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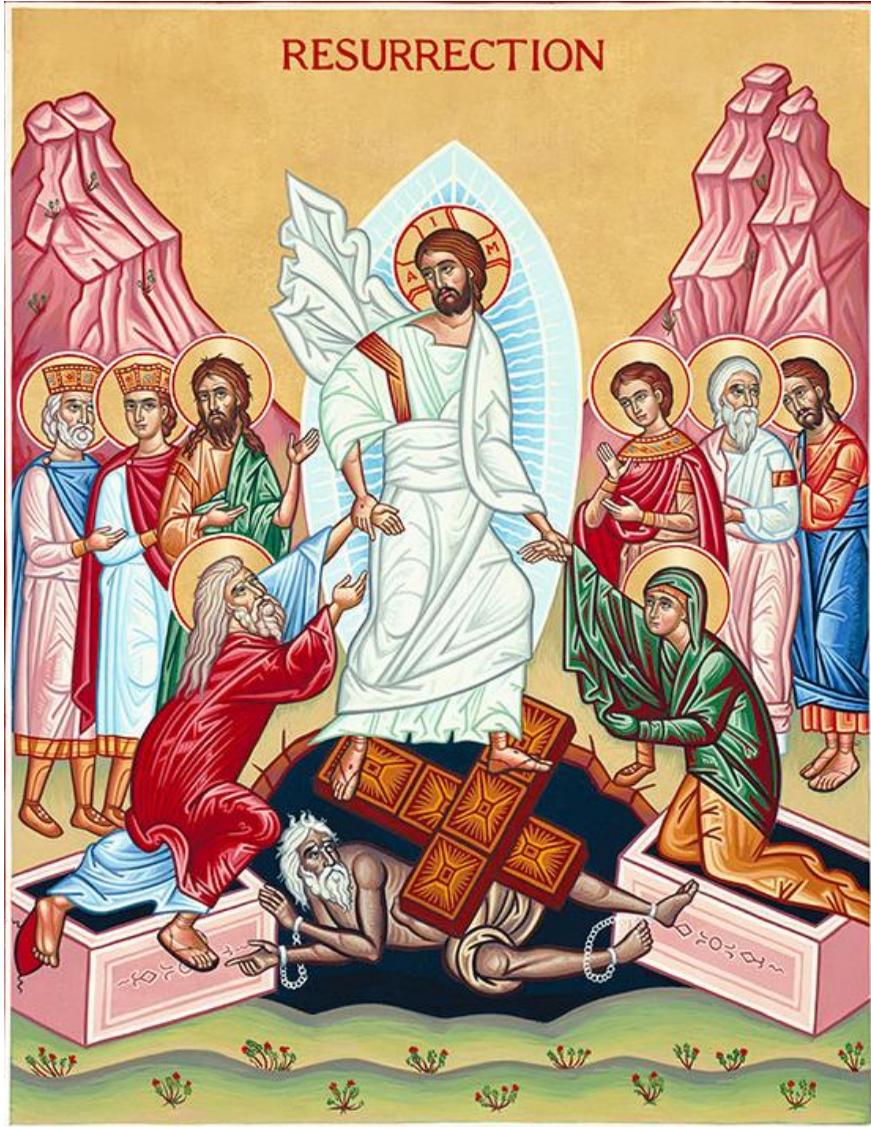
A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM



PRELUDE

Kountze Brass

K. Craig Bircher, Scott Quackenbush, Trumpet

Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, Trombone; Ken Yoshida, Timpani and Percussion

(Stand)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION!

P Christ is risen! **C** Christ is risen!

P Christ is risen! **C** Christ is risen!

P Christ is risen! **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God,

C **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we will live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

(sit)

READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

GOSPEL PROCESSION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St Luke.



☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed 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, but has risen.*” ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened

☐ The Gospel of our Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

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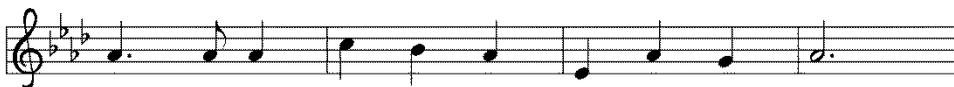
HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

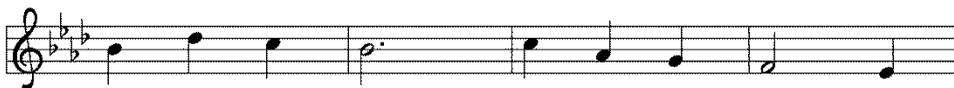
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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NICENE CREED

**☩ 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **℟** Lord, in your mercy, **☩ hear our prayer.**

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Illness: Don Burton, Ralph Diggins, Rev. Harry Fink, Jr. Green, Marvel Green, Dolores Hiatt, Mae Johnston, mother of Sharon West, Marcie Lafleur, Jean Nippert, Joan Nelson, David Penning, Bob Ringo, Gary Rodene, Merlyn Ulrich, Ed & Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

THE PEACE IS SHARED

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☑ **And also with you.**

(sit)

MEAL

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Rejoice in the Risen Christ”

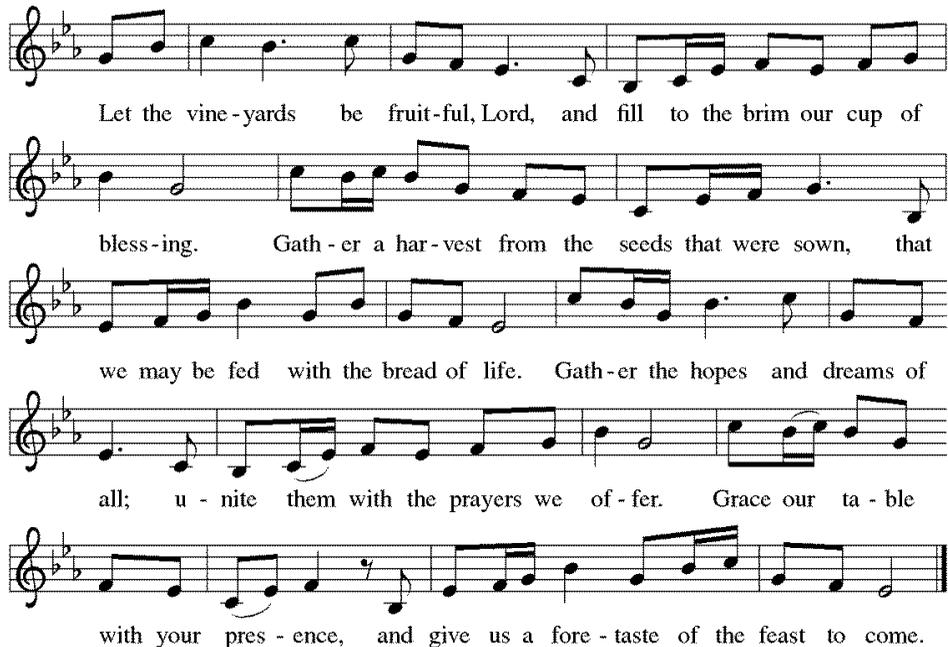
Allen Pote

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One,

C as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SANCTUS

Ho - ly. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Ⓟ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
- ☩ **Amen.**
- Ⓟ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Ⓟ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- ☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Ⓟ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- ☩ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Ⓟ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- ☩ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Ⓟ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
- ☑ Alleluia! Come to the feast.

All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy.

The form of distribution is intinction, You will receive the consecrated bread and you may then dip it in the wine. Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.

(sit)

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 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.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 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!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |

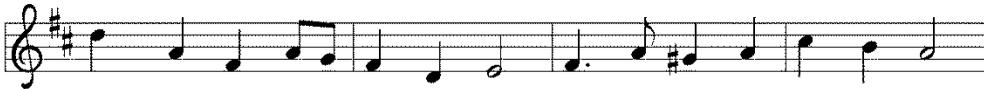
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 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

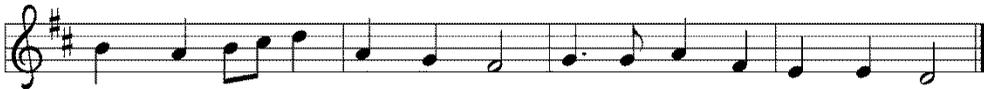
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1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

