



Christ is Risen!

10:45 Service

Living Springs Lutheran Church

Easter Festival Worship

April 1, 2018



On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

PRELUDE

*Baptismal Anniversaries: Gary Bradham (4/1), Jerry Mancuso (4/1), Tammy Mancuso (4/1), Luke Sorial (4/7)
(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary)*

WELCOME

We stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: Faithful and just God,

People: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

People: Amen.



ENTRANCE HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turms to life once more;
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have triumphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Savior Lives!"

FaithAlive Singers

Words & Music by Glen Packiam & Jon Egan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Lexanne Graves, Minister of Faith & Life for Children and Families
Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the Lenten bucket collection (Harvest Hope Food Bank). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service.

FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(Acts 10:34–43)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1–2, 14–24

Lector: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

People: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

Lector: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

People: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

Lector: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

People: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Lector: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

People: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

Lector: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

People: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

Lector: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the

message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. *(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

JuBELLation Handbells
arr. John Behnke

We remain seated during the Gospel Processional. At the conclusion, we stand and open our hearts in joy for the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: When 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]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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." So 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. *(Mark 16:1-8)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL *"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"*



Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song. This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous-
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness scorned by the ones he came to
 day, up from the grave he rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com-ands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died the wrath of
 gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 ny. No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - ery sin on him was
 lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand. 'Til he re-returns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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NICENE CREED

People: 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 and the Son, 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

+ A brief silence +

Leader: You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the baptized people of God as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. God of mercy,

People: **thy will be done.**

Leader: You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. God of mercy,

People: **thy will be done.**

Leader: You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. God of mercy,

People: **thy will be done.**

Leader: You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for: *the family of Janet Bate; Gwen Brantley; Stephanie Joyner; Tara Bartholomew; Charles Joye; Bunie Talbert; Betty Malloy; Sallyann Tracy; Inez Anderson; family of Syndey Burnsed; Tina O'Leary; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* God of mercy,

People: **thy will be done.**

Leader: You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. God of mercy,

People: **thy will be done.**

Leader: You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. God of mercy,

People: **thy will be done.**

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION "The Angel Rolled the Stone Away"

Celebration Choir
Spiritual arr. Daniel Meyer

We stand as able

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be - to the
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

People: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Pastor: *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: 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.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: 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.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

People: 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.

Pastor: Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

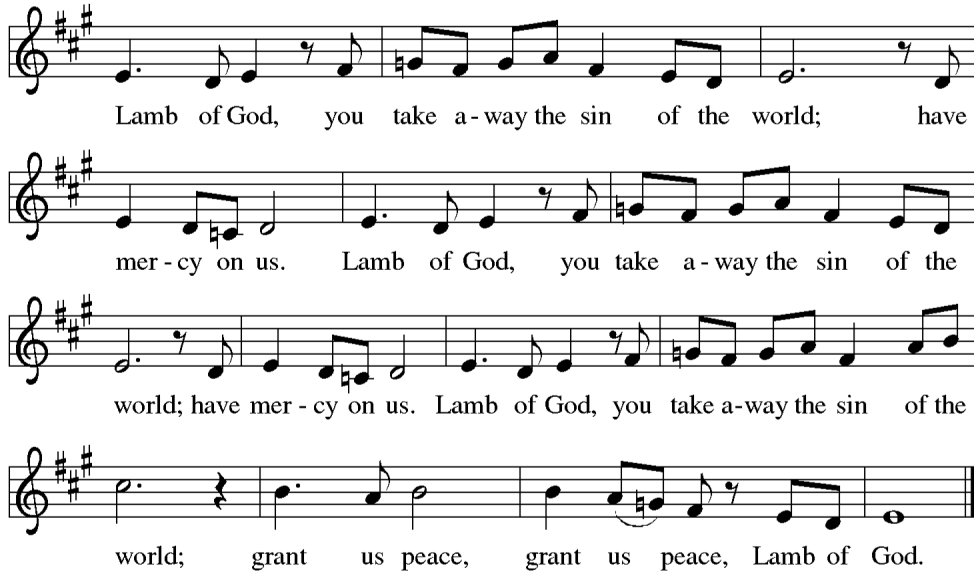
People: Thanks be to God.

We are seated

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

We stand after all have received communion

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

People: Amen

Assist: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.



