

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

“We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.” - 2 Corinthians 4:14

Meditation: *We silently enter and make way to where the Lord was laid.*

Scripture Reading: **“The Guarded Tomb”** *(from the Four Gospels)*

Scripture Reading: **“He is not Here”** *(from the Four Gospels)*

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and praise, in our thoughts and prayers. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Come, let us worship.

Hymn #157: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Confession of Sins

P: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your un-failing love. Cleanse me from sin and take away my guilt.

P: Upon this your confession, by Christ’s command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God’s signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: When I was in great need, he saved me.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: He has become my salvation.

We sing:

***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.***

***Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.***

Easter Prayer of the Day *(Congregation speaks the “Amen”)*

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Easter Psalm #118 *(page 108 - We will chant Psalm verses and sing the Refrain)*

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Choir & Congregation Hymn #719: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Choir sings stanzas 1,2,4 and Congregation joins in for stanzas 3 & 5

3. The angel said to them, Do not fear.

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.

Only the grave cloths are lying there.

5. Christ has arisen; he sets us free.

Alleluia, to him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing;

He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Hymn #143: "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Today's Message: Luke 24:44-47

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Easter Sermon Theme: "The Father Has Forgiven Us!"
See all the proof we need!
Spread the story to all who have sinned!**

Apostles' Creed (*projected*)

Hymn #149: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Offering

Hymn #152: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (*verses 1-5*)

Easter Prayer of the Church

(*When pastor says "Lord in your mercy..." congregation responds, "Hear our prayer!"*)

Lord's Prayer—traditional

The Lord's Blessing

P: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called us. And may He preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "**AMEN**"

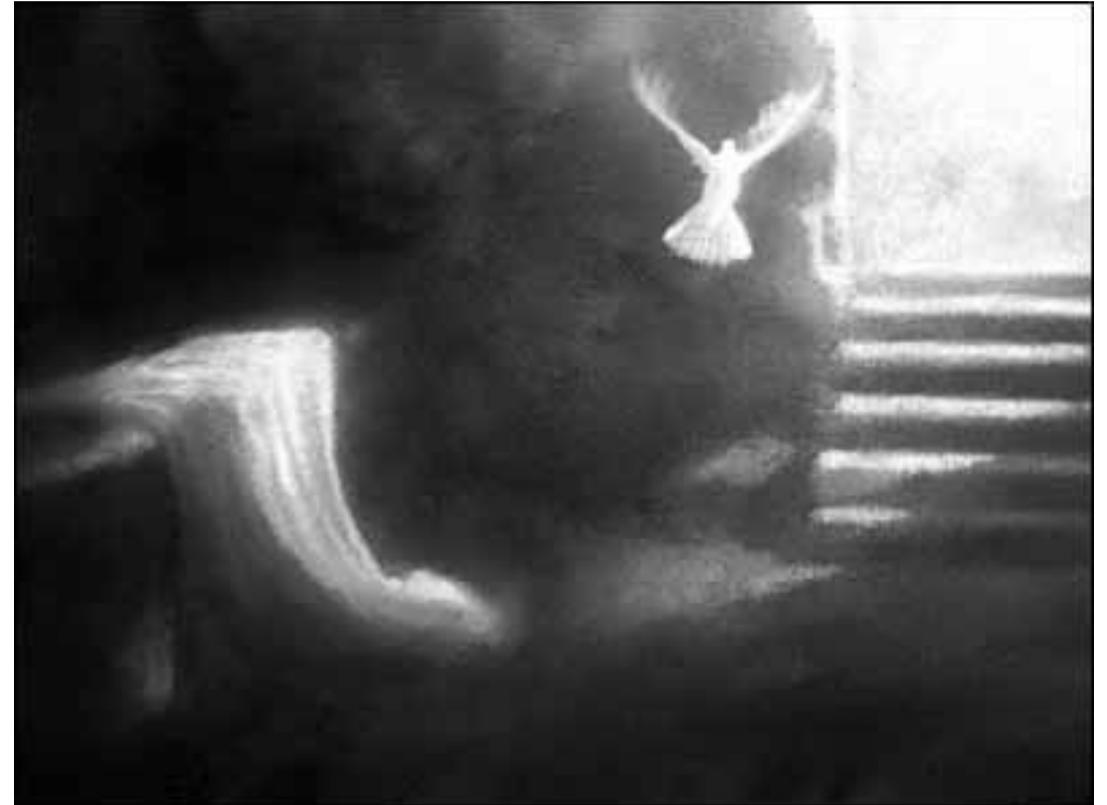
P: "Christ is Risen"

C: "He is risen indeed."

Benediction (*congregation responds with spoken "Amen".*)

Closing Hymn #152: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (*stanzas 6-8*)

We would like to thank your our Easter pianist, Amibeth Olderman and our choir.



**Easter Worship
Sunday, April 1, 2018
8:00am & 10:45am**

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*WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS in the name of our Crucified & Risen Savior!
The blessings of our Risen Lord are yours through faith in Him!*

***You are invited to join us for an Easter breakfast served
between services. There will also be an Egg Hunt!***

This week God-willing:

Mon: **No worship Monday night**

No Preschool or Extended Care Mon - Fri, April 2-6

Tue: Catechism Class 5:30 pm / Budget Committee Meeting 6:00pm in Conference room
Pastor at MLHS for BOC Meeting 6:30pm

Wed: New Bible Class Series 1:30pm & 6:30pm - "Joyful Generosity"

Thu: "Seekers" Young Adult Bible Class at Jen's Java 7:00pm

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Class 9:20am & 6:30 pm- "Joyful Generosity"

MLHS & Jr. Lancer Band Concert 2:00pm

Mon: JLOG classes resume / Worship 6:30pm

Grace April Newsletters and Calendars are in member boxes.

April "Forward in Christ" magazines are on the Information Table.

Congratulations to Mike & Lacy Behnke on the March 27th birth of their twins girls, Blake Eleanor & Brynn Bailey. The girls were baptized on March 28.

Reminder - Grace has a website www.gracelutheran-church.com as well as a Facebook page "Grace Lutheran Church Manitowoc". Check them out!

Vacuuming Committee - help needed! We are looking for members that would be willing to come in once every 3-4 months to vacuum and do light cleaning in church and the fellowship hall? This can be done on Thursday, Friday or Saturday for a designated week. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Thomas Fagan at 242-2864.

First German & Thrivent Financial bring you a Salty Earth Pictures movie "The Open Door", Sun, Apr 22 @ 2pm at the Capitol Civic Center, Manitowoc. This movie is a story of faith, hope, and love in today's world of conflict. **The event is free and open to the public.** All are welcome & encouraged to bring a friend. Please call the office of First German Church at 684-0101 if you have any questions or would like more information.

