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Celebrating 175 Years



April 20th, 2025

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

April 20th, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Thomas Bliss

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

Cecil Alexander

“He is Risen, He is Risen”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us sing glad songs of victory! God is creating a new day of joy and celebration!
People: *God is our strength. This is the day of our salvation!*
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: *Christ is risen indeed!*
Leader: We have been chosen by God as witnesses to the good news!
People: *In Christ, we are given a new reality and hope!*
Unison: *The former things will be remembered no more. Jesus joyfully opens a new way of life!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, You have given us what we do not deserve. You have blessed us with a love that is beyond our wildest dreams. You have revealed a devotion that we long to emulate. You are our hope despite our wayward ways. We do not deserve Your mercy nor grace and yet it is given to us.

Forgive our countless sins and awaken in us the joy of placing You first in our lives. Forgive how we treat ourselves, others, and especially You. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25, page 696

ANTHEM

Alan Smith

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12, page 90

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Easter: An Idle Tale or Life Altering”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*...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 **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Jean Tisserand

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Celtic Alleluia"

*POSTLUDE

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Opportunities for the Week of April 20th - April 27th

Today:		Christ is Risen!
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Community Sunrise Service and Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / One Great Hour of Sharing
Monday:		Church Office Closed
Wednesday:	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting, <i>conference room</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Announcements

Thank you to all that provided an Easter Lilly for the Easter service.

Our congregation will be collecting the “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering today and next week. This offering goes to those who have been affected by natural disasters, in need of food, and encountering difficult situations. Give joyfully to this wonderful offering.

Join us for our Bible study with The Chosen at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Contact Paul White if you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who provide flowers throughout the year!

The session will be meeting on Sunday, May 4th at 12:15 p.m.

We have numerous “ministry baskets” in the Family Life Center. For the month of April, we are collecting peanut butter crackers and raisins for Backpack Pals.

If you are interested in being a lay reader during worship, contact Paul White. You will read the Old or New Testament lesson.