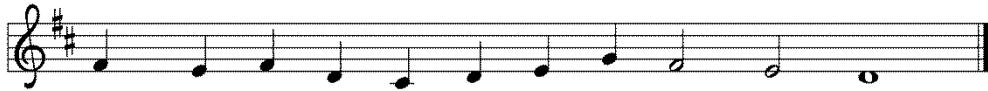
Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death’s dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

☐ The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

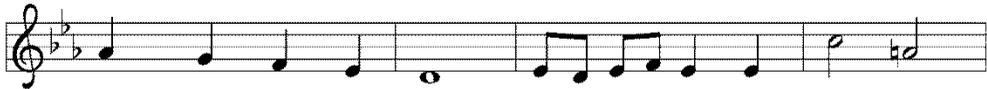
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

DISMISSAL

- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the Easter news.
- Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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Remember, Recognize, Resolve

Today's gospel story is unsettling and unsettled. Mary Magdalene and the other myrrh-bearing women, having followed Jesus from Galilee to the cross, rest on the Sabbath and then come to the tomb to anoint his ravaged body. But the women's faithful acts lead them not to consolation but to emptiness, perplexity, even further terror. Dazzling messengers of God ask why they seek the living among the dead. But then the messengers urge the women to "*remember*" how Jesus told them he would be crucified and rise again. The women indeed remember, as we do when others remind us of what we have experienced but haven't fully taken in. The women return to tell the eleven, who dismiss their account as an idle tale. Peter runs to the tomb and goes home amazed, but the insulted women and disbelieving apostles await resolution.

Today's gospel story speaks of resurrection, but it isn't the end. This is good news for all of us when we feel empty, traumatized, and hard pressed to believe. Easter has ample room to contain impasses and confusion, to admit what is unsettled.

In Luke's next story, later that same day, a stranger joins two despairing followers of Jesus on the road out of town. The ones who had placed hope in Jesus mention having been astounded by "*some women of our group*" who spoke of "*a vision of angels who said he was alive.*" Moreover, the tomb was "*just as the women had said*" (Luke 24:22-24). Then the stranger breaks open the scriptures, confirming the vision and rekindling their belief. They implore him to stay, and finally recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Our service builds toward that same breaking of the bread. With Mary Magdalene and Peter, we are witnesses of these things. At the table we are welcomed and fed. Our eyes and hearts are opened. Vindicated and believing, we recognize our host, who is risen indeed.



Easter 2019



Lilies are given to the glory of God...

in memory of:

- sister, Kaye Bock.....given by Darlene Anderson and Vickie Wichert
- our beloved son, Randy Anderson Szemplenski.....given by Dean & Darlene Anderson
- our Uncle Tom Sullivan - we miss you..... given by Brett, Jack and Grandma Kathe Bailey
- our Grandma Jane - we miss you given by Brett, Jack and Grandma Kathe Bailey
- our Grandma Marge - we miss you given by Brett, Jack and Grandma Kathe Bailey
- Robert Bigby given by Traleesha Bigby
- Lyle Nabb.....given by Cheri Biggs
- our parents given by Joseph and Elaine Bonfante
- parents, Charles & Patricia Tata..... given by Claudia Bookout
- son, Paul Bookout..... given by Claudia Bookout
- John Bogue given by Debbie Bogue & family
- our parents and loved ones..... given by Dale & Tina Broekemeier
- Dwaine Carlson given by Circle 4 Members
- Shauna Clanton given by Jerry, Jared, and Tana Clanton
- Dale & Jean Clatterbuck and Bill Lepper..... given by Gary & Debi Clatterbuck
- John Lawrence & Marion Cooke given by Warren Cooke
- Thelma and Joe Council, Marie and Ed Debus..... given by Joe Council family
- Pat & Lou Granneman, Jackie & Stephanie McCoy..... given by Joe Council family
- Leonard Cross..... given by wife, Dorothy and daughter, Nancy
- JoAnna Sauter given by Donna Crouse and Norma Pafford
- Bob & Chris Crouse..... given by Donna Crouse
- loved ones given by Shirley Dietrich and family
- Mom, Dad, and Jan given by Barb Donelson
- Robert Ellison family given by Robert Ellison
- Hap Engelkamp, father..... given by Keith & Gretchen Engelkamp
- loved ones given by Gloria Erickson
- Kelcey Renae Fike given by Mary Jo Fike and family
- Randy Fike given by Mary Jo Fike and family
- our parents given by Bob & Sandy Fonda
- Parents, Anne & Charles Forslund..... given by daughter, Christine

Sonyarae Simmonds..... given by loving daughters, Terri, Sherri, and Sandi
 Russell, Susan, and Tami VanHorn..... given by Kimberly Grassmeyer
 Faye & Henry Fox..... given by Ann & Brian Hadfield and family
 parents, Ben & Lorine Nelson, Stan Hansen given by Len & Janice Hansen
 sister and aunt, Elaine Drickey given by the Hansen family
 father, grandfather, and great grandfather, George Pickinpaugh.....
 given by the Hansen family
 Jean & Larry Gaughran..... given by their daughter
 Dennis Hultgren..... given by Scott & Ruth Henneman
 Nettie Henry given by Susie Henry
 Lawrence & Verna Evans given by Linda Herrington
 Mildred & Harry Herzog..... given by Norm & Carol Herzog
 Oleva & Paul Fry given by Norm & Carol Herzog
 family members and Elizabeth Kentopp..... given by Linda Hoagland
 loved ones given by Duane & Penny Hovendick
 Byron Woodhull and Janet Woodhull Young given by Steve & Karen Jacobson
 Norris, Evelyn, and Brian Jacobson..... given by Steve & Karen Jacobson
 twin sister, Joyce Fryer (?) given by Joan Jacobson-Trotter
 loved ones given by Jensen, Muchmore, and Luczynski
 Alpha & Grandpa Lou..... given by Sarah Jewell
 Sandy Johnson..... given by Curt Johnson family
 Gerhard & Cecilia Moller, Geri Laney, and Carol Olson..... given by Ken & Linda Johnson
 Albin & Laura Johnson given by Ken & Linda Johnson
 Jack & Marilyn Baker given by Ken & Linda Johnson
 Evelyn Weidner..... given by the Jones family
 Alice & John Mossman..... given by the Jones family
 Howard & Martha Lindgren..... given by the Kidder family
 Marjorie Sokolik given by the Kidder family
 Barbara Kidder..... given by the Kidder family
 my parents, John & Virginia Mordhorst..... given by daughter, Kris Klein
 Dad (Alan D. Larsen)..... given by Laura Larsen
 Alan Larsen given by Deb Larsen and family
 Louis & Shirley Larsen given by their family
 Mandy Larsen given by Deb Larsen and family
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 Anne Lienemann..... given by Rick Lienemann & Jane Estabrook
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 Marcel Lovejoy given by Brandon McIntyre
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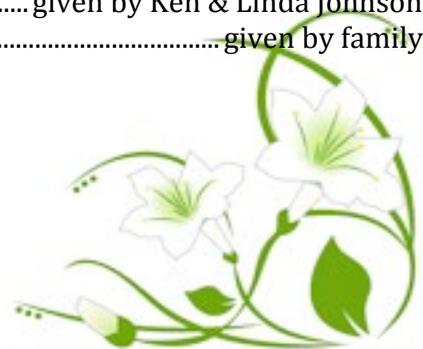
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In honor of:

all of the amazing Kountze volunteers given by Debbie Bogue
 our grandchildren, Joey, Jackson, and Lilly Council, and Ty Council
 given by Patt & Joe Council
 Jeffrey, Abby, and Mara Grassmeyer..... given by Kimberly Grassmeyer
 Justin and Chelsea Grassmeyer..... given by Kimberly Grassmeyer
 grandchildren, Lily, Avery, Andrew, Nicholas, Riley, Neil, Barrett, and Emory Hansen
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 given by Laurine Savine
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Donna Moessner	Dir. of Children's Music
Danny Bos	Custodian
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Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Director of the Weber Clinic
Susann Henry	Food Pantry Director

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 10:00 PM

Lector	Debra Kelly
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Penny Hovendick
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz

SUNDAY, 7:30 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms
	Kevin Larkowski
	Adam Klinker
Lector	Kevin Larkowski
Ushers	
Greeters	Dan Collett Deb Hinrichs
	Kevin Larkowski
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Anna Kotula
Book Bearer	Britten Johnson

