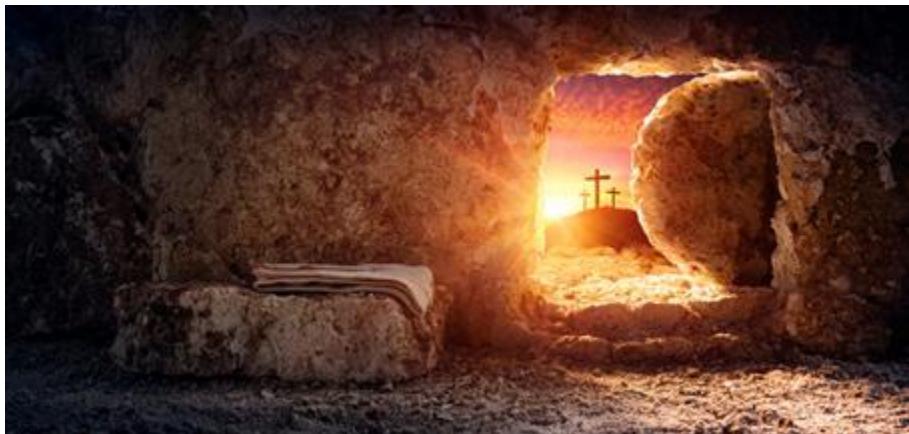


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## Divine Services:

Sunday 10:00 AM · Monday 7:00 PM

**WELCOME** to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

**A COMFORT ROOM** is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the narthex.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,  
...here, there, and everywhere*

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

*(Please silence your cell phones)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*We gather in silence.*

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?*

*Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble.*

*Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?*

*Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble.*

*Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?*

**HYMN:** Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom ( LSB 481, stzs 1-2)

1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an  
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of  
emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,  
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,  
Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -  
Lives a - gain - our foes de -feat - ed! Where is your  
clipped by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!  
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!

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## OPENING RESPONSORY

P: O people, why are you weeping in the night? Whom are you seeking in this darkness?

C: We seek our Lord, Jesus of Nazareth. He was crucified, died, and was buried.

P: O people, look! See the place where they laid Him. He is not here! He has risen just as He said!

C: Night is over. Darkness gives way to Light.

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

**HYMN:** Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom (LSB 481, stz 3)

3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through-  
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:  
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be-  
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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## CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the presence of the living God,  
C: we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt Your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect Your creation.  
Resurrect us, O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of Your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of Your Spirit.

P: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ☧ proclaims, “Do not be afraid!” Know that you are washed anew in His rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

C: Amen!

## PSALM 118:15-29

P: Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:  
C: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,  
the right hand of the LORD exalts,  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

P: I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
C: The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

C: This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

P: I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P: The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

C: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

## NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more domin - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 15:1-11*

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(*Please stand*)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

C: Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death no longer has dominion over Him! Alleluia!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 20:1-18*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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 <sup>†</sup> everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

## SERMON HYMN: Now the Green Blade Rises (LBW 148)

1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2. In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev-ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
Laide in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green!

## SERMON: “Not Dark Anymore” John 20:1

Pastor Dressler

### RESPONSORY HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (LSB 474)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep-ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!” Clothe us in won - der, a - dond us in light.  
an - gels, 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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### OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

*OFFERING VERSE – “I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.” Psalm 118:17*

(Please stand)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Risen Lord, who conquered death,  
C: hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

