



EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

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Hidewood Township, SD**

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Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016

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Zion: 9 a.m.; Sunday School afterwards

Trinity: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; worship service at 11 a.m.



Prayer for you to use to prepare for worship

Compassionate God, since faith comes by hearing Your Word, help us to listen to the Scriptures with all attention, that they may criticize our faults, confirm our faith, and console our spirits, through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

LITURGY FOR EASTER WORSHIP

Opening Responses

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

P: Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise?

C: The Lord is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

C: Alleluia!

Hymn 200: 1-3

Scriptural Words of

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

P: Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

C: Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

P: But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

C: even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

P: [That righteousness] shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

C: who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

P: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hymn 200: 4-6

Responsive Reading based on words from Job

P: Oh, that my words were now written!

C: Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

P: That they were engraved on a rock

C: With an iron pen and lead, forever!

P: For I know that my Redeemer lives

C: And that He shall stand at the Last Day on the earth;

P: And after my skin is destroyed, this I know:

C: That in my flesh I shall see God,

P: Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold

C: And not another.

P: For Christ our Lord is risen! Alleluia!

C: Why do you seek the living among the dead? I know that my Redeemer lives! Alleluia!

Hymn 200: 7-8

The Easter Account – Part One

Jesus' Resurrection From the Dead

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And now, as the first day of the week began to dawn, while it was still dark, they came to see the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, for it was very large.

When Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been taken away

from the tomb, she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

The other women entered the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments, one young man clothed in a long white robe, sitting on the right side. And the women were alarmed and afraid and bowed their faces to the earth.

And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid or alarmed; for I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you seek the Living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen, as He said. Behold, here is the place where they laid Him. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

And they remembered His words.

And he said to them, "But go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and indeed, He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, for they trembled and were amazed; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And they ran to report it to His disciples.

Hymn 732: 1-2

The Easter Account, Part Two

Jesus' Appearance to Mary Magdalene

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping; and, as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"
She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Now when she had said this, she turned around, and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"
She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni," which is to say, Teacher.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me; for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept, that she had seen the Lord, and He had spoken these things to her. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

Hymn 732: 3-4

The Easter Account, Part Three

The Visit of Peter and John

Peter therefore arose and went out, and the other disciple, and they ran to the tomb. So they both ran together; and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. Stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and the handkerchief, that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes, and Peter marveled to himself at what had happened.

Appearance to the Other Women

And as the other women went to tell the disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice." So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

And they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

The Lie of the Guards

Now while these women were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."

So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Trinity Choir / Children Selection – *This is the Day!*

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Second Article *as excerpted from Luther's Large Catechism, found in the Book of Concord*

Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word "Lord" simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, He who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and now keeps us safe there. The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished — that is, how much it cost Christ and what He paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under His dominion. That is to say, He became man, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, that He might become Lord over sin; moreover, He suffered, died, and was buried that He might make satisfaction for me and pay

what I owed, not with silver and gold but with His own precious blood. All this in order to become my Lord. For He did none of these things for Himself, nor had He any need of them. Afterward He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father. The devil and all powers, therefore, must be subject to Him and lie beneath His feet until finally, at the last day, He will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc. ... Indeed, the entire Gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article. Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully.

Hymn 190

SERMON TEXT – Luke 24: 1-11

1 Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" 8 And they remembered His words. 9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

SERMON THEME – WHY ARE YOU HERE?

Remembering and applying what God tells us in His Word

Hymn 210

Collection of the Offering

Agnes Kinsey
becomes a member at Trinity Lutheran Church
“We welcome you in Jesus’ name!”

Easter Responsive Prayer

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

P: Heavenly Father, we worship You and adore You because You have raised Your Son from the dead and made Him to be Lord over all things in heaven and in earth. Fill us with confidence that in the risen Christ we can overcome all threats to the reality of Your love for us.

C: Especially destroy in us the fear that death separates us from Your mercy.

P: We long for some proof, like touching the risen One. Comfort us with His assurance and benediction that we are blessed as a people not seeing and yet believing.

C: We yearn to roll away the stone of all our doubts. Help us to see in the empty tomb that the stone is already rolled away, that we no longer seek the living One among the dead.

P: Give us of Your Spirit that we may live under Your Son in the freedom of those who have been delivered from death to life.

C: Raise us each day from the depths of sin to the joys of forgiveness, and let us walk before You in righteousness; through our risen Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

P: Any special prayers will be offered here...

P: We also pray responsively the words Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven;

P: Truly You are our Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, on the day of His resurrection, declared His ascension to “My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.”

