

Easter Sunday

The Feast of the Resurrection



*Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Fort Morgan, Colorado
April 9th, 2023*

Pastor Liliana Stahlberg

8:00 a.m.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE EASTER JOY

Excerpts from John Chrysostom's Easter sermon;

*John was a 4th Century Church father and Archbishop of Constantinople (today's Istanbul). His last name "Chrysostom" is actually a nickname, **golden-mouthed**, which celebrated his eloquence.*

P: Are here any who are devout lovers of God?

Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are here any who are grateful servants?

Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

C: Those who are first and those who are last receive your reward;

Rich and poor, rejoice together

Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

P: You that have kept the fast,

And you that have not,

Rejoice today for the table is richly filled,

Feast royally on it!

C: Let no one go hungry

Partake all of the cup of faith,

Enjoy all the riches of God's goodness.

P: O death, where is thy sting?

O hell, where is thy victory?

C: Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is risen and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life is liberated!

P: To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever.

C: Amen



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

P: In the midst of life, from beyond the grave.

C: God calls us to rise and live!

P: From classrooms and offices, from preschools and nursing homes, even at the end of life.

C: God calls us to rise and live!

P: Let our resurrected life so shine that all the world can see our new life in Christ and our love for one another.

C: God calls us to rise and live!

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of all Life. Give us the courage and strength to do like Jesus and “become human and live a resurrected life,” through the power of the Holy Spirit always at work in our lives. Amen.

FIRST READING (*from The Message*)

Acts 10:34-43

Peter fairly exploded with his good news: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he’s doing it everywhere, among everyone. You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him. And we saw it, saw it all, everything he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem where they killed him, hung him from a cross. But in three days God had him up, alive, and out where he could be seen. Not everyone saw him—he wasn’t put on public display. Witnesses had been carefully handpicked by God beforehand—us! We were the ones, there to eat and drink with him after he came back from the dead. He commissioned us to announce this in public, to bear solemn witness that he is in fact the One whom God destined as Judge of the living and dead. But we’re not alone in this. Our witness that he is the means to forgiveness of sins is backed up by the witness of all the prophets.”

Lector: Hear the Spirit’s voice speak today.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have spoken the truth of your love.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them responsibility over the works of your hands;

**You have put all things under their care, all sheep and oxen, and also the
beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen*”.....#377

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

P: The holy Gospel according Matthew, the 28th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then 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.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then 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 - *The Communal/Universal Resurrection*

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HYMN OF THE DAY “*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*”.....#384

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us pray:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

P: Lord in your compassion,

C: Hear our prayers!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you!

P: Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Soft music played by Diane Nicklas*



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out — with fair - er light when,
2. O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to
3. O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for
4. All praise, O ris - en Lord we give to you, once dead, but now a - live! To



to their long - ing eyes re - stored, the disci - ples saw their ris - en Lord!
you our lips will ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
you will be our strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, as we gather at your table may we know your love in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine. Open our eyes to your presence among us and in the people we dislike. Bind us together, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

+MEAL+

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION PRAYER

P: May the God of Life and Resurrection be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them up to the one who can bring life even out of death.

P: Let us praise God!

C: We give thanks for who we are and, by the grace of God, are becoming.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks and praise, O Christ! You arise to shake the earth and our lives, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted. Raise us from the tombs of blindness, complacency and injustice and lead us into new life for the sake of God's world. May all the guilt, shame and pain that have been buried deep in our soul be freed and forgiven. Bless our lives so that we may return to you, O Risen Christ. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the voices of heaven we praise your name.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION+

LORD'S PRAYER (*congregation may join hands*)

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The bread is broken, the wine is poured; with them, we are claimed and shaped to be the body of Christ for the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “Take My Life, That I May Be”*#685
- “Eat This Bread”*#492

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: How can we live and love as Jesus did, except through the mysterious gift and power of His Spirit and His sharing of himself with us? Bless us so that we become his face, his hands, his heart and body in the world, for others. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: And the God of Life, who raised Jesus from the dead, give you courage, faith, and strength to serve. And the blessing of God Creator, Jesus our brother, and the Holy Spirit guide you on your way.

C: Amen

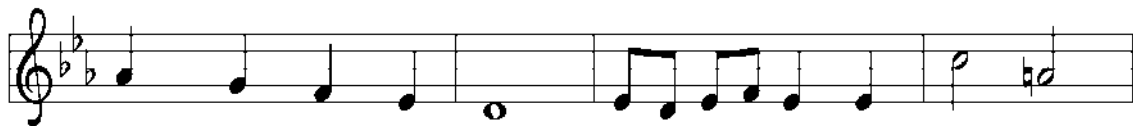
SENDING SONG *“Thine is the Glory”*#376



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!

