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Easter Sunday



Matthew 25:2-3

²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

FM 88.9

Thank you for joining our service today.

Happy Easter

Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd

This worship we will be using ELW (cranberry hymnal)

Liturgy will be Setting 3.

You may stand during worship with asterisk () in this bulletin*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have made ourselves captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C:Amen

*** Gathering Hymn**

“Jesus Christ s Risen Today”

ELW#365

*** Greeting**

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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.

*** Kyrie**

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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.

*** Canticle of Praise**

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*** Prayer of the Day**

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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.

C: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The 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!**

¹⁶The 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.**

¹⁸The 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.**

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

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

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Chime Anthem “Now the Green Blade Rises”

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love**

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

***Hymn of the Day**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW #367

*** Nicene Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Chimes Anthem “A Gaelic Easter Celebration”

Prayers of Intercession

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: Merciful God, **C:** receive our prayer.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Paul Fahr, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, Sharon Janicke, Roger and Kevin. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Betty Mennega.

Peace

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P: The peace of the Christ be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P. Holy, mighty and merciful Lord...All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion

P: The body of Christ given for you. *(eat the body of Christ)*

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(drink the blood of Christ)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Hymn** **“I that My Redeemer Lives!”** **ELW#815**

* **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

Easter Lilies Given by...

Karen Niemeier ~ In memory of loved ones.

Sue and Curt Diddens ~ In memory of our parents.

Sue Rush ~ In memory of loved ones.

Kristy, Anna , and Tylor Patterson ~ In memory of great Aunt Shorty.

Vicar Thomas and Coral Mosbo ~ In memory of loved ones.

The Gullickson Family ~ In memory of loved Ones.

Vivian Hesselbacher ~ In memory of Gene Hesselbacher and loved ones.

Jerry and Beth Martin ~

In Memory of Joyce and Oscar Tessendorf, Phyllis and Cletus Martin.

The Keene Family ~ In memory of loved ones.

Wieland Kayser and Katherine Clay ~ In memory of Esther Kayser and Michael Kayser

Eleanor Stalder and Family ~ In memory of Catharine, Glenn, Ira and Nelda Wire.

Thank you for decorating sanctuary with lilies.

You may take them home after worship.

You may take your Easter lilies home after this service.

Special Thank You to our musicians today

*Karen Neimeier, Tena Rackow, Janis Kurth, Wayne Kurth, Billie Jo Runkle,
Dan Kurth, Darci Meier, Michelle Andrews, Jay Andrews, Nakoah Cornwell, Krista
Keene and Sue Diddens,*

Announcements

Northwest Conference

2023 Spring Gathering

Women of the ELCA
Deer Ridge Retreat Center
3085 Forest Road
Freeport, IL 61032

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Time: 9:30am registration

Brunch served at 10:00am

Cost \$20.00

Program Deer Ridge Ministries, 11:00am-12:00pm

Presenter: Pastor David Decker

A freewill offering will be taken

Open to all women of the ELCA & guest, retreat center is handicapped accessible.

All women in the Northern Illinois Synod are welcome to attend the

2023 Spring Retreat *Women at the Well*

on April 29th out at LOMC in Oregon, IL.

Go to the WELCA website, Events\WELCA 2023 Spring Retreat for more information.

Attendance March 26th

In-person-24 Online –video not available, technical difficulties

Friendship Club will meet on April 13 at 12:30pm
for potluck
1:00pm Entertainment by
Will Miller

Piece Corps Quilting Group
Meets every Wednesday from 8am-11:30am in
Fellowship Hall

**Good Shepherd
Council Meeting
April 20th at
6:30pm**