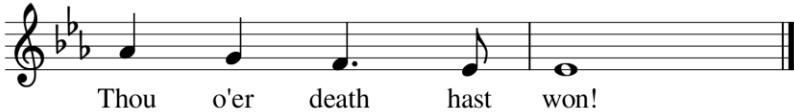
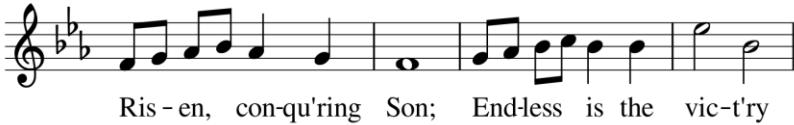
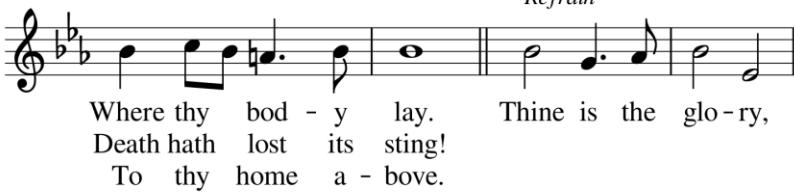
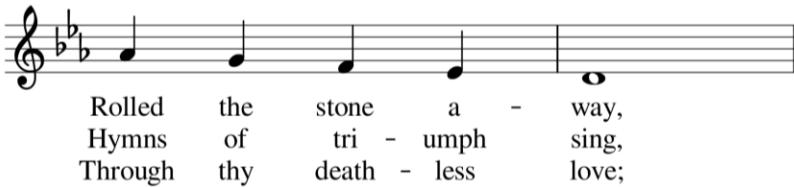
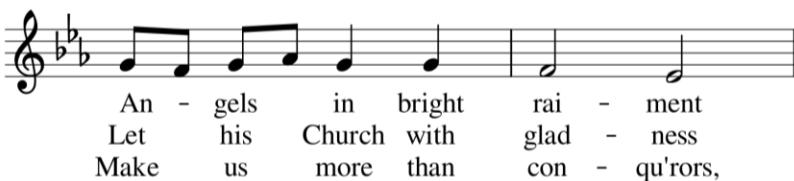
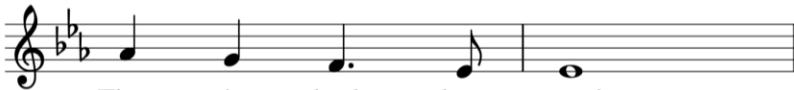
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: Thine Is the Glory (LBW 145)

1. Thine is the glo - ry,  
2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee,  
3. No more we doubt thee,  
Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
Ris - en from the tomb!  
Glo - rious Prince of life;  
End - less is the vic - t'ry  
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee,  
Life is nought with - out thee;



*Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.*

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*The lilies that dress the worship space for our Easter service are given by the following in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving to God for all the countless blessings He has given us.*

*Randy & Kathy Adler*

*–Christ Is Risen! In thanksgiving of renewed health and for all of our family and many blessings.*

*Ron and Sharon Brinker*

*– Jesus lived a perfect life.  
– Jesus died for our sin.  
– Jesus rose and so will we.*

*Ron and Judy Buenger and Family*

*– In loving memory of Ed and Mildred Buenger  
–In loving memory of William and Esther Buenger  
–In loving memory of Norman and Genevieve Snyder*

*Bob & Karen Becker*

– *In memory of Clarence & Henrietta Bade*

– *In memory of Gib & Lwana Barlbort*

*Gene and Myrna Goris*

– *In loving memory of Mel and Marie Rather and Wesley Rather*

– *In loving memory of Hillie and Helen Goris and Allen, Jim and Jerry Goris*

*Nick and Rita Hall*

– *In loving memory of our parents*

– *With thankfulness for our five blessings—Lillian, Ira, Madeline, Elizabeth, and Jameson*

*Richard & Sheri Heinold*

– *In loving memory of Elmer & Aldine Mueller and Marlene Twellman*

– *In loving memory of Carol Walick and DarDar Walick*

*Elin Hogan-Gomez*

– *Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe; Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

*Felise Hutton*

– *In remembrance of my parents, Marjorie and Gerald Hutton, Sr.*

*Landolph Lee*

- *In memory of my husband, Rudia Leon Lee*
- *In memory of my parents, Henry & Annie Walker*
- *In memory of my brothers, Louis Walker and Lowell Walker*

*Reginald and Dianne Miller*

- “*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you’” (Luke 24:36).*
- *In memory of our parents: Fred & Marnie Douglas, Jeffrie & Bernice Miller*

*Greg & Linda Mauch*

- *In memory of Ken and Millie Mauch*

*Lois Meyer*

- *In loving memory of Gary A. Meyer*

*Larry Riedisser*

- *In loving memory of Loretta Riedisser from her husband and children*

*Keith and Susan Scherer*

- *Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!!!*

*Ginger Spallek*

- *I know that my Redeemer lives! Alleluia!*