



*He's risen, just
as he said!*

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

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Easter Sunday!

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!


For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

Prayer before worship

O Lord, you made the dawn of this Holy Easter Day shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection. Grant that we, who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit, may worship you in sincerity and truth! In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



✠ The Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN: CW 157.....*Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today*

Please Stand

INVOCATION

M(inister): In the name of the Father;
and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): **Amen.**

RESURRECTION DIALOGUE

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

M: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. *Exodus 15:1-2*

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song. *Psalm 95:2*

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. *Psalm 118:17*

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.

The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him. *Exodus 15:6-7*

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory. *1 Corinthians 15:54*

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? *1 Corinthians 15:55, 57*

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
Job 19:25

C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever. *Revelation 11:15*

M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Revelation 7:10

C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! *Revelation 5:12*

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE: CW 143 vv 1,4,5.....*He's Risen, He's Risen*

✠ THE WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

◦ **Amen.**

Please Be Seated

FIRST LESSON: *Job 19:23-27*

“Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on^{la} lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵ I know that my redeemer^{lb} lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.^{lc}
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet^{dl} in^{le} my flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

PSALM OF THE DAY: CWS 118 (*Printed in your worship folder insert*)

SECOND LESSON: *1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

VERSE OF THE DAY *Psalm 118:24*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL *Mark 16:1-8*

M: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 16.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 145.....*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Certain Hope!

Please Stand

**CONFESSION OF FAITH..... Luther's Explanation of the
Second Article of the Apostles' Creed
From the Small Catechism (1529)**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

THANK OFFERING

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont*

***To our visitors:** Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

✠ PRAYERS ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C: **When we are weak be our strength, when we are sad be our song, and when we sin be our salvation.**

M: Remove the shroud of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

- C: Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**
- M: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan’s lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel’s free course.
- C: Triumph over our enemies, and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**
- M: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, “He is risen!” As you sent your disciples with the power of the Spirit, use all of us to share with a broken and dying world the news of your eternal victory.
- C: Empower us to speak your truth and love to our circles of friends, relatives, and neighbors. Bless our efforts to help others to trust the certain hope that Easter promises.**
- M: Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.
- C: Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**
- M: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Please Be Seated

HYMN: CW 160.....*This Joyful Eastertide*

Please Stand

THE LORD’S BLESSING

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God’s people say, “AMEN!”

C: AMEN!

M: CHRIST IS RISEN!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Please Remain Standing

CLOSING HYMN: CW 152.....*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

To be sung as follows: v.1 All, v.2 Women, v.3 Children, v.4 Men, v.5 Women, vv.6-8 All