brady, Kenna and Lainey Johnson.*

***In loving memory of Kiya, Kenneth, Kevin, Krista and Doug.***

*Karen Johnson*

***In loving memory of our family.***

*Dave and kay Kadous*

***In loving memory of Harry Nelson and In loving honor of My Family.***

*Ellie Nelson.*

***In loving memory of loved ones and In honor of our sons and their  
families.***

*Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth.*

***In loving memory of Ron and Judy Oredson and Frank and Becky  
Turner.***

*Steve and Shelly Thurner.*

***In loving memory of my parents, Irvin and Elora Pearson.***

*Joanne Richards*

***In loving memory of John and loved ones and in loving honor of our sons  
and their families.***

*Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth*