

Easter Sunday

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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sundays at 8:00am & 10:00am Mondays at 6:00pm
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The Ancient Easter Greeting

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

(Hymn 152)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
3. 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.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
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.
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.
8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

Imagine an Easter banquet at God's house in heaven. He greets you at the gate, opens the door and you see the table laden with the finest of fare, the best of everything – and smiling faces all around. Here in God's house there are no tears. There is no misery, shame, or loss. Sin is banished and the shroud of death is destroyed. The celebration would never need to end. Joy in God's house lasts forever!

Today, in God's house on earth, we begin the celebration that will last into eternity. We celebrate life! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! This is Easter. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!

Isaiah 25:6-9 (EHV)

⁶ On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat,
and with the finest wines.

⁷ On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

⁸ He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.

⁹ On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!

This is the LORD!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”.

Epistle Lesson

Jesus gives us life. What a wonderful promise! Life is a priceless, precious gift. But what kind of life did Jesus die to give us? Life can be rich and satisfying, but it can also be hard and frustrating.

Jesus certainly gives us comfort and blessing in this life, but if that’s all there is, something is missing. If the only thing Jesus accomplished was to make our lives here better or more comfortable, then we are to be pitied more than anybody. Death is still there, just waiting to take everything away.

Jesus’ victory is much bigger than many people realize. The real enemies that Jesus came to defeat were not inconvenience, discomfort, and frustration. The real battle was not against poverty, injustice, or disease.

There was a much bigger battle and that’s the one he came to win. The real enemies are sin, death, and Satan. They are behind every problem, every tear—every pain. The victory we celebrate is not a temporary one—one that can be changed by cruelty, disease, or time. The victory Jesus won on the cross is eternal. Satan is cast down and sin’s hold has been broken. Even death is defeated.

In Christ we will live forever. We don’t have to be afraid of death—the only thing death can do is usher us into eternal life. We don’t have to be afraid of life either—God is working everything for our good (Romans 8:28).

Jesus died to give us life—a life of forgiveness, hope, and joy here and a perfect life of bliss in heaven.

1st Corinthians 15:19-26 (EHV)

¹⁹ If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²² For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ’s people, at his coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every

other authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign “until he has put all his enemies under his feet.” ²⁶ Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

He's Risen, He's Risen

(Hymn 143)

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Gospel Lesson & Sermon:

People experience Easter differently. For some it is a morning filled with the joy of heaven. For others it is a day of anxiety. For still others it is a day that reminds them how alone they are. And for some it is simply another day.

For the two Marys and Salome, that first Easter morning was filled with anxiety and fear. Moving the stone concerned them. The angel alarmed them! When they bolted from the tomb, they were so afraid that they wound up not saying anything to anyone.

What's Easter like for you? Do you worry? Is there something that makes you afraid? There's plenty in this world that can cause anxiety. Sickness and disease have been pretty noticeable lately. We can always worry finances, the future, and our family. We can worry about failure, poverty, or the evils of humankind. The list of worrisome things is long and unpleasant.

God wants us to look at life differently. Instead of anxiety, he wants to fill us with joy and confidence and power. Today we listen to the words of the Easter angels, "Don't be alarmed! He has risen!" Today we think about what that means. We celebrate Jesus' victory over everything evil. Today we encourage each other. We celebrate life. Jesus is alive! And because Jesus lives, so do we!

Happy Easter!

Mark 16:1-8 (EHV)

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them,

“Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Angie Salewski, Lisa Schmitt, Becky Schrank and Karen Schrank.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew).

Firefighter: Steve Campbell.

Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) **and David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

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.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.
C: *Amen.*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(Hymn 131 vv. 1,4)

1 All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and blessed one.

4 All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*