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*I live,*  
YOU WILL LIVE TOO.

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JOHN 14:19 (CEB)

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# ALLELUIA



*(\*) Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

“Christ the Lord is Risen”

\*Opening Litany (by Ann Siddall)

P: We are not eye-witnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day, or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

C: **But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict. We are here because those before us carried this story and cherished it as if it were precious gold.**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today in celebration and in awe. What you are about to hear again has the capacity to change the world. Your very presence attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair, and to the uncontrollable power of God.

C: **It is Easter morning again and we will celebrate!**

\*Opening Hymn #369 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

\*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. ~ O God, You gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading ~ Acts 10: 34-43

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — He is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.      **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118 (selective verses read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

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<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**  
<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"  
<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,**  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**  
<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."  
<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**  
**and you have become my salvation.**  
<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.!

## The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.      **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn #389 (vs. 1) "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

**We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, the friend of the forgotten, the Savior of the world, who loves us without judgment, yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work; who prods us when we get complacent, who loves children and blesses all with compassion.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations, and races; who is in the stillness of every silence, the breath in every sigh, the love in every embrace.**

**We believe we are called to be a people of hope, peace, justice, and love. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of the Church**

*After each prayer petition, please respond:*

God of grace ...      **Hear our prayer.**

**Anthem**

**“Because He Lives”**

### **The Blessing of the Communion Elements**

(Preface ~ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.) †

**The Lord’s Prayer** (traditional ~ prayed by all)

### **+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +**

Communion will be distributed by method of intinction,; that is, the wafer will be dipped in the chalice so that both elements are received together.

### **Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction**

**P:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection You send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**P:** May the blessing of our all loving God be with you always.

## **\*The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 24: 1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among His followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

The Holy Gospel according to the 24th chapter of St. Luke.

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon

**"What Would You Do?"**

**\*Hymn #385    "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing!"**

**\*An Easter Affirmation (professed together)**

**We believe in God who brings sunshine after rain and healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love and longs for us to know we are loved; who splashes the world with color and fills the air with the singing of birds; who meets us in our fears and surrounds us with hope.**

\*Hymn #382

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

\*The Dismissal

Go in peace to be Resurrection people in the world.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music



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*A blessed Easter to one and all!*

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you*

... to Maureen Wagner for serving as our lector

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... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech

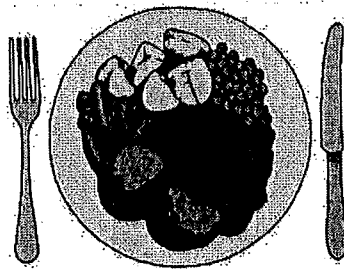


To be remembered in prayer ... Leona Callahan, Denise, Karan Eddy, Hope Geary, Helen Kerositz, Jeanne Logan, Kathleen Tuomela May, George Williams, Zachary, people living in war-torn countries, especially Ukraine and Israel, and others whom we name before God. ♥

The altar flowers are sponsored by Bill Heins in loving memory of Bob Heins.



**Sincere thanks** to everyone who supported our Easter candy project this season by volunteering their time to help make & sell the eggs. We had another successful venture!



## Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, May 3rd from 4-6pm

Cost: \$15/per meal

Beef, mashed potatoes, veggies, roll & butter,  
plus, a dessert

Mark your calendars now for the best meal in town!





## Easter Lily Sponsors

Alicia Baird in loving memory of her grandmothers:  
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The lilies may be taken after worship.

