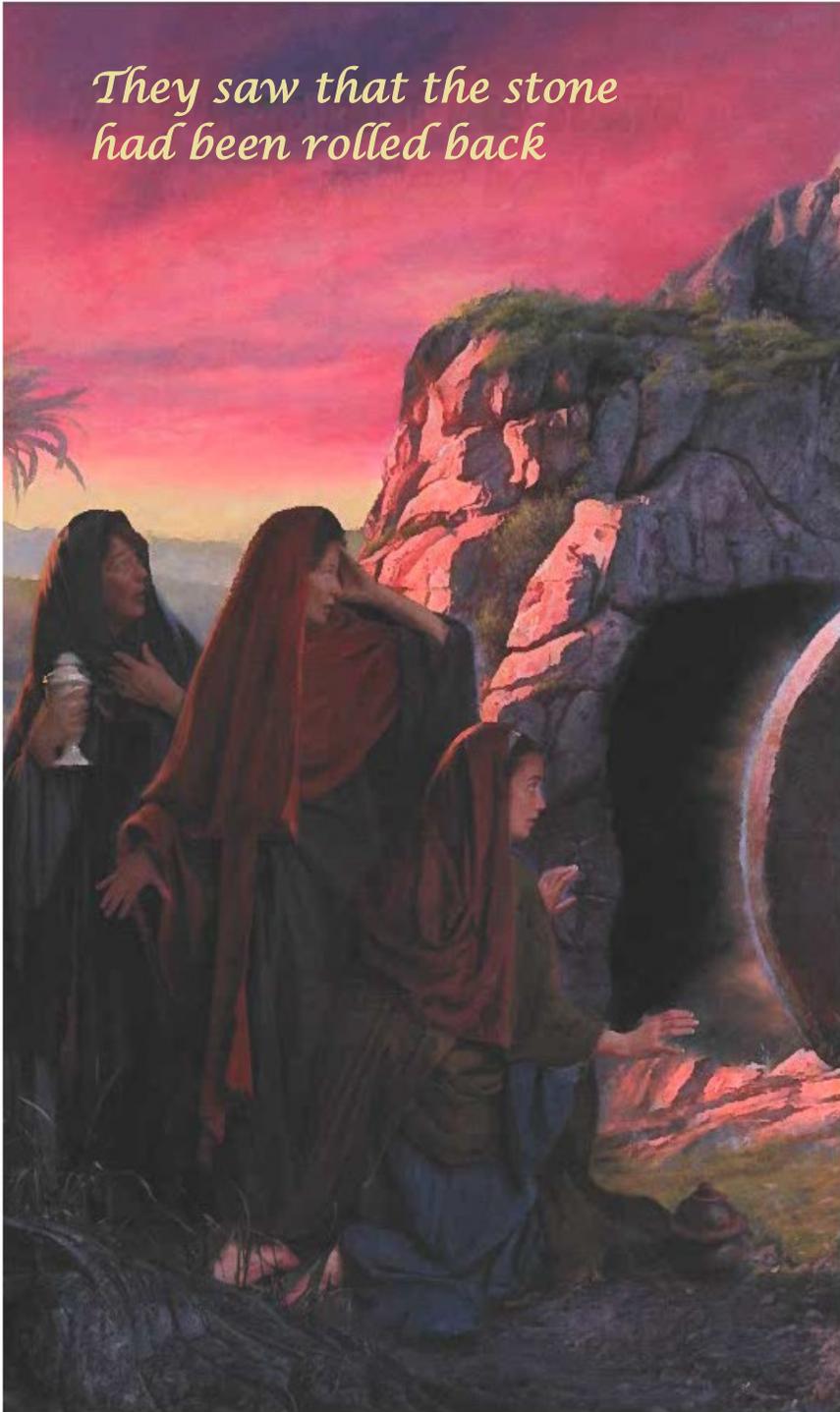


*They saw that the stone
had been rolled back*



Easter Sunday

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, April 4, 2021

7:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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Welcome: On this triumphant Easter morning, we're glad you're here to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Share this joy with one another today and always. Please take time to sign the worship attendance cards and hand them to an usher.



Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 Return and See

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it “up close and personal”!

PRELUDE Mary Johnson (Flute) and Mary Petersen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” (LSB 457)

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION *LSB*, p. 151

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Returning to You, O Lord, we confess our sins to You, trusting in the fulfilment of Your promise, “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (Jeremiah 31:34).

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P We confess our sin to You, O Lord.

C **We have done wrong in Your eyes. We have neglected to do what is good and right for our neighbors.**

P Our hearts have been drawn to other lords and other gods.

C **For our sin we do not deserve Your love or Your forgiveness. Turn to us, Lord, and forgive us according to Your steadfast love and abundant mercy for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.**

P The Lord is risen! Your sins are forgiven! The Lord has swallowed up death forever!

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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

PSALM *Psalms* 16

P Preserve me, O God,

C **for in You I take refuge.**

P I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

C **I have no good apart from You.”**

P As for the saints in the land,

C **they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

P The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

C **their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

P The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

C **You hold my lot.**

P The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C **indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C **in the night also my heart instructs me.**

P I have set the LORD always before me;

C **because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C **my flesh also dwells secure.**

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

C **or let Your holy one see corruption.**

P You make known to me the path of life;

C **in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

ALL: 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.

