

# Easter Sunday

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021**

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Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
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Instrumentalists	Carl Christopherson, French horn; Peter Eckman, trumpet; Laura Morris, trumpet; Laurie Stegner, Violin
Children's Message	Pastor Kris
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Marcia Stevens Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Dee Levine, and Erin & Evelyn Sachsenmaier; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp.

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# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

8:00 AM

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

"An Easter Prelude"

Callahan

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

L: Lord God, giver of life and breath, 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: We are hopeless and lost. We live in the tomb of our sin and cannot break free.

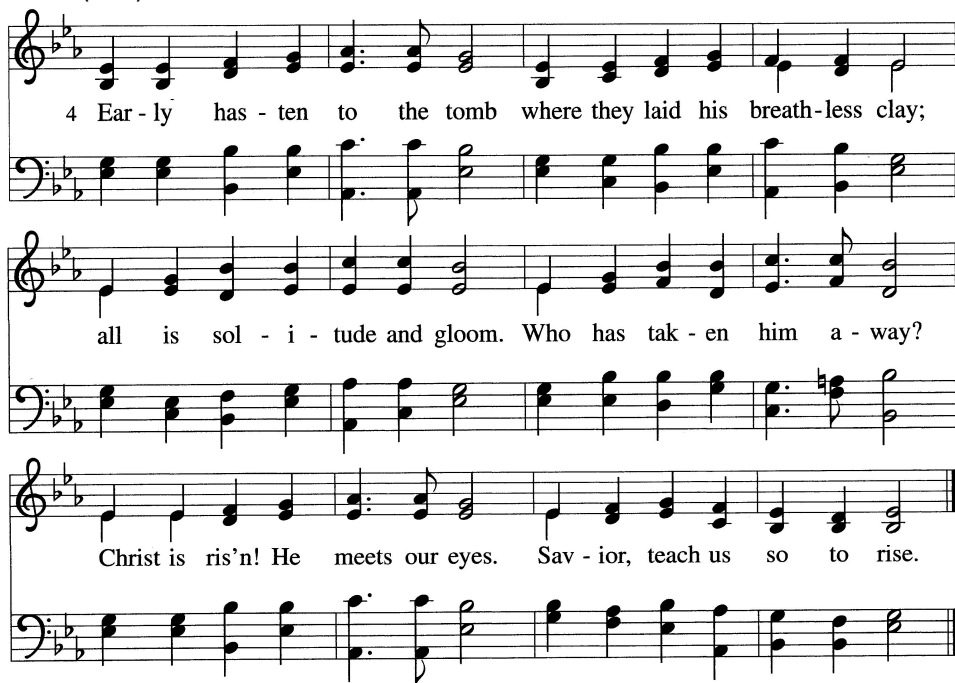
**C: The grave wins, for if Christ cannot conquer death, how can we?**

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

Luke 24:1-12

L: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

L: People of God, why are you weeping?  
Why do you seek the living among the dead?  
Jesus Christ has risen to forgive you. He has risen to save you.  
He has risen to give you life.  
People of God, he is not here.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**HYMN 365** (st. 1-2, 4)

*See music on next page.*

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

## WELCOME

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 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.**

## 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!

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!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



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



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.



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.



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.

**SALUTATION**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God of Life,

**C: You astounded the women at the tomb  
with the surprising news of Jesus' resurrection.  
May their awe and joy be ours  
as we also go out to spread the gospel of life and salvation,  
in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen**

**ANTHEM**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

McCullough

**SERMON**

**HYMN 367** (st. 1, 4)

“Now All the Vault of Heavens Resounds”



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### Introduction

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Give us the faith of the women who ran to share the news of your resurrection despite their shock and amazement at the empty tomb. As resurrection slowly unfolds around us, help us to look for life, point to life, and be present to receive the life you so freely give.

Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: As the earth bursts forth with new life, we see, smell, and feel resurrection all around us. May we also be part of the renewal of this planet with new strategies and technologies to clean and preserve it for future generations.

Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Even as we proclaim Alleluia today, we are aware of the pain and suffering still present on this earth. We pray today for all who experience injustice and oppression of any kind. We pray for those who have been victims of hate crimes and those who fear for their lives because of the color of their skin. Bring resurrection hope to the racial divides in this country, and help each of us to live in ways that lead toward healing.

Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Comfort those who feel no joy on this day, due to grief, illness, or other life challenges. May we reach out to those who need a companion or a listening ear. Bless all those who we know need your healing, especially... *(here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer).*

Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**



*Conclusion*

L: Hear our prayers, O God, and fill us up with resurrection hope.  
In the name of Jesus who makes all things new.

**C: Amen**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

“Variations on ‘Awake My Heart with Gladness’”

Krentz Organ

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Loving God,

**C: We bring these gifts before you,  
asking your blessing and dedicating them  
to the work of your kingdom of mercy.  
Send us out into the world to be blessings to others  
who long to hear the message of your deliverance  
from death and despair. Amen**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: With joy we come again to your feast of redemption,  
glad to receive your gifts of grace for the strengthening of our spirits.  
Let us celebrate our Lord's resurrection and come to his holy supper!

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Variations on  
'Awake My Heart with Gladness'"

Krentz Organ

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### CLOSING HYMN 376 (st. 1, 3)

*See music on next page.*

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

### SENDING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Moment of silence*

### POSTLUDE

"Rigaudon"

Campra

# Thine Is the Glory

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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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