

Our Tree of Life



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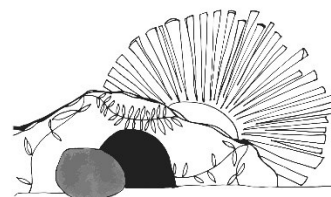
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Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

ELW SETTING THREE



April 9, 2023

7:00 & 9:00 am

GATHERING

7:00 am - *At sunrise service, please enter the sanctuary in silence.*

9:00 am – Prelude; Bells.

PROCESSIONAL OF THE CROSS

Proclamation *Congregation stand as you are able.*

P: Christ is Risen! **C: He is risen indeed!**

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Processional Hymn

'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'

#365

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!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4. Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Lord is risen! **C: He is risen indeed!**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made! **C: Let us rejoice and be glad!**

P: Give thanks to the Lord our God! **C: Whose steadfast love endures forever.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ...outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need...the Spirit reigns forever. **C: Amen**

Special Music

'Christ Arose'

Senior Choir

By Lloyd Larson & Robert Lowry

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: P: O God, **C: 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. Amen.**

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

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Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

NT pg. 156

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

7:00 am Hymn

'Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds'

#367

9:00 am

'Power of the Cross'

soloist Liv Wollschlager

Words & Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

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!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623. Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

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P: The Holy Gospel according to...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn

'Thine is the Glory'

#376

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939. Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

Nicene Creed

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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 for the People of God

P: ... Risen Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Now the Green Blade Rises'

#379

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958. Music: French Carol. Text from Oxford Book of Carols © Oxford University Press 1928.

Offertory Prayer

P: Generous God, in this meal...through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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

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Words of Institution

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Lord's Prayer

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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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn: 'Let Us Break Bread Together' #471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

(Refrain): **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

Text & Music: Text: African American spiritual

Distribution Hymn: 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty' #413

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.

Distribution Hymn: 'Beautiful Savior' #838

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904. Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

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P: The body and blood of our Lord... and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's...Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God of all who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn

'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing'

#385

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615.

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Bells

Postlude

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Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in honor of their grandchildren Avery, Oakley, & Ryley Sigler. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for March: \$21,132.14. Here is what we received: \$16,905.26. We deficit spent \$4,226.88. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net.



Thanks go out to our trumpet players today: Ellie Helgeson, Kara Wulftange & Carmen Zupfer. And thanks to everyone who volunteered to be ministry assistants today.


Pastor Denise will be on vacation from April 10th through the 17th, if you need pastoral care, Pastor Janet from Zion will help. You can call her at (507) 458-1960. Pastor Renee Tecklenburg will be giving the sermon next Sunday. One of the parish nurses will substitute for her at Donnie's Diner up at Fairway View on Tuesday.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Tina Young on "Joyful living Surrounded by Grief"; Tina will also talk about having exchange students in your home & the process to get them; and Julie Ann French will sing a solo for the special music. This cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at (605) 862-8570 or just be a walk-in. There is a free nursery by reservation.

An Omelet Breakfast benefiting It Only Takes a Spark Cancer Walk is being sponsored by The Big Stone City Bookends Cancer Team. The breakfast will be Saturday, April 15th at the Big Stone Community Center from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

The Ortonville Ambulance Relief Association will hold their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 23rd from 8 am -1 pm at the Ambulance Garage 232 1st St NW. It will be a drive-thru only pick up service with a free will donation to help support the OARA and provide higher patient care in the Ortonville service area.

Lutheran Men in Mission SW MN Synod Spring Gathering is April 15th at Gloria Dei Church in Redwood Falls. Registration starts at 8:30 am and closing worship and communion is at 2:45 pm. Registration forms and more information is available in the office or by going to our website and looking under "church updates."

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

We are seeking to fill the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@firstenglish.net.

