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*Rooted in Faith      \*      Growing in Spirit      \*      Reaching out to Those in Need*  
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2nd Sunday in Easter 10:45 am April 8, 2018

INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota Liesl Hovel

OPENING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with Him and renew your gift of life within us. You redeem us in the blood of Christ and give us new birth in the Spirit. We thank you, and we pray that as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, that you would increase our awareness of these blessings and increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Him. Help us to grow as your people towards the fullness of eternal life with you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG "All My Days (Beautiful Savior)"

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers will share one song,
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jeremy Schutter ~ Trombone

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Pew Bible NT p. 126

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

Pew Bible NT p. 250

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

ALLELUIA *(please stand)*

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

The holy gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible NT p. 119

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

SONG OF THE DAY

“All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”

You lived, You died. You said in three days you would rise.
You did, You're alive. You rule, You reign
You said You're coming back again.
I know that You will And all the earth will sing Your praises.

You took, You take our sins away, O God.
You give, You gave Your life away for us.
You came down, You saved us through the cross.
Our hearts are changed because of your great love.

You lived, You died. You said in three days you would rise.
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OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING SONG “Great Is the Lord”

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
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Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Gracious and loving God, you raised Jesus from the dead, disclosing forever your great love for the world. We respond to such love with these gifts and our lives and pray that you will bless them. Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to reveal your love in all we do and say. We pray in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG “Nothing But the Blood”

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make we whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done. Nothing but the blood of Jesus
O precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.
Walk in the light; testify to the resurrection of Christ;
forgive the sins of all, and live at peace with one another.
We will. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed!
You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG “That’s Why We Praise Him”

He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word of Life;
He came to die so we’d be reconciled;
He came to rise, to show His power and might.

That’s why we praise Him; that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our every thing;
That’s why we bow down and worship this King,
‘Cause He gave His ev’rything.

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend;
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That’s why we praise Him; that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our everything;
That’s why we bow down and worship this King,
‘Cause He gave His ev’ry –

That’s why we praise Him; that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our every thing;
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