

Easter Sunday

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**"He is not here;
for he is risen,
as he said."**

-Matthew 28:6

WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified for the sins of the world.

Thanks for coming today. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with the pastor and he will be glad to visit you at your convenience.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 728 *Christ is Living*

Responsive Reading (Projection)

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Hymn 191:1-4 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Hymn 199 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35ff.

Hymn 198:1-4 *He's Risen, He's Risen!*

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-25

Hymn 200:1-3,5 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Sermon Romans 4:25

The Most Unlikely Verdict Ever...

Now all the vault of heaven 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, Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Choir *The Power of the Cross*

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
Christ has triumphed! Alleluia! Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers

P: Crucified and risen Savior, the world offers us false hope and peace that is easily lost. In You alone we have a living hope and peace that can never

be taken from us. In You alone we have victory over death and the hope and promise of resurrection. Risen Lord,

C: In You we have life and light and victory!

P: Crucified and risen Savior, empower us as Easter people, as Your servants to carry the good news of salvation to people who are without hope. Help us to bring Your comfort and care to those who are filled with despair and fear. Risen Lord,

C: In You we have life and light and victory!

P: Crucified and risen Savior, just as You rose bodily from the dead, on the Last Day, at Your command, we too will rise, transformed and glorified, to live in Your presence forever. With all the saints we will praise You, the Lamb who was slain for us, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Risen Lord,

C: In You we have life and light and victory!

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn 341 Crown Him with Many Crowns

LADIES AID The April meeting will be held on Tuesday at 6:30.

LADIES DAY Ladies Day will be held on Sunday, April 30th following the church service. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway.

QUARTERLY The April Meeting will be held next Sunday after the noon pot-luck meal. All voting members of St. John's are encouraged to attend. Besides regular Board reports, the Agenda will include: setting dates for VBS and the SS picnic, School Board calling of VBS teachers, Summer Worship

Schedule, Budget Committee Meeting date, Delegates for Spring MN Delegate Conference (Saturday, June 10, 10AM, Berea IGH), July Quarterly Meeting date. Any other agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

FLOWERS The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Martin Strike. His birthday would have been today. The Easter lilies are given in loving memory of Anna Madsen.

THANK YOU Lylas Eigenberg sends her greetings and thanks for the card that was received from the Ladies Aid and signed by those at the last Lenten service.

ENVELOPES If you'd like to continue receiving the regular offering envelopes in 2024, please indicate this on the form in the entryway. These are usually ordered far in advance.

CLC NEWS Pastor Luke Bernthal returned the Eau Claire call. They have since called Pastor Nathanael Mayhew from Sleepy Eye.

The funeral for Teacher Gene Shreyer will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel, Mankato. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. If you plan to attend and would like to sing with their choir, please see the pastor.

WEEKLY SERMON PODCAST This past Advent, Ministry by Mail began offering audio versions of their sermons through weekly Podcast services. You can find these sermons on most major podcast platforms such as Google, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify by searching "*CLC Ministry by Mail.*" Hit "subscribe" or "follow" to receive notifications of weekly uploads.

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USHERS 04/09 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
04/16 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
04/23 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 1) J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke
S. DeWall, J. Jensen