BENEDICTION

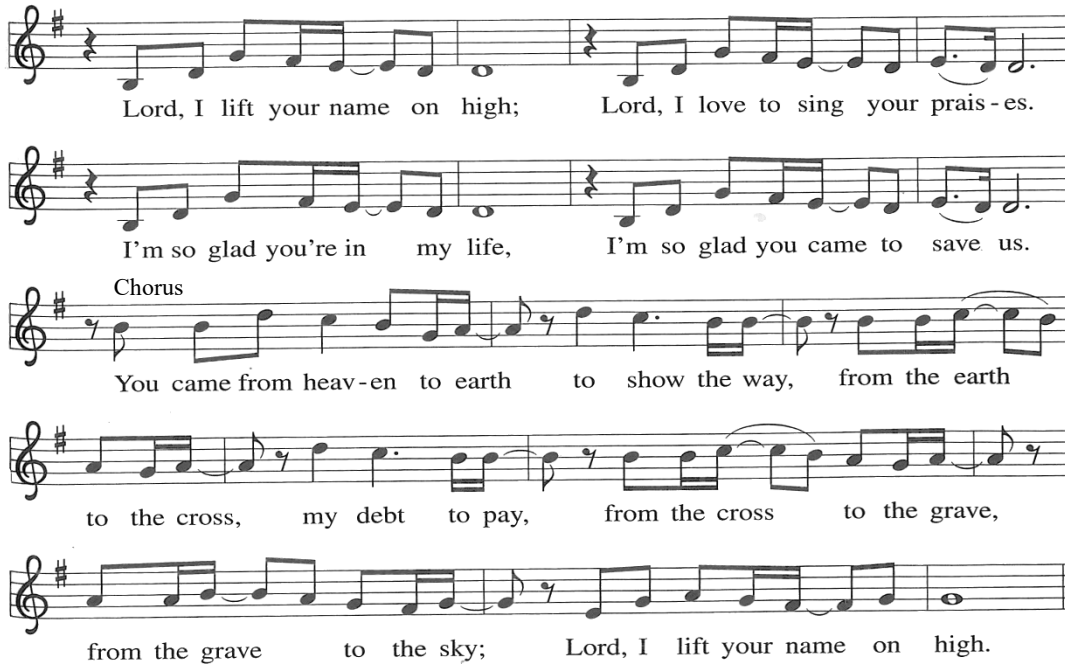
Pastor: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

(Sung twice then repeat chorus. We turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle)



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
Chorus
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

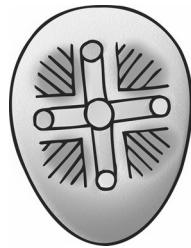
DISMISSAL

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Assist: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.



Easter Seasonal Emphasis

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. But go, tell

Mark 16:6-7a

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Easter Flower Dedications

- Nancy Baldwin - In memory of Ben Baldwin
- Nancy Baldwin - In memory of Terry Wheeler
- Nancy Baldwin - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elsmar L. Kelly
- Cathy & Ken Creticos - In honor of our parents
- Kris & Eric Fink - In honor of the people of Living Springs
- Kris & Eric Fink - In memory of Daun, Les, & Lester Gross
- Edward K. (Ken) Flynn - In honor of Barbara J. Erhardt (sister)
- Margaret Goldberg - In honor of our family
- Jim & Sadonia Grimmer - In memory of Heneritta Thielking (Jim's father)
- Jim & Sadonia Grimmer - In memory of Hammond Hall & Martha Hall Mulkey (Sadonia's parents)
- Sue Hyman - In memory of Jim Hyman, family members
- Karen Kranz & Jeff Lummel - In honor of our families and friend; in memory of our parents
- Paul & Shirley Laingen - In memory of Carl & Alta Laingen
- Paul & Shirley Laingen - In memory of Geroge Miest
- Adele Lindberg & children - In memory of Luther Lindberg
- Adele aLindberg & Marie (Lindberg) Niemkiewicz - In memory of Mark Niemkiewicz
- Gerald Mancuso - In memory of Anne Mancuso (mother)
- Gerald Mancuso - In memory of F.A. Mancuso (father)
- Gerald Mancuso - In memory of Anne D'Armond (Tammy Mancuso's grandmother)
- Randy & Lori Masad - In honor of Elaine Schwaller
- Randy & Lori Masad - In memory of Raymond Schwaller
- Randy & Lori Masad - In memory of Frank Masad
- Randy & Lori Masad - In memory of Lorraine Masad
- Christina Rauer - In memory of Hanna Arnold
- Mike & Sarah Schultz - In memory of Judy Schultz (Mike's mom)
- Audrey & Evan Turnmire - In honor of Mike & Trish Davidson; Kathy & Ed Brennan
- Anonymous - In honor of Scott & Lexanne Graves (by their Lenten Prayer Partner)



