



He is not here.

HE HAS RISEN

Just as he said!

Matthew 28:6

Easter Sunday

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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 and risen for the sins of the world.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 728 *Christ is Living!*

Responsive Reading (from 1 Corinthians 15 & Job 19)

P: If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

C: I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

P: And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

C: And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,

P: Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

C: In my flesh I shall see God,

P: If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

C: Whom I shall see for myself,

P: But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: And my eyes shall behold God, and not another.

P: For since by man came death,

C: By Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

P: For as in Adam all die,

C: Even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

P: But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,

C: Afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

P: Hallelujah! Christ has risen, as He said!

C: He has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah! Christ has destroyed death.

C: And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Hymn 191:1-4 *Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today! Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-48

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

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35ff.

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

Sermon Mark 16:1-8

GOD ON TRIAL

Vindication!

He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *Crown Him Lord of All*

Confession and Absolution

The Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns 736, 755, 207:1-5, 208

The Benediction

Hymn 207:6 *Like the Gold Sun Ascending*

COMMUNION The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you are not familiar with this practice, the pastor will be happy to provide you more information.

THANK YOU Though it is done all to the glory of God, we'd like to thank all of you who shared your musical talents with us through the Lenten season and this morning. We appreciate the many hours of practice you put in. We also appreciate the work of our readers on Friday evening.

CDS EASTER SERVICE Every year, our Christian Day School students present either a special Reformation Service or a special Easter Service. They will present the latter on Sunday, April 14. There will be a potluck meal following the service.

CLC NEWS Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Sleepy Eye is considering the call to Mankato. Teacher Ross Kok, Phoenix, has the call to Inver Grove Heights. Teacher Josh Ohlmann, W. Columbia, SC has accepted the call to Saginaw, MI. Mrs. Karen Swyter (currently living in Onalaska, WI) has the call to Markesan.

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