



Easter Sunrise
April 1st, 2018
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
Huron, South Dakota
6:30 AM



The Tomb Is Empty A Sunrise Wonder

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We are born spiritually blind because of sin. Though Peter and Paul had both seen the Lord, they did not have the sight to recognize Him until a miracle of faith occurred. For Paul, scales needed to be removed before he could see Jesus as his Savior. For Peter, Jesus had to be identified before he recognized Him. We pray today the Holy Spirit would open, our eyes that we might recognize the truth of the Gospel and see Jesus—our Lord and Savior.

Hymns for this morning are: LSB 469, 466, 464, 468, 482

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today" LSB 469
Please Stand at the Last Verse

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION

Pastor: The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth (*Romans 1:18*).

People: We are without excuse; for although we knew God we did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but we became futile in our thinking and our senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, we became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for lesser images (*Romans 1:20b-23*). In our blindness we often think ourselves God, value earthly possessions above the Provider, and choose to please our senses rather than pursuing the things that last.

Pastor: While we were still POWERLESS at the right time Christ died for the ungodly (*Romans 5:6*).

People: God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (*Romans 5:8*).

Pastor: Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life (*Romans 5:9-10*).

People: Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation (*Romans 5:11*).

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Please Be Seated

HYMN "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466

Please Stand

THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Gracious Father, open our eyes that we may see Jesus more fully. Remove the scales of doubt and unbelief from our eyes so we might view the world anew in the firm conviction Jesus bodily resurrection, and that, empowered by Your Word, we might help others receive Jesus as their Savior. Through Jesus Christ Your Son we pray, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please Be Seated



WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-20

(Jesus appeared to Saul on the road. For a time Saul was physically blinded to show him his spiritual blindness.)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain

your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

HYMN "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" LSB 464 st 1-3

SECOND LESSON Revelation 5:11-14

(The apostle John, in a vision, sees a multitude of angels praising God.)

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

HYMN "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" LSB 464 st 4-5

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

(While fishing, Peter and John see the resurrected Jesus on the shore. Peter did not recognize Him immediately.)



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "**Children, do you have any fish?**" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**" So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "**Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.**" ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "**Come and have breakfast.**" Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.





APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. he descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please Be Seated

SERMON HYMN "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"

St. 1-2 LSB 468

SERMON

Sermon Theme	The View From Heaven
Sermon Text	Revelation 5:11-14
Sermon By	Pastor Dan Domke

HYMN "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives" St. 3-4 LSB 468

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Silence for a time of reflection)

Lord Jesus, we thank You for coming to earth to save us by your suffering, death and resurrection.

People: We acknowledge that we were lost and condemned forever. We were blind and unable to see the way.

Pastor: Even now, though You have touched our eyes and heart, we still find it difficult to recognize You in Your work, and to do Your will.

People: Forgive us for when we look away and stray off the path of life. Forgive us when we look to ourselves and our own strength.

Pastor: Give us sight to see You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly.

People: Lead us on the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Pastor: Make the scales fall from our eyes so we will view the hurts and pains, sufferings and sorrows of this dying world.

People: As we see our brothers and sisters who are in need, especially . . . , empower us to help and heal the hurting by the comfort of Your victorious cross.

Pastor: Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, in response to Your grace we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Multiply these gifts for the growth of Your kingdom. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself to us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

LSB 482

POSTLUDE

The Truth Is Written In The Word



He is Risen from the Dead, Hallelujah. Amen!

Ascension is Thursday, May 10, 2018
We worship the Resurrected and Ascended Christ



Christ's Ascension is as important as Christmas and the Resurrection, it must have happened so that Pentecost and the birth of the church would take place. So please come and join us for this important time of worship.

**You Are Welcome to Stay for Breakfast
7:30 AM**