



# *Christ is Risen!*

8:15 & 10:30

*Living Springs Lutheran Church*

*Easter Worship*

*April 4, 2021*



Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

## PRELUDE

*"Fantasia for Easter Morning" (8:15 & 10:30)*

Toni Hollingsworth, Organist  
arr. Albin Whitworth; © 1998 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

*"Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing" (8:15)*

LS JuBELLation Handbells  
Williams, Thomas; arr. Cathy Moglebust; © 2014 Choristers Guild.

## 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

*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

*We turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

1 *Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2 *Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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## 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 and 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 (10:30 only)

*"The Strife Is O'er"*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

1 *The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

3 *The three sad days have quickly sped,  
Christ rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!*

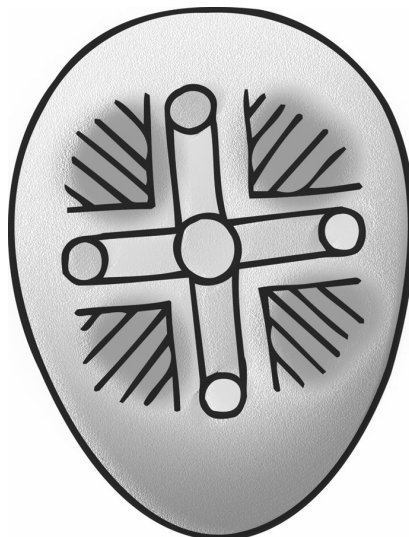
*The Strife Is O'er; Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, tr. Francis Pott;  
Music: VICTORY, Giovannie Pierluigi da Palestrina, arr. William Monk*

*We are seated*

## CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE (10:30 only)

*Children & youth are invited to stand in their pew for a special message. Children & youth who are outside may come into the narthex if they wish. BUCKET OFFERING: You may collect your coins or dollars at home for the bucket collection and bring them to worship or drop them off at the church office. Current collection is for World Hunger "40 Days of Giving."*

Deacon Lexanne Graves



## 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.**

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION (10:30)

*"Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing"*

JuBELLation Handbell Choir  
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## 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.**

*We stand and open our hearts in joy for the Gospel (10:30—we turn, facing the processional cross)*

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL (10:30)** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", v. 1

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!*

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, tr. Jane E. Leeson; Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:1-18)*

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL (10:30)** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", v. 4

*Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, tr. Jane E. Leeson; Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams*

*We are seated*

**EASTER MESSAGE**

Rev. Carl Taylor

*We stand as able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen"

*1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!*

*4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain*

**Refrain**

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

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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

**Assist:** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*+ A brief silence +*

**Assist:** Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Assist:** Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Assist:** Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Assist:** Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. We pray especially for: *Ann Lynn Caughman; Peter Creighton; Peggy Collins; Inge Lowery; Jim Glander, Bill Franck; Pat Bartucca; Nancy Baldwin; Vickie Crapps; Goldie/Delores Harmon; Ed Brennan; Debbie Smith; Charles Kauffman; Margaret Blank; Bunie Talbert; Christine Lotter; Emily Faile; Mary Gay; Bob Holmstrom; Kelly Koziol; Wilma Bracey; Melanie Benik; Carol Gordon; the Scott family; the Leksander family; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...* Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Assist:** Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Assist:** Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have died in faith and have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Assist:** In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*We extend a sign of peace toward others (inside/lawn), or use our vehicle horns (parking lot), with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."*

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION (10:30)

*"Thine Is The Glory"*

LS Virtual Choir & JuBELLATION

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*We stand as able*

## PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS (10:30) "Now the Feast and Celebration"

*Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING—PREFACE & SANCTUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: 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:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.*



## **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:** The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*We are seated*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

*1 O Lamb of God you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You suffered death our lives to save:  
Have mercy now, we pray.*

*2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You set us free from guilt and grave:  
Have mercy now, we pray*

*3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
Eternal peace with God you made:  
Give us your peace, we pray.*





## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME to partake of Holy Communion, for we believe this is the Lord's Meal (not ours) and open to Christians of any background, denomination, or tradition. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in the full presence of Christ in, with, and under the elements. Children are welcome to receive communion at as early age as desired (parent may consult with pastor) - instruction is provided as scheduled. For children (or others) not receiving the elements, a special blessing is offered.

**OUTSIDE** - Please remain in place. Communion will be brought to you on the lawn or at your vehicle.

**INSIDE** - Ushers will direct you to the front. **Please maintain at least 6-ft spacing while waiting & returning.**

**ELEMENTS:** During Covid, we continue to temporarily use sanitary-packaged individual communion elements. The wafer is located under the plastic film on top of the sealed cup - you can pull back the plastic film for the wafer, and then peel off the aluminum seal to open the cup. Feel free to either eat the wafer or drink the grape juice first, depending on which is easier for you to open. Separate individually-packaged GLUTEN-FREE wafers are also available. \*For INSIDE WORSHIP, we also have available an individual wine glass & traditional wafer at a separate station. Please commune at the station and return the plastic holder/glass to the container provided at the table.

## EASTER OFFERING

**INSIDE:** Offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the table in the Holy Communion line.

**OUTSIDE:** Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the welcome table or given to a parking lot attendant. You may also drop off your offerings at the office during the week or send through mail/bank transfer. For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app.

