

# Order of Worship for April 4, 2021

## Easter Sunday

**PRELUDE BY SHIRLEY BERGMAN (10:00am)**

### **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**OPENING HYMN-- *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (video hymn from the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians)**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us

in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

like rains to our thirsting earth,

like streams that revive our souls,

like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **KYRIE (spoken)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

2 **Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

15 **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

17 **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter.”

**21 I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

**22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**PSALM SONG: God’s Love Endures Forever (Psalm 118) by Richard Bruxvoort  
Colligan**

**Refrain**

**O give thanks, O give thanks God's love endures forever**

**O give thanks, O give thanks God's love endures forever**

**Verse 1:**

**With our dreams and our fears**

**With our joy and our pain**

**We come, we come**

**Verse 2:**

**With our strength and our weakness**

**With our gifts and our pain**

**We come, we come**

**GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them,

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**INSTRUMENTAL HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #382, *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*** played by Shirley Bergman

## **DEDICATION OF QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

In the name of our Lord-- Creator, Savior, and Spirit-- who calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

**Amen.**

To you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

**To you we renew our Christian promise to help those in need-- to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth.**

We humbly dedicate our gifts of love to you.

**We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making each piece an expression of love.**

May these be used in your service and become blessings for all who receive them.

**Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially all who are suffering due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, using waves or peace signs.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.  
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Friends of Jesus, receive nourishment for your journey. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Receive the body of Christ, given for you.  
Receive the blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All are invited to eat and drink the communion elements they have with them. If desired, individuals from the same household may serve each other.*

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.



The God of life,  
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN (Sung): ELW #367, *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (4 verses)**

- 1** *Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
- 2** *Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
- 3** *Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
- 4** *Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## DISMISSAL

### Postlude by Shirley Bergman

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## BY THE NUMBERS

Check Register Balance 03/31/21

Current: \$10,298.87

Bank Loan: \$3,422.27

**Offering:**03/21/2021

Current: \$3,399.40

Benevolence: \$257

Improvement: \$955

EWALU: \$86      LSI: \$86

Debt Reduction: \$100

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Military members:** Jordan Leach is home from Sheppard AFB TX. Both he and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

**Confirmation classes for 7th & 8th graders:** Confirmation classes will be in person on Wednesdays, at 7pm.

**\*\*Pastoral Care:** Pastor Kristen is available for pastoral care by phone at 563-212-1366.

**Worship and Music:** Committee meeting will be April 7, 2021, at 11:00 AM meeting in-person at church. We will be discussing services and hymns through May.

**Women's Bible Study:** The April Bible study will not meet during Holy Week. We will meet in-person on Thursday, April 8, 9:30, in the church basement so we can distance. The "comfort angels" lesson in March was very interesting, and we are looking forward to the April lesson "Feasting, funny, alleluia angels" in this series of "Journeys with Angels" We welcome new people. Please join us!

**EWALU Spring Work Day:** Saturday, May 1, Volunteers are invited to Camp EWALU to help with a variety of outdoor service projects. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. Sack lunch provided. Please RSVP to [camp@ewalu.org](mailto:camp@ewalu.org) or call 563-933-4700.

**Pop Can Drive:** ALC will be hosting a pop can drive on April 11-17. The receptacle/trailer will be in the church parking lot. We ask that cans be bagged in some type of bag and not loose. Funds will be used to repair the stained glass windows. Thank you to Larry Thompson for the use of his trailer for this fundraiser.

**Jesup Community Blood Drive:** Tuesday April 20th, 2021 at the American Legion-Jesup. Contact Monica Bengston at 319-415-5275 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org) to set up an appointment.

**Thank you:** From the Independence Food Pantry for your donation of \$200



**Those we lost this past year  
due to Covid-19**

**Naomi Olson**

**Dennis Olson**

**Ron & Julie Truog**

**Edward & Evelyn Thompson**

**Lydia Rod**

**Bob and Bonnie Albers**

**Don and Jo Gosse**

**Scylvan Bals, Vivian & Richard  
Phillips, and Jeff Lansing**

**Harry McAtee and Marilyn  
Schultz**

**Bill Adams**

**Loyd & Frances Putnam**

**Harold & Viola Adams**

**Doris LeBahn**

**Ben and Esther Reil**