KYRIE (sung) *LSB*, p. 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This Is the Feast” LSB*, p. 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9*

A A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said

on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

A A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB*, p. 156

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1–10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And

behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshipped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED *LSB*, p. 158

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC St. John's Small Group *"Living Hope"*

MESSAGE "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* (*LSB* 469:1, 5–6)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Rejoicing in the life, hope, and peace that our mighty God and Father gives through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

For the Church throughout the world, and for our local church community, that enlivened by the risen Lord Jesus, we seek new ways to love and bless all of God's creation. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to You.**

P For world leaders, our president, congress, governor, and mayor, that walking in humility and acknowledging their power as a gift meant for serving others, they lead in ways that promote justice for the vulnerable, peace for the broken, and flourishing for those who struggle. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to You.**

P For the needs of our local community: For those who are poor, unemployed, or struggling with life, that You lead us to find ways to love and serve. For those who work to protect and serve our community: nurses and doctors, police and firefighters, sanitation workers and mail carriers, we give thanks. For those who serve in the military and for soldiers who struggle after deployment, [*including . . .*], that the peace in Christ which surpasses understanding guide them and comfort them. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to You.**

P Grant your continued blessings, O Lord, to your servant Jim Klima who is celebrating his 80th birthday on April 8. That Jim may know your loving-kindness, abide in the confession of your care and protection, and in all things give you thanks; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to you.**

P For those who are sick, for the hospitalized, for those who are facing surgery, [*including . . .*], that they experience healing according to Your will, and in the midst of their suffering know the assurance that our risen Lord will never forsake them. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to You.**

P For this congregation, that having returned to our Lord throughout the season of Lent, we go forward in the Easter season energized by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our church will be known in our community as a people filled with joy in the Lord who love and serve our neighbors as Jesus did. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to You.**

P In remembrance of our loved ones who have died, [*including . . .*]. We give You thanks for their lives and for the time You gave us with them. Fill us with gratitude for the resurrection of Jesus, who empowers us to grieve with hope. Risen Lord,

C **let our prayers rise to You.**

P You, O Lord, defeated our greatest enemy by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We entrust to You these prayers spoken in love this day; we trust, too, that You hear our prayers that are too deep for words. For You call us to pray without ceasing and to trust that You hear our prayers. In that promise we live and hope, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE *LSB*, p. 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is our duty and delight to thank and praise You, holy and mighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us on the cross to pay the price for our sins and who rose in glory from the tomb as the firstfruits of Your new creation, so that our lives are now filled with hope and abundant life. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB*, p. 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *LSB*, p. 161

P All thanks and praise to You, O Lord, on this day of great joy. Filled with gratitude for Your never-failing love for us, we remember how You created the heavens and the earth and all creatures including us, promised to restore all creation when the good life You intended for us was broken by Adam and Eve's turning way, saved Noah and his family in the midst of the great flood, rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land, sent prophets to call Your people to return to You again and again when they wandered, and gave to us the fulfillment of the ancient promise of restoration in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life for us on the cross, and is now gloriously risen from the grave and will one day return to restore all things in Your good creation. For all these mercies we thank You, we adore You, we praise You with shouts of alleluia.

C **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB*, p. 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB*, p. 162

PAX DOMINI *LSB*, p. 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *LSB*, p. 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" (*LSB* 619)

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (*LSB* 474)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (*LSB* 461)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD *LSB*, p. 164

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray. God of life, You return to us again and again with Your mercy and forgiveness in the Supper of our Lord. Let our eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood this day form us into people who turn to You in all circumstances and then turn outward to the

people in our lives to love them and serve them as a witness to the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *LSB*, p. 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"* *LSB*, p. 475

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Offering: We ask that you please put your offerings into the plate located at the back of the church before worship so when we bring the offerings up to the altar after the message, it can be included.

Easter Breakfast: The youth will be serving a Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7:30-9:15 a.m.. Egg bakes and cinnamon/caramel rolls will be served. Take outs will be available.

Easter Lilies: Thank you for decorating the altar with lilies. If you purchased a lily you may take them home after the 9:30 service this morning.

Confirmation Class will not meet on Wednesday as they will be participating in a mission project with serving for The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Youth will be leaving at 3:00 from Caseys.

Service Time Change: Next Sunday we will go back to two services: 8:00 & 10:30 with Sunday school at 9:15. We will follow this schedule through May.

Firemen's Pancake Breakfast will be held next Sunday, April 11 at the Sherburn Firehall from 9:00-12:30. Free will offering. Dine in or carry out.

Take My Moments and My Days

Wednesday, April 7: 3:00 p.m. Youth @ The Banquet

Sunday, April 11: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class

In Our Prayers: Joan Hartke, Karen Broisma, Roberta Garbers

Coping With Cancer: Miriam Krueger, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Nic Potthoff, Lindsey Pytleski, Marcella Broisma, Caroline Flohre, Molly Markquart, Michael Kleine, Jesse Lutterman, Karen Broisma, Galen Hilgendorf, Diane Nelson, Liz Gerhardt, Verna Bliesmer, Jim Klima, Reese Olson, Sarah Stahn, Ashley Eisenmenger, Jon Anderson, Jennifer Beseke, Tracy Swanson, Kinley Hartung, Chelsea Reese

Members Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: Chuck & Sandy Dressen

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Jim Klima who will be celebrating his 80th birthday on April 8.

We Remember the family and friends of Robert Broisma. Bob was called to his eternal rest on March 23 and his funeral was held here at St. John's on April 3.

We remember the family and friends of Althea Whitehead. Althea was called to her eternal rest on March 27 and her funeral will be held April 8 at First Congregational Church.

We remember the family and friends of Ronald Melson. Ronald was called to his eternal rest on March 28. His funeral was held at Zion Lutheran in Odin on April 1.