

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Happy Easter!**  
**Nobody wants to be home alone for Easter Sunday,**  
**so FOUR churches got together to bring you today's service.**  
**We welcome Bethel Lutheran, Hope Lutheran,**  
**and Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran**  
**into worship for this holy Easter Sunday.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastors	Marla Rotman, Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church Brenda Froisland, Bethel Lutheran Church Eric Leudtke, Hope Lutheran Church Michelle J. T. Lewis, Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)
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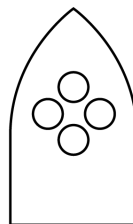
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**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Rich Gronner, Nancy Larsen, Jeannine Susag; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, CES (Community Emergency Service), and Wapo Bible Camp

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

## EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Awake My Heart with Gladness”

Hobby

WELCOME

### OUR JOURNEY TO THE TOMB: A TIME OF CONFESSION

L: Lord God, our heavenly Creator, we walk in spirit with those who went to the tomb early that first Easter morning.

**C: And we walk with mourners everywhere who have suffered and who still are suffering.**

L: People who have died have perished in their sins forever. Our fate is the same.

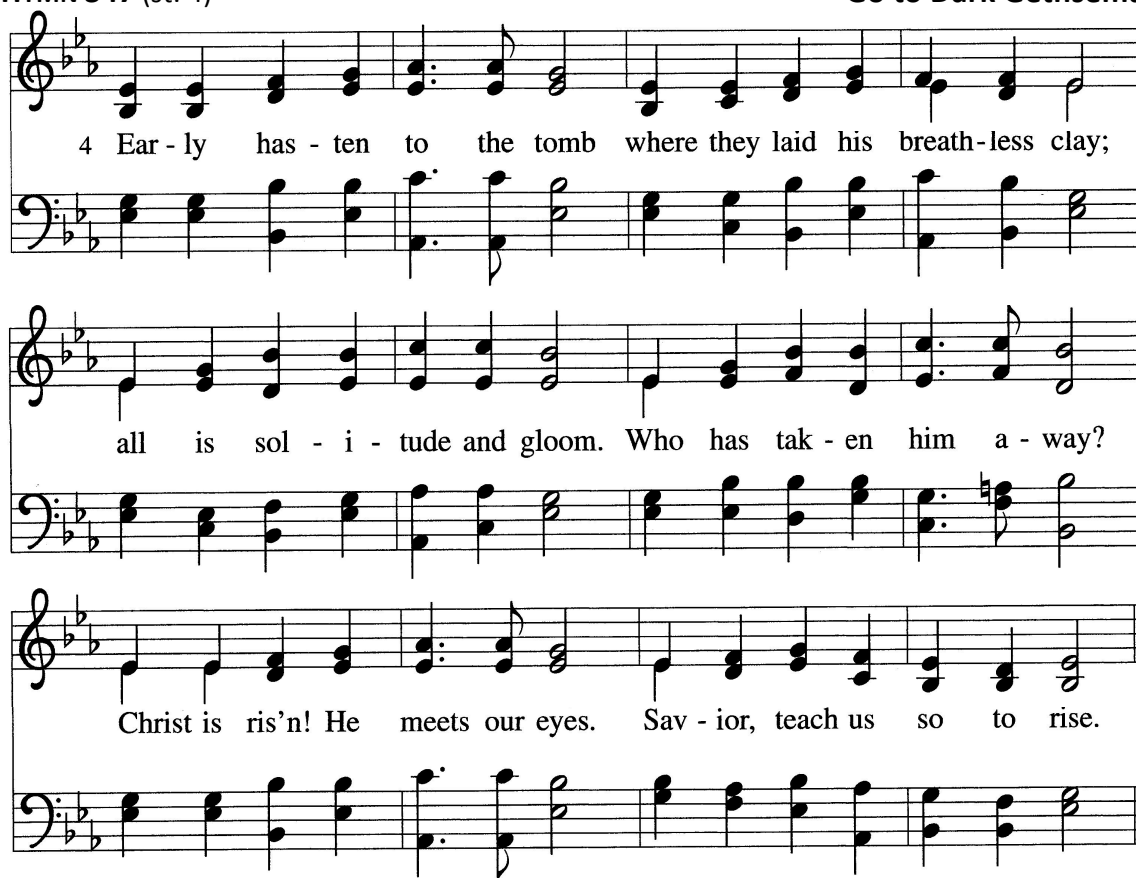
**C: The grave wins, for if Christ cannot conquer death, how can we?**

L: So we come to the tomb with only one thing in mind:

**C: to better prepare his body for the sleep of death, and to comfort ourselves in our disillusionment and fear.**

HYMN 347 (st. 4)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”



4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

**+ EASTER GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

L: 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."

**+ PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

L: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: God has broken the chains of death forever! Alleluia!

**C: Let our praises ring! Alleluia!**

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**HYMN 365 (st. 1, 4)**

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

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our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**GREETING**

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

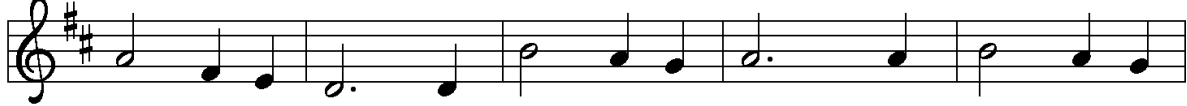
**C:** **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

L: We thank you, God, that in Jesus you have given the light of life to the world. Bless this light, taken from the fire that that you give to the world. Increase in us the desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light. Through the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

L: Christ, yesterday and today,  
 the beginning and the ending.  
 To Christ belongs all time  
 and all the ages.  
 To Christ belongs glory and dominion,  
 now and forever.

**C: Amen!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray:

**C: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive. Increase in us the risen life we share with him, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"The Trumpet Shall Sound"

Handel

**THE PSALM****Psalm 118:21-27 (CEV)**

L: I praise the Lord for answering my prayers and saving me.  
 The stone that the builders tossed aside has now become the most important stone.  
 The Lord has done this, and it is amazing to us.  
 This day belongs to the Lord! Let's celebrate and be glad today.  
 We'll ask the Lord to save us! We'll sincerely as the Lord to let us win.  
 God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 The Lord is our God, and he has given us light.  
 Start the celebration! March with palm branches all the way to the altar.

**ACCLAMATION 535**

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our  
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

*End*

**THE READING****Acts 10:34-43**

L: *Introduction: Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is also a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*



Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

### SERMON

HYMN 671 (WOV) (st. 1-2)

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

*Refrain* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;  
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward:  
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C *Refrain*

he is the king of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### *Introduction*

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

### *A brief silence*

L: God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation of this day and always, and empower all of us to share your story with all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: All your creation praises you—the earth vibrates, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us raise our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Stir the heart of all leaders to direct and guide us in love for all people, without exception. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence especially those we all say aloud or sign now.... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Healing One, help your cosmos in this time of a global pandemic. Thank you for medical workers, first responders, essential employees, and government leaders who are doing their best to slow the spread of the virus and to care for all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

### *Conclusion*

L: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Langlois

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray.  
**C: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but  
you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us  
again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen  
Christ. Amen**

**SENDING**

**SENDING MESSAGE: A GIFT FOR EASTER**

**BLESSING**

L: Dance, celebrate, sing, and shout for joy!  
Christ is risen, and he goes before us into this world of fear and pain.  
Jesus calls us to bring the Good News of healing and hope, of redemption.  
Go in peace and feel the presence of the Risen Lord with you, now and forever.  
**C: Amen**

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  
 greets 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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