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## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Thine Is The Glory" (8:15)

LS Virtual Choir & JuBELLATION

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"Eat This Bread" (10:30)

*"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."*

*Jesus Christ, bread of life,  
those who come to you will not hunger.  
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,  
those who trust in you will not thirst.*

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"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (10:30)

**1** *I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!*

**2** *He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.*

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives; Text: Samuel Medley; Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton*

"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" (8:15 & 10:30)

**1:** *Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see. (to Verse 2)*

*And like a flood, His mercy rains  
unending love, amazing grace.*

**2:** *T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed. (to Chorus)*

**3:** *The Lord has promised good to me  
his Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures. (to Chorus, 2x)*

**Chorus:** *My chains are gone, I've been set free!  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me!*

**4:** *When we've been there 10,000 years,  
bright shining as the Sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
then when we first begun. (to Chorus, 2x)  
...unending love, amazing grace.*

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*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**

Pastor: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*We turn and face the processional cross as it is carried outside.*

1 *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!*

4 *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!*

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; Text: Latin carol, tr. J. Walsh/Charles Wesley; Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh*

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace! You have a story to tell—God is love!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Christus Resurrexit"*

Toni Hollingsworth, organist  
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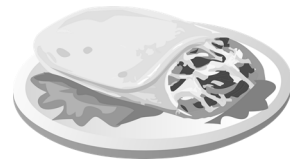
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- April Britton ~ in memory of Sam Gordon
- Gail & Ted Buchanan ~ in memory of our mothers Marjorie Buchanan & Catherine Ruff
- Kris & Eric Fink ~ in memory of Les, Daun, & Lester Gross
- Sue Hyman ~ in memory of Jim Hyman & family members
- Karen Kranz ~ in honor of family & friends and in memory of Lorraine, Eleanor, Norval, Norval Jr., Ken, & Jeffrey
- Paul & Shirley Laingen ~ in memory of Carl & Alta Laingen
- Paul & Shirley Laingen ~ in memory of George & Lois Miest
- Judy Lawrence ~ in honor of Living Springs' staff
- Cathy Lowman ~ in honor of Pastor Eric & Pastor Carl
- Leena Skiba ~ to the glory of Living Springs
- Bob & Laura Turnmire ~ in honor of Audrey & Evan Turnmire

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**\*\* EASTER BREAKFAST "TO-GO" \*\***

LS Lutheran Men will offer Easter breakfast "to-go" bags following both the Son-Rise and 8:15 worship services - they are preparing their own delicious breakfast burritos! Donations support the LS Legrand/Lowman Scholarship Fund for college students.



**+ EASTER EVENING: 6:00-6:30PM +**

*At-Home Emmaus Worship via GoogleMeet*  
*[meet.google.com/gtk-ebxv-zjp](https://meet.google.com/gtk-ebxv-zjp)*  
*Or join by phone, 484-544-3135*  
*PIN: 164 292 357#*

We worship together from our homes on Easter Evening via GoogleMeet.

Easter Evening worship is an ancient tradition that remembers how the Risen Jesus broke bread and ate in the home of Cleopas in the little village of Emmaus on the first Easter.

We will share Holy Communion during this worship service, so please have bread and wine available in your home. If you wish, you may bring your bread and wine to any of the Easter morning worship times and place them on a special table located behind the communion altars. Then, following worship, you may take them home for use in the Emmaus worship.

*Individual pre-packaged elements are also available for you to take home and use for the Emmaus Worship.*

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY:**

*On the Other Side of Fear*

The very last verse of this morning's gospel comprises what scholars believe to be the original ending of Mark. Somewhat alarmingly, the final words are "they were afraid" (Mark 16:8). If you crack open your Bible today, you'll see a few other paragraphs and endings beyond this verse; however, Mark 16:8 is thought to have been the original end to the book.

As people who are used to greeting Easter morning with flowers, banners, trumpets, and boisterous hymns, this original ending to Mark, filled with fear and silence, isn't quite what we expect to find at the empty tomb! The end of Mark's Easter story can feel disquieting; maybe that's why a faithful person added another ending or two.

Fear and silence are hallmarks of human life. Anyone who says they have never been afraid is either living under a rock or probably not sharing the full truth of their experience of things. As vulnerable human creatures, we are susceptible to fear, which can cascade into silence at our worst when we are most frightened. That is exactly where we meet the disciples today.

Yet someone, sometime, somewhere, had to have said something, or else we would not be here worshipping at Easter. At some point joy crept up and leapt over the disciples' terror and paralysis. At some point the words were blurted out and released into the air with gladness: "Christ is risen, alleluia!"

Today, we enter the story on the other side of fear and silence. Someone among those disciples did indeed proclaim the truth: Christ is risen! We can rest assured knowing that despair and death don't have the last word. Drawn into the resurrection life of Jesus, we are invited to take part in this movement of God, shouting with loud praise, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

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**✠ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY ✠**

**Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS HOLY DAY!**

*We rejoice in your presence, as we join with others throughout the world for worship on Easter Sunday!  
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 family 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 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 sign the welcome book in the narthex. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the Pastor Carl (803-736-0661) or Pastor Eric (803-917-2749).

**RESTROOMS** – are located in the Administration Building. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations.

**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, call the office (803-736-0661) or send an email to: prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org

**Living Springs 2021 - Moving Forward in Faith to be ...**

**A CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, LIVING BEACON OF GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL!**

*With God's help & the Spirit's power, we will strive to be a Body of Believers who:*

**All are more deeply FORMED & GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE;**

**All are more fully EQUIPPED WITH HOPING-COPING SKILLS for life;**

**All are GOD'S ACTIVE HOPE-AGENTS in our daily, spiritual, communal lives.**

**EASTER SUNDAY INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Josie Gardiner (Trumpet)  
Tyson Taylor (Trumpet)

Katie Peak (Trombone)  
Ryan Peak (French Horn)

Trado Mayson (piano)  
Toni Hollingsworth (organ)

Christopher Girardeau  
(guitar)

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