



“He has risen,
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We thank and praise You for the grace You have revealed in Jesus' resurrection. Grant us the peace that comes through the justification you have announced to all the world through Jesus' resurrection, and instill the hope of our own resurrection to eternal life through faith in Jesus as our ever-living Lord. We praise and bless You through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Redeemer God. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

RESPONSIVE GREETING:

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

Congr: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!

P: I lay down and slept;

C: I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

P: Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P: Christ was delivered for our offenses...

C: And raised again for our justification.

P: The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C: The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

HYMN: 191 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: On this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son Jesus Christ to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead proving His acceptance

of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of our risen Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 118:14-24

14 The LORD is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation;

Is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has chastened me severely,

But He has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;

I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD,

Through which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise You, For You have answered me,

And have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This was the LORD's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day the LORD has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER (Pastor)

Dear Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, we thank and praise You that by Your suffering and death on the cross You endured the very agony of hell for us, reconciling us to God. On Easter we especially thank and praise You for Your resurrection from the dead, for it proves that You are God's Son and seals Your sacrifice as the full payment for our sins. Our King, accept our heartfelt praise for all that You have so graciously done for our salvation, and keep on ruling in our hearts and lives. We ask this In Your name, Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Job 19:23-27

“Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
24 That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
That in my flesh I shall see God,
27 Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me! (NKJV)

HYMN: 200:1-4 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming. (NKJV)

HYMN 200:5-8 “He Lives to Silence All My Fears”

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came 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 from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and 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 is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

HYMN: 198 He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

THE SERMON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. (NKJV)

THEME: The Seal and the Stone:

A Lesson in Resurrection Hope.

- I. The Appearance of the Grave’s Finality
- II. The Certainty of Jesus’ Resurrection
- III. The Certain Hope of our Resurrection

HYMN: 205 The Day of Resurrection

V.1 sung by the men. V. 2 sung by the women. V. 3 sung by All

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.

The Offerings of Thankful and Joyous Hearts.

HYMN: 201 Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!

The Benediction

HYMN: 207:2, 6 “Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious”

CALENDAR

TODAY: NO Sunday school or Bible class today.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: 1 Peter 1:22-25.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, May 1: Pastor will be out of town attending a seminar.

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Church Attendance: March 20 Worship – Sunday School – 4

March 24; Maundy Thursday worship - 18

March 25; Good Friday Worship - 23

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received:	1,233.00	MDF	20.00
Needed for Year:	\$ 13,860.00	SAF	30.00
Received for Year:	\$ 11,642.00		

Memorial: Lanove Prechel \$30.00 for Property Imprv. Fund



Alleluia!
CHRIST IS RISEN