



Easter Sunday *March 31, 2024*



Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 118:24)

L: This is the day the Lord has made- let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

P: He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

L: The Lord has won the victory!

P: Our Savior lives and we are made alive through his love!

L: The stone has been rolled away! This Good News is for all people!

ALL: HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Vs 1-4
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Opening Prayer

Song: *Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia- Praise Ye the Lord!**

Children’s Sermon: *Noah and the Message of Easter!*

Song “*Rise and Shine!*” Children and Youth

Prayer of Confession

L: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world.

P: We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

L: Forgive us for not living out and not sharing the Good News of a Risen Lord.

P: Forgive our lack of enthusiasm and tendency towards apathy.

L: Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope, reconciliation, restoration , peace and new life!

ALL: We confess we have neglected to live as people who believe in the resurrection. We have been selfish and self-seeking and have not lived out the Gospel message. Free us from the weight of this world so we can live as people who believe in your life-giving amazing grace!

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!” We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

ALL: O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His steadfast love endures forever! Alleluia!

Offering “He Is Risen” by Don Besig

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Mission Moment: *Jesus Alive Through Us!*

Scripture Philippians 3:7-14 Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: *Knowing Christ and the Power of the Resurrection!*

Sacred Dance: *I Know My Redeemer Lives! – Rev. Rebecca, Camille Lovelette & Brenden Hough*

Pastoral Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

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Benediction

Musicians: Ben Nislinger, Children and Youth

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Paul Gannett

10:00 am: Sharon Kaczmarczyk

Coffee Hour

Welcome Committee

Laura Melix

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew.

Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Easter Egg Hunt to follow 10:00 am Service at 11:15 am



Spring is here! Priscilla Tinsley will be at the Annex on Tuesdays from 9 am till 12 pm to accept donations for the upcoming yard sales this spring and summer. If you have any questions, just give her a call 978-337-0408.

The Sunday School Kids are collecting money to buy a Llama for the Heifer project during Lent. There is a collection table in the Solem. If you donate they have made a suncatcher for you!

There will be a Church Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Welcome Committee Meeting April 4th at 4:00 pm.

Welcome Spring Dinner Friday, April 12th 6:00 pm at Wimpy's in Oosterville. Sign up in the Solarium.



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