~Serving in Worship~

JUBELLATION HANDBELLS

Laura Turnmire, Director

ASSISTING MINISTER

Alison Levitt

LECTOR

Jeff Day

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Leslie Bloss

Jan Berger

USHERS

Jan Berger

Wes Levitt

Karlene Stuart

Laura Stuart

INSIDE GREETER

Linda Hayes

OUTSIDE GREETER

Marshall Hurlbert

ACOLYTE

Dakota Shannon

CRUCIFER

Caroline Berger

TORCHBEARERS

Gail Buchanan

Pat Bartucca

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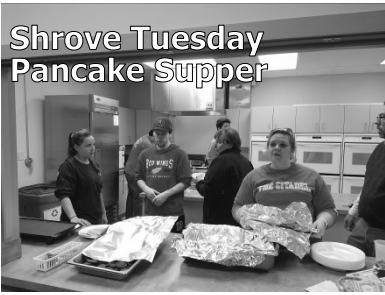
MUSICIANS

Carson Holroyd (Trumpet)

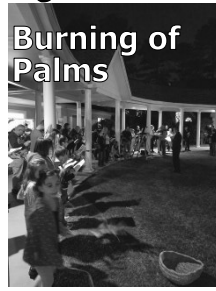
Harrison Thornton (Trumpet)

Graham Peterson (Percussion)

God at Work During Lent & Holy Week!



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper



Burning of
Palms



Ash Wednesday



Friday Fish Fry



Friday Fish Fry



Friday Fish Fry



Preschool's Lenten
Journey



FAITH5 Sunday -
Bible Jeopardy



Veterans
Ministry



Faith Alive



TELS - Bernstein Mass



Delivering
Easter Baskets
to God's
Storehouse



Hymn Along @
Crossings



Holy Communion

Faith Milestone



Rush Hour
Ministry



Midweek Lenten Drama



Palm Sunday



Easter Family Event



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Easter Family
Event

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER SUNDAY - This Changes Everything

"He has been raised, he is not here." These words of the angel standing outside the tomb on Easter morning are perhaps the most glorious ever spoken. He—Jesus—is not here. He is not in the tomb. He is not dead. He was dead, yes. He was in the tomb, yes. But he is no longer. He has been raised.

This is the truth of Easter. But you may wonder what this nice story about Jesus has to do with your life. Trumpets and lilies and white and gold linens, and lavish breakfasts and children all dressed up in their finest church clothes are lovely. But they don't change the diagnosis, or the pink slip, or the dwindling bank account, or the divorce papers. They don't change the reality of harder work for less pay, of addiction to technology, of the endless search for your true identity and real community. No, the accessories of Easter don't change a thing. They are simply ways we often celebrate the message of Easter.

It is the message of Easter—that Christ is no longer dead, that Christ has been raised and is no longer in the tomb—which changes everything. We are promised that in baptism we are buried with Christ and also raised with Christ. Our tombs are empty because his is empty. Whatever evil circumstances come our way—however real and present they are—have no ultimate power to harm us. Jesus has overcome evil, and therefore so have we. The Easter story of Jesus is important because you are important to Jesus. Where he is, and what he is, you shall be also. He has been raised. You have been raised. Alleluia!



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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!

We rejoice in your presence here, as we join with others throughout the world for worship on this glorious morning! May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, as shown to the world through the events of Holy Week and Easter.

We pray that that God's healing grace may truly touch every aspect of your life!

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If you are looking for a church home to offer you and your family support, fellowship, growth in faith, and opportunities to share the love of God with others, we invite you to come experience the Spirit's presence here at Living Springs.

Everyone is welcome here - to share in the grace and unconditional love given us through Christ!

WELCOME GUESTS! – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

SEASONAL NAME TAG – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail).

RESTROOMS – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations.

HEARING ASSISTANCE - The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE– are available during communion.

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CHILDREN'S BULLETINS – are distributed during the children's sermon.

NURSERY – is available for infants-3 years old during the 8:15 & 10:45 Worship Services; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

CHILD SAFETY – is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision.

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OUR PRAYER MINISTRY – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office).

G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children

Our "kid-friendly" worship experience is located in the left transept of the sanctuary. For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly furniture, plus adult chairs. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area during the message time. During this middle section of the service, Deacon Lexanne Graves will be in the area to guide parents and children through activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the service. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)