The Annual Synod Assembly is at Gustavus Adolphus College June 9-10. Please contact the church office to let someone know if you'd like to attend as a FELC delegate.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Mick Boone; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*



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This Week's Ministry Assistants—Easter Sunday, April 9th

Organist (7 & 9): Amy Adelman **FWV:** Paula Reisdorph & Neva Foster
Acolytes (7 am): Jaclyn, Julia, Mikaela **Greeters (9 am):** Wollschlager Family
Acolytes (9 am): Cameron & Ava **Tech (7 & 9):** Marina Thomson
Lector (7 am): Liz Ketz **Lector (9 am):** Kathy Randall
Lay Assistants (7 am): Hannah & Marla Strei, & Marilyn Chindvall
Lay Assistants (9 am): Dave Ellingson, Kristen Karels, Becky Parker, Kari Dorry, & Kelsey Kay
Ushers (7 am): Russel Thielke, Ron Athey, Vern Nickolauson, & Gale May
Ushers (9 am): Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, Harley Helgeson, & TBD
Trumpets: Ellie Helgeson, Kara Wulftange and Carmen Zupfer

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—April 16th

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Acolytes:** Hannah & Brooke
Greeters: Kirsten Karels & Sharon Carlson **Lector:** Ellie Helgeson
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Ushers: Russel Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman
Coffee Servers: Kathy Stolpman, Kate Heinecke, & Ev Johnson

REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website at www.firstenglish.net and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. Church office number is (320)839-2527.

Weekly Calendar



Sun – 4/9



7:00 am Sunrise Easter Sunday Worship – Communion
8:00 am Easter Breakfast Served by the Youth in Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Easter Sunday Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY
10:30 am Fairway View Worship pre-recorded

Mon – 4/10 OFFICE CLOSED – Pastor Denise on vacation through 4/17.

Tues – 4/11 8:30 am Day of Love

4:00 pm One of the nurses at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

Wed – 4/12 9:00 am Circle 4 in Church Lounge

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

5:15 pm Endowment Meeting

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 4/14 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 4/16 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

No Kid's Club, Youth Group,
or Confirmation until 4/19

EASTER MEMORIALS:

Thank you to those who donated Easter Lilies, plants, floral arrangements, or gave monetary donations to the Easter Garden.

The following were specially dedicated and given:

...in memory of Adeline Brown from David & Debbie and family.

...in memory of Herman & Alice Ellingson from David & Debbie and family.

...in memory of Dr. Roger & Evelyn Nolop, my parents, from Nancy Nolop.

...in memory of Bill and Donna Hoel from their children.

...in memory of Richard Janke by Pat Janke.

...in memory of Donald & Corinne Tiegs & Pat Ketz by Liz Ketz.

...in loving memory of Wes & JoAnn Strei by Marla Strei.

...in memory of Henry Domine by Jackie Domine.

...in memory of Bob & Donna Thompson from Chuck & Carol Thomson and family, Greg & Pat Thompson and family, & Mark & Sheila Thompson and family.

...in memory of Vernon & Mary Gustafson and Lisa Hoftiezer from Lynne & Keith Giese, Lori & Steve Strei, and Chad & Carol Gustafson.

...in memory of Jerry Dragseth and Katie Dragseth from Matt & Kirsten Karels and family.

...in memory of Leo and Darlene Barnhardt and Bonnie Hill from Rick & Dawn Barnhardt.

...in loving memory of our parents – Orlin and Elizabeth Ydstie and Lawrence and Evelyn Lundin by Jonathan and Carol Ydstie and family!





April 9, 2023, Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of new life, the empty tomb shouts your love to all of creation. May we, with Mary Magdalene, go forth in joy, proclaiming your good news to all people, for the sake of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

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 20:18)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Our passage this week suggests we shouldn't expect Jesus to appear to us in just one way—but it also assures us that Jesus will let us know where he is and how we can follow him as things continue to change.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?
- How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.
- For the littles: What is your favorite Easter tradition? How does it remind you of the blessing of Jesus?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Col 3:5-11

Tuesday, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17

Wednesday, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10

Thursday, Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5

Friday, Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Saturday, Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20