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Dan Collett
	Scott Henneman
	Jill Gittler
	Lowell Harms
Lector	Pamela Johnson
Ushers	John Georgeson
	Jim Comfort
	Joe Council
	Dave Forrest
	Jeff Perkins
	Fred Wachal
	Janice Falk
Greeters	Vickie Wichert
	Darlene Anderson
	Carter Waccholtz
Crucifer	John Groenjes
Acolytes	Anna Kidder
Book Bearer	Clara Kidder

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs
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Lector	Steve Hinrichs
Ushers	Lee Johnson
	Linda Johnson
	Ken Johnson
	Norm Sack
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Keelan Edwards
Acolytes	Hadley Rief
	Henry Rief
Book Bearer	Torin Edwards

THANK YOU to all of our volunteer Worship Assistants throughout the year but especially during Holy Week and Easter. We appreciate you all!



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April 20 & 21 2019

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us this Easter morning for a continental breakfast. We'll have our hot breakfast buffet again beginning next Sunday.

ADULT FORUM No Adult Forum this week or next but join us on May 5 for a reception for our Confirmands.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY Be sure to sign up for your professional photography session. You may schedule your appointment online on our website (www.kmlchurch.org) or look for a sign-up table on weekends (no signups on Easter Sunday), located in the Fellowship Hall or church office. Our directory won't be complete without you. Photos will be taken May 14-18, 21-25, and 28-June 1.

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Alleluia!

April 21 Sunday

Easter Sunday—Alleluia! Alleluia!
 7:30, 9 & 11 AM Worship
 No Sunday School or Children's Choir
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Easter Egg Hunt

April 22 Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

April 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 12:00 PM Endowment Board
 6:30 PM Call Committee
 7:00 PM Circle 3

April 24 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
 4:30 Kountze Commons Board
 6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
 6:30 PM Confirmation
 7:30 PM Worship

April 25 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
 7:00 PM Circle 5

April 26 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

April 27 Saturday

Metro East Spring Gathering
 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group Breakfast (offsite)
 3:00 PM Rine/Kaiser Wedding (Pr. Kip Tyler)
 5:00 PM Worship

April 28 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

TODAY AT KOUNTZE *(continued from page 1)***CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY**

SUNDAY SCHOOL No Sunday school on Easter Sunday, but join us again beginning next Sunday on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR No choir on Easter Sunday, but join us again beginning us each Sunday from 9:00—9:30 AM. All children (K— 5th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM. Our Youth Forums this winter and spring will focus on vocations. Kountze Members will speak to you about their profession, the education necessary to attain the profession, and the work involved. They will also speak about how their faith in God impacts their vocation. Most important, there will be time for you to ask questions about the work they do.

April 21 Easter—No Youth Forum

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

ATTENDANCE CARDS All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

MAY IS PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS MONTH Kountze will again be collecting used eyeglasses. They will be cleaned and used at a health fair for the homeless later this summer. Thank you for supporting this community outreach. There will be a basket at the Welcome Desk for collecting the glasses.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY LUNCHEON Sunday, May 5, 12:30 PM. The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon, followed by Holy Communion, for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The date for the luncheon will be announced in next month's Good News. Members of the Committee will be calling you. If you need a ride, please let them know at that time or contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org. Our Eucharistic Ministers will also be attending. Please join us!

YOU ARE INVITED to a recital given by our own Janet Carlsen Campbell, Mezzo-soprano, on Sunday, May 5, 2:00–3:00 PM entitled "Rise Heart; Thy Lord is Risen" which will feature songs of Love, Light, and Life. Be sure to invite your family & friends.

CAROL JOY HOLLING WORKDAY Saturday, May 18, 2019, 8:00 AM - Lunch. Carol Joy Holling needs our help to get their site ready for the over 1,500 campers that will be arriving during the summer. Bring friends and family for a day of work in God's creation! Individuals and groups are welcome, and all skill levels are needed. Please bring clothes that can get dirty, close-toed shoes and gloves. Kids are welcome with parent supervision. Check out <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/work-day> for more information or to register to work.

THE 16th ANNUAL LUTHERAN SERVICE CORPS GOLF Tournament is Saturday, May 18. Registration & lunch starts at noon. Shotgun start at 1:30 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM Eagle Hills Golf Course (501 Eagle Hills Drive in Papillion). Go to https://action.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/lsc_golf_2019 for more info or to register.

