

Easter Sunday
Elstad/Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
April 4.2021

- You may leave your offering in the offering plates that are placed at the sanctuary entrance.

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Hymn **“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”** **# 365**

Prayer of the Day

All: O God, 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.

First Lesson Acts 10.34-43

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God

raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm 118.1-2, 12-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
his mercy endures forever.**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**There is the a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The
right hand of the Lord is exalted! The
right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works
of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did
not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I
will enter them; I will offer thanks to the
Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia Verse (spoken)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel Mark 16.1-8

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon

Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heav’n Resounds” #367

Nicene Creed

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 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 he 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 of the Church

Peace

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

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

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

Preface

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful Father, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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

Eucharistic Prayer

L: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.....Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is your almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

All: 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.

Hymn "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #488
Votum

Post-Communion Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Hymn "Thine is the Glory" #376

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C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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Announcements

We thank the following members who have added Easter beauty to the Elstad sanctuary this morning:

Marilyn Soland: In memory of Stanley Mann and loved ones

David & Lori Bakke: In memory of loved ones

Jeff & Carolyn Freese: In memory of loved ones

Robert & Shelley Nelson: In memory of loved ones

Tom & Carolyn Smith: In memory of loved ones

Gene & Vicky Topness: In memory of loved ones.

Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) during worship this morning. Pr. Luther will be giving instructions prior to the Meal. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail.

7th and 8th grade confirmation instruction resumes on Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., at Elstad Church. Confirmands: Please bring your Small Catechisms to class. 8th graders will be receiving their final project assignments. The Rite of Confirmation will take place during worship on Sunday, May 2nd.

The last session of the book study, A Large Catechism, will take place in the Highland Prairie church basement, Thursday, April 8th, at 10:00 a.m. We'll be discussing Holy Communion & Penance. All are welcome.

If you are interested in a May study of the book, The Lighthouse, by Michael O'Brien, please let Pr. Luther know as soon as possible.

Pr. Mathsen has received his 2nd Covid19 vaccine and is now open to resume home visits to our shut-ins and others, if desired. Please let him know if you, or a sister/brother member you know, would like a pastoral visit.