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Please sign the guest book in the entryway if you are visiting. Breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall following worship and we hope you can join us. A free will offering will be collected and proceeds will benefit Rising Up, the Men's Fund, Disaster Relief for the earthquakes in Turkey, and our Youth Group.

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In Our Prayers: Christine Reedy, Jodi Brown, Kay Seiler, Raina Larson, Ron Seiler, Ramon & Jordan Mendez, Callie Sidor, Tina Mendez, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, Pam Dorn, Luke Lay, Braxton Speicher, Luke Makings, Zach Griffith, and Harley Ernst.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTERS

Lector: Karen Liston
Acolyte: Stefanie Liston
Usher/Greeter: Karen Temple
Altar Guild: Barbara Mai
Council Steward: Karen Liston
Communion Assistant: Terresa Lauck
Fellowship Host: Dave Jorgensen & friends
Media Center: Bruce Buehner
Teller: Margie Dorn
Organist: Diane Nicklas

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

Karen Temple
Dave Jorgensen
Marian Robertson
Betty Dahl
Bruce Buehner
Shelly Bristol
Kristal Sneed

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

Today: 8:00 a.m. Easter Service
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Friday: 5:15 p.m. LCOR Excellence in Leadership Meeting
Next Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds / Bushes Meeting

***Thanks to the following who purchased Easter lilies to adorn
our sanctuary this blessed Easter Sunday!***

Karen Liston to the Glory of God

Elsie Menken in memory of Duane Menken

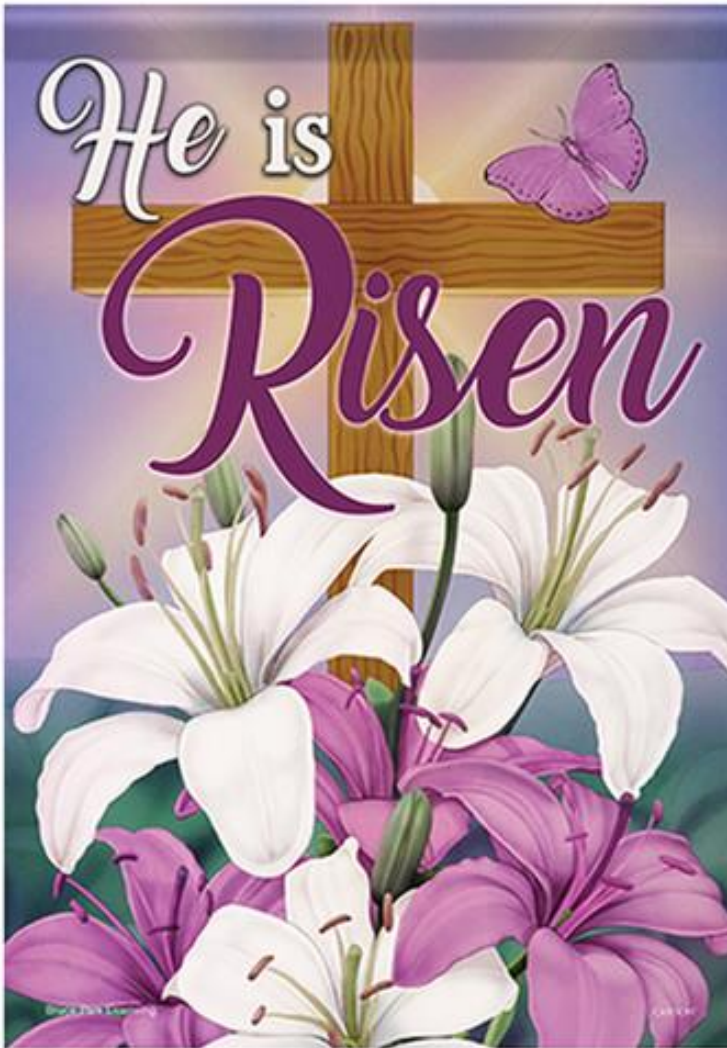
Duane & Shelly Bristol in memory of LeRoy & Barbara Baumgartner

*Gary & Carol Foos in memory of
Robert Hutcheson & Jean Schwindt*

*Dick & Melissa Ruppel
in memory of Joann Ruppel, Art Zepnak, and Pete & Kathrine Ruppel
in celebration of Richard & Anita Ruppel and Mark Zepnak
to the Glory of God*

*The Lauck Family
in memory of Geoffrey Lauck, Chuck Thompson, & our grandparents
to the Glory of God*





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Office Hours: Terresa will be in the office on
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