DISCOVERY TRIP | July 16–27, 2019 | Moshi, Tanzania In November Jonna Holland and Carol Stoltenberg shared their Tanzania experiences with us at a Sunday morning Forum. Even though both of them had traveled quite a bit before, this was a special kind of trip, different and more meaningful than anything they had so far experienced. The people they met were so poor and yet so joyful and generous. If you would like to participate in the 2019 Discovery Trip to Tanzania, check out the details at <https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/da73c243-3f82-4e78-8696-03d37afe9824.pdf>. But BEWARE! This is a life changing adventure! Consider joining Carol on this trip of a lifetime and get the chance to see the "big 5" African animals on a Serengeti safari as well.

KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY If you have questions about the pantry or are available to help, please contact Susie Henry (susannfrances@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office (402-341-7761). As always, the pantry is in need of Pork 'n Beans, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Corn, Pancake Syrup, Chicken, and Tuna as well as other items. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome.

Alleluia

Mark your calendar for these exciting summer ministry opportunities!

Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO)

June 10 – 14, 2019

8:30 AM – Noon

Grades K – 12th

At Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church



Chain Reaction Day Camp at Kountze

June 17 – 21

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday – Thursday

9:00AM to 1:00PM on Friday

*After care is available from 3:00 to 5:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.



ATTENDANCE & GIVING (thru 4/17)

Saturday Attendance: 48

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 261 11:00: 167

Midweek - Noon: 22

Total: 498

Pantry Guests Served: 366

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 33

Offering:

\$11,212.54 (Regular) \$4,670.06 (Specials)

\$2,248.00 (Phase 2)

Christ is risen!

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Confidence in the resurrection
Wednesday	Luke 24:1-12	Jesus is alive
Thursday	Deuteronomy 11:13-21	Teach the children
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Apostles speak the faith
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds



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Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." **John 20:18a (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious and Living God, give us ears to hear the message of the resurrection and the voice to speak to others of God's victory over death. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food as "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Amen. (Psalm 118:24)

A Blessing to Give:

May you know the steadfast love of the Lord; may you trust and believe, "Christ is risen."

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you like to talk about?
- What keeps Christians from talking about their faith in the risen Lord?
- What helps you speak about your faith to others? What makes it difficult?

Read: John 64:5-18.

Mary Magdalene makes a confession of faith: "I have seen the Lord." All Easter Sunday texts have a common theme that emphasizes telling about our faith. In Psalm 118 it is in the form of praise to God. In 1 Corinthians 15 it is Paul affirming the message that Christ rose from the dead and we have the promise of Christ destroying death, the last enemy. In Acts 10 it is Peter speaking the faith in the home of Cornelius, a new gentile believer. Peter states that the message has already spread throughout Judea, a message that announces that Jesus Christ "is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead" (v. 42). Finally in John 20, Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple [John] all have a unique way of responding to the news of Jesus' resurrection. However followers of Jesus respond, it is to speak the faith out loud that Jesus has been raised from the dead and will ascend to "my God and your God" (v. 17). How do you speak the faith out loud? Is it through a conversation with friends, by using a table grace, by offering a blessing? What works for you? How might you speak your faith to another today?

Pray: **Dear Lord Jesus, you who rose from the dead and have promised to destroy death, give us a living faith to gladly speak our faith out loud with confidence. Amen.**

Many who are ill, homebound, or going through a crisis feel isolated and alone. During the Easter season, reach out to those who are lonely so that they may feel included in the faith community. Take spring flowers such as lilies that symbolize new life to a shut in and take time to talk and pray with them. Rejoice and be glad for what the Lord has given you and share this joy with others, for this is the day the Lord has made (Psalm 118:24).

Celebrate Easter by making "Resurrection Rolls." Ingredients: One can of crescent rolls, 8 large marshmallows, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1/4 cup granulated sugar, and 2 Tbsp. of cinnamon. The white marshmallow symbolizes the purity of Jesus. Dip the marshmallow into butter and roll in the mixture of butter, sugar, and cinnamon as a reminder of the spices placed on Jesus' body. Then place the marshmallow in a crescent roll and cover it with the dough. This represents Jesus being wrapped in linen and being placed into the tomb. Bake at 350 degrees for 11 minutes. After they have cooled, cut the rolls open and reveal the "empty tomb." Before eating the rolls, repeat two times: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31