

April 21, 2019 ~ 10:15 am ~ Easter Sunday

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: *Fantasy on "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

Elaine Hagen, Organist

Choral Introit

Hymn #232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Call to Worship

L: This is the day angels bring light into our shadows, and gardeners harvest good news.

P: This is the day the Lord awakens us with unexpected grace, and the sun breaks out in song.

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: The day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear, when hope walks with us in every moment.

Prayer of Invocation

On this Easter, as on that very first day, You come, Steadfast Love, walking with us to discover the good news of the empty grave, so that we can run to tell everyone we meet. On this Easter, as on that very first morning, You wait and watch, Gardener of our hearts, as we seek to understand this mystery which leaves us scratching our heads, until we turn to You for answers and discover all we need to know when You call us by our names. On this Easter, as in these first moments, You whisper to us, Spirit of broken hearts, of love which rolls away fears, of hope which folds grave clothes, of grace which overturns every assumption. On this Easter, as on all days, You are our grace, our hope, our peace, God in Community, Holy in One, and so we worship and praise You. Amen.

*Hymn (Insert)

"Christ Arose"

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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*Hymn (Insert)

"The Easter Song"

Moment for Children

Anthem

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"

Rev. Scott Prouty

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

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Sermon

*Hymn (Insert)

"Because He Lives"

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: *"The Strife is O'er"*

Elaine Hagen, Organist

*Doxology Hymn #606

*Offertory Prayer

As we look towards You, God of this morning, may we rejoice in our communities, even as we pray you would use our gifts to bring healing and new hope to them. May we delight in those around us, even as we pray You would fill them with the grace, the peace, the life for which they are longing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn (Insert)

"He Lives"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction/Postlude

(* Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.)

Ushers for April: Mark Oja, Maynard & Joyce Nolting, Bob Kaupang, Curt Meyers, Shane & JoAnne Carroll, Nancy, Jared & Justin Miller

Greeting you Today: Deacon of the Month Sharon King, Shelby Enright, Bob & Barb Brown

May Communion Servers: Becky Bruns, Marlys Mathiowetz, Paul Hagen, Julie Reinstra, Lois Davis, Dan Tiffany, Joyce McKay

Fill the Shopping Cart Challenge ~ April: Peanut Butter & Jelly

Our Televised Worship Services ~ Tune in to NU-Telecom - channel 3, and Media-com - channel 8, on Mondays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Adopt-A-Highway ~ We will be meeting at the church at 5:45 pm, on **Wednesday, April 24**, to clean our stretch of highway. We will start with pizza at 5:45, and then head out to clean up. The Youth Faith in Action kids are leading this clean up and would appreciate any adults that would be willing to pitch in!

Easter Flowers ~ Thank you to everyone who brought flowers to share with us this morning. Flowers were donated in honor of Wendy Nolting and in grateful celebration of Maynard & Joyce Nolting by their family.

Book Sale ~ Redwood Falls Public Library Book Sale, **April 24-27**.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 21:

Easter Sunday

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Monday, April 22-Sunday April 28: Pastor Scott is taking a week of continuing education.

The Rev. Bonnie Roys will cover in case of any Pastoral Emergencies.

Wednesday, April 24: Last Night of Wednesday Night Activities

5:15 am: Youth Club for K-Grade 4

5:45 pm: Meal-Pizza

(Grade 5 and older will meet for pizza, followed by highway clean up!)

Sunday, April 28:

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

There will be no coffee following Worship this morning. Happy Easter!

Thank You ~ Thank you to everyone who donated food and all the workers that helped for the bloodmobile on Monday, April 15! We couldn't do it without each of you!

Breakfast ~ We could use a few more volunteers for Sunday morning breakfast. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up where you can!

Meals ~ We have started a sign-up sheet for meals for the Johannecks. If you would be willing to whip up a meal or two for Scott & Michele, please look at the sheet in the Narthex for dates available. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Kohler.

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: David & Adrienne Danielson

Pray for Members of our Church Family that are receiving Hospice care: Dan Steenblock

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for those seeking employment.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: Today - Leon King, 22nd - Faith Bruns, 24th - Joyce McKay, 27th - Logan Garman

Anniversaries: 25th - Butch & Faythe Amberg

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Janet Minkel, Bob & Bunny Nolting

All Those Fighting Cancer: Tom Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousin's husband), Braxton Raymond,
Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law), Mark (Gerry & Deb Hess's son-in-law),

Sam Pederson (Jenny Bloedow's uncle)

Pray for all those fighting other diseases: Shellie Mammen (lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis)

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.