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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

During the Children's Message yesterday, the youngest saints among us uncovered the alleluias that we buried under the baptismal font at the beginning of Lent. In search of hidden treasure, the children walked, ran, skipped, or bear-crawled over to the font and watched as Pastor Jay carefully removed the water-laden bowl. There they found that their alleluias had been made into joyful, little banners. As they began to wave them, the bells attached to them began to ring, signaling to all of us that something had changed.

The practice of omitting alleluias from the liturgy during the season of Lent dates back to the fifth century. It is intended to be a kind of verbal fast, which creates a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the word returns. Our ancestors in the church believed that bidding it farewell allows us to hear it anew on Easter. This year, perhaps more than ever before, I understood their wisdom. By yesterday morning, I was ready for praise language. For bright light. For brass and timpani. For flowers. And for major chords. When those alleluia bells started shaking around the room, I breathed a sigh of relief. Each time I heard a rogue bell ring during the remainder of the service, I felt myself moving more deeply into the Easter promises, more deeply into life.

While I was glad to meet the alleluias again, some of you weren't quite ready for the bright lights, for the shouts of acclamation, for the ringing bells. At this moment some of you identify more strongly with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—the Three Days leading up to the Festival of the Resurrection. Barbara Brown Taylor writes that "between the great dramas of life, there is almost always a time of empty waiting...[where] you may come as close to the Christ as you will ever get—there in that quiet cave where you wait to see how the Maker of All Life will choose to come to you in the dark."

Because of God's graciousness, I believe this faith community can hold those of us singing acclamations and those of us who find ourselves currently living in a minor key. This faith community can hold Mary Magdalene's tears at the tomb and her spirited announcement to the disciples that "[she had] seen the Lord." The Easter promise I cling to this year is that Jesus Christ comes to us, wherever we may be, and breathes new life.

Peace,

—Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, pastor

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.



LESSONS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

APRIL 27

"Funeral Planning"

Steven Branstad & Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

Join Steven Branstad, funeral director at Gill Brothers, and Pastor Ingrid as they review Thomas Lynch and Tom Long's book *The Good Funeral*. This is an opportunity to think about the sacred intersection between the church and the funeral home. Bring your questions about funeral planning; there will be time for discussion.

MAY 4

"Book Discussion: *Proof of Heaven*"

Joel Wiberg

Eben Alexander, a highly-trained and respected neurosurgeon was struck with a very serious and rare brain disease resulting in a deep coma for seven days. During these days he experienced what many call a near death experience (NDE). As a physician, surgeon and scientist Dr. Alexander had been highly skeptical of this phenomenon that some of his patients reported. His own NDE drastically changed that perception, and he has written about it in *Proof of Heaven — A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife*. We will discuss the book and the question of life after death.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY LISTENING TRAINING

In response to the powerful conversations about grief and loss in this season's adult forums, Pastor Ingrid, the Nurturing Committee, and a few wise members are hosting two training sessions for those who want to be better equipped to bear the burdens of their neighbors. If you're not sure what to say or do when someone shares deeply with you, when your friend experiences deep loss, or when your children confront change, please plan on attending one of these sessions. Sign up in the Community Room. May 15 from 9 a.m. to noon or May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

BWCA MEETING – MAY 4

We are excited to have a very strong response to the BWCA trip this year. If you registered for the trip, please plan to meet in the library on Sunday, May 4th at 12:15 pm. We will determine the number of permits and canoes we will need, how we will divide into campsites (based on how vigorous a trip you are looking for!), and any dietary restrictions. We will ask for a deposit by June 1. If you are interested, but did not yet sign up, you are welcome to sign up on a waitlist which is available in the Community Room.

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

Many people have expressed gratitude for the beautiful services that were held here during Holy Week. It reminds us of how many people contribute their time and talents to conduct worship services. For the next several weeks, we will highlight an opportunity for you to be involved in worship services.

Ushers

Ushers arrive 15 minutes early for the service, offer bulletins and greet people as they arrive, keep an eye out for visitors, count the number of worshippers, pass the baskets to receive offerings, carry the bread and wine forward before communion, usher communicants forward or receive communion cups, and go through the pews after the service to collect paper. If you enjoy being hospitable, this might be for you! Call the church office or sign up in the Community Room.

Financial Report	April 20	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	217,461.54
Budget Receipts	15,874.63	233,789.55
Food Shelf	0.00	160.00
World Hunger	35.00	10,398.57
Boiler Donations	2,077.00	18,066.50
Exodus Appeal	2,195.00	4,817.00
African Pastors' Fund	50.00	715.00

PARISH EVENTS April 27 - May 3 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:30 pm	Choir families' meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:40 pm	Cantate!
7:30 pm	Adult Choir	
Thursday	6:00 pm	Intercultural meeting
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
		Synod Assembly
Saturday		Synod Assembly

Boiler Fund in memory of Bob Hulteen's parents by the Hulteen/Masters family, and in honor of Jim Hartsoe by Jane/Bob Aldrich
 Special Gifts in honor of Jim Hartsoe by Mary Ellen Olson, in honor of Ron/Margaret Peterson by Sandra Nelson, in memory of Bob Kelly by Sandra Nelson and Elmer Lalim
 Worship/Fine Arts in honor of Jim Hartsoe by Raymond/Gertrude Carlson
 African Pastors' Fund by Bud Dixon
 World Hunger in honor of Jim Hartsoe by Dennis/Lynda Nordholm and in memory of Bob Kelly by Nancy Madich
 Lutheran World Relief by Jim Hartsoe
 Exodus Lending by Matt Kane/Liz Conway, David/Carol Berg, Jeff Weiss/Gretchen Lund, Bruce/Lisa Martens, Sandra Nelson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 27, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Meagan McLaughlin	Preacher	Meagan McLaughlin
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Grayson Wiczorek	Acolytes	Will/Louis Kelley
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Mary Lindell
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Cliff Brown
Anne Beschnett, Jeff Weiss	Communion	Katy Benson, Bruce Johnson
Nancy Madich, Ann Neuendorf	Altar Guild	Meagan/Karen McLaughlin
Bob Peschiutta, David/Sally Kohlstedt	Ushers	Rod Johnson, John Kelly, M Mann, Meghan Olsen-Biebighauser
	Nursery	Sara Jensen
Pam Blomgren	Coffee Servers	Linda/Phil Jury
	Counters	Scott Cole, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Deb Sodr

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