



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

“Encouraging faith and proclaiming God’s love by Gathering, Growing and Giving.”

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshipers’ response, and * means please stand as able.

SILENT ENTRY (**stand as you are able*)

*EASTER RESPONSE (after the Christ candle is lit, the lights will go on, and bell rung)

P: Christ has risen!

C: He has risen indeed!

*GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LBW#151

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; t.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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Brass Ensemble: Brandy Carothers; Elise Carstens; Cade Larson; Deklan Peterson; Hailey Webb

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LBW#564

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God Almighty, you gave your 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(please be seated)

Children's Church

Kris Jenson

WELCOME & MINISTRY NOTES

Pastor Ron Gerl

GROWING

THE WORD OF GOD

Our reading is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

ACTS 10:34-43 (NIV)

The Apostle Paul gives testimony after converting the first Gentile name Cornelius about resurrection of Jesus Christ. He reminds everyone that God shows no partiality in believing.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join in reading Psalm 118 responsively.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 18-24 (NIV)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ **the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

*(*please stand as you are able.)*

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 16:1-8 (NIV)

The Gospel of Mark is the earliest written book of all the Gospels that reports the resurrection of Jesus. Ascribed to John Mark before the Fall of Jerusalem. See Acts 12:12 and 15:37.

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

MESSAGE **"A Tomorrow"**

Pastor Ron Gerl

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Hallelujah! Jesus Live!

LBW#147

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?
He who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;
joined to him, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at his right hand, as a victor you shall stand.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Or, He descended to the dead. ** universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (**please be seated*)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

GIVING

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. Your generous giving supports God's mission and ministry at Shepherd of the Hill.

Today's noisy offering to be used towards audio and visual technology in our sanctuary.

**When offering brought forward please stand*

*OFFERING HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

LBW page 96

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Psalm: 51:-10-12

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*OFFERING PRAYER O Lord our God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

*ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

It is indeed right and salutary.....

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat and drink what is good.

HOLY COMMUNION— *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine is the Glory

LBW#145

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught with out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above. **Refrain**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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*DISMISSAL Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God.

*BELLS/POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

Acolyte: Hailey Webb Reader: Kris Jenson
Ushers Tim Jenson, Mike Litzkow, Gordy Session

Video: Dave Young
Ministers: Everyone

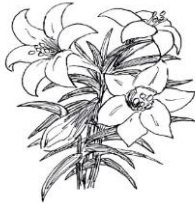


THIS WEEK AT CHURCH and BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY	3/31	10 am	- NO Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		1-5 pm	- Easter Sunday Worship with communion
MONDAY	4/1	6-8 pm	- SOTH Serving at The Community Table
		7 pm	- <i>Secretary in Office</i>
TUESDAY	4/2	11:30-12:30 pm	- AA Meeting
		4-6 pm	- Pop Up Food Pantry @ EM Village Hall
WEDNESDAY	4/3	3:20 pm	- Food Pantry
FRIDAY	4/5	10-Noon	- Confirmation Class
SUNDAY	4/7	8:45 am	- Food Pantry
		10 am	- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
			- Second Sunday of Easter Worship with communion

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Lilies on altar have been donated in memory or honor of loved ones.



*Anita Clemmens in memory of Duane Clemmens and John Ausman
Lyn and Judy Dieter in memory of their parents
Pastor and Mrs. Ron Gerl in memory of Reginald and Margrete Gerl
Stephany Grossbier in memory of Randy Grossbier
Diane Hanson in memory of Loren Hanson
Claudeen and Jim Oebser in memory of their parents
John Silvernale in memory of Evie Silvernale
Barb Vadnais*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming church events for April:

- ❖ April 14th Sunday School will be singing.
- ❖ April 21st graduating Seniors receive quilts and reception after church



**** SOTH will be serving **TODAY** Sunday March 31st! ****

Two shifts available 1-3:15pm & 3-5pm. Sign-up is in the gathering area bulletin board.
Contact Holly Sweeney- 715-456-6960 with any questions.

EMPTY BOWLS 2024

Support Stepping Stones with a \$10 all-you-can-eat soup lunch with bread and dessert!

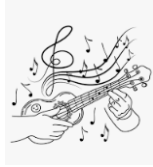
APRIL 6TH, 2024
MENOMONIE HIGH SCHOOL | 11AM - 2PM

Handmade bowls by local potters will be available for purchase

50/50 Online Auction

Live Music

Quilt Raffles



Deadline note

The Chippewa Valley WELCA conference is holding the **Day of Renewal** event on April 20 at Hope Lutheran church in Eau Claire. There will be two main speakers, and music by the Good Neighbor Ukulele ministry. Lunch will be provided. Please meet other women of faith from 30 churches in the conference. It will be an uplifting time. Registration forms are on the table by the mailboxes. **Mail your form no later than April 8th**

If this is your first time attending your *registration fee* will be sponsored by a member of SOTH. Please let Claudeen Oebser or Kris Jenson know.

MAILING ADDRESSES for those folks who you may want to send words of care, concern, cheer, or sympathy.

Please let the secretary know if you would like to be added and/or know someone who would.

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