C: Hallowed be Thy name;

P: Enable us to honor You with a faithful and bold witness to our risen Lord, and a new life worthy of His Gospel.

C: Thy kingdom come;

P: Keep us under Your good and gracious rule through that Spirit by which

we live before You now and shall live forever.

C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

P: O Father, help us to submit our lives to Your gracious will, even as Jesus put His life into Your hands.

C: Give us this day our daily bread;

P: Free us from exaggerated concern and anxiety for our physical welfare, knowing that You are the Provider of our needs.

C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

P: Move us to be gracious and forgiving to those who have hurt us, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us, certifying our justification by His resurrection.

C: And lead us not into temptation;

P: From the leaven within and the temptations around us, deliver and keep us, good Lord.

C: But deliver us from evil;

P: Fulfill Your promises to preserve us from all evil, and keep us from despair in the midst of all trouble.

C: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen, Amen, that is, yes, yes, it shall be so!

Responsive Closing Prayer

P: Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory of the resurrection story.

ALL: For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word; For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board; For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn, Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heaven I shall behold Thee! Amen.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His peace. C: (spoken) Amen!

Closing Hymn – 189

CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. service; then Sunday School

TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. Sun School; 11 a.m. service

TUE >> 7 p.m. – SDSU Bible Study – in the library – Room #222

WED >> 6 p.m. choir rehearsal at Trinity

>> 7 p.m. Trinity Bible Study hour resumes!

THU >> Golden Living Center devotional service – 10:30 a.m.

FRI >> Jenkins Living Center devotional service – 9:45 a.m.

>> Trinity public school confirmation class at Tvedt's – 4 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. communion service; then SS

TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. SS (and 0-3 SS!); 11 a.m. communion service

UPCOMING EVENTS

>> Sat Apr 9 Trinity bell choir rehearsal – 12 noon

IN OUR PRAYERS >> Our prayers are still appreciated for Sharon Kuhlman's twin sister Karen, that the Lord would bless her continuing recuperation from her stem cell transplant!

NEW MEMBER! Agnes Kinsey has requested to become a communicant member at Trinity; we will formally welcome her in our service today!

WEDDING INVITE Trinity is invited to Audra Wiste's wedding; information is on the bulletin board; RSVP by April 10th.

CLC CALL NEWS

Undecided call:

>> Missionary Matt Ude, India, to Tacoma, WA

Returned calls:

>> Pastor Matt Hanel, Dallas, TX, to West Columbia, SC

>> Teacher Sara Pfeiffer, Mountain View, CA, to Spokane Valley, WA

NEW ILC TOUR CHOIR CDs AVAILABLE! A newly produced recording of choral music, sung by Tour Choirs of Immanuel Lutheran College, is available. It is a 2-CD set, featuring pieces sung by various choirs from 1991 to 2015. The first CD primarily reflects the themes of Advent and Christmas, the second the themes of Lent and Easter. The cost

per 2-CD set is \$16 (or two sets for \$30). 25 percent of the songs (10 of 40) have not appeared on previously produced CDs. 75 percent (the remaining 30 of the 40) have been distributed previously.

THANK YOU!

>> Do you have something you are thankful for at Zion/Trinity? Let Pastor Krause know, and he will be happy to include it here in the bulletin!

ATTENDANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20:

Zion Sunday: 22 Trinity Sunday: 53 Trin SS: 3 SDSU BC: –
Golden: 21 Jenkins: 26 Zion Mndy Thursday: 24 Trin Gd Friday: 54

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS AT TRINITY (03/20/16):

Envelopes \$1,727.00 Loose: \$73.00 Tour Choir: \$633.00 Total: \$2,433.00

Included in totals above: \$150.00 for the Building Fund

TRINITY SERVICE SERVANTS THIS COMING WEEK:

Greeters: Easter Mar 27	Gordon Krause
April 3	Michael Fuerstenau
Ushers: Easter 3/27	Marty/Ethan Dummann
April 3	Paul/Chris Mertz

FROM THE FIELD – 03/24/16 – JESUS' RESURRECTION

by retired Missionary David Koenig

“Empty Tomb” The ancient world boasted of seven wonders: the pyramids of Egypt; the hanging gardens of Babylon; the temple of the goddess Diana at Ephesus; the lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt; the Colossus (huge bronze statue) in the harbor at Rhodes; the statue of the pagan god Zeus at Olympia, Greece; and the tomb of the Persian king Halicarnassus. Of all those ancient wonders, only the pyramids are still standing. All the others have crumbled, along with the ancient world powers whose accomplishments they memorialized. But another wonder from the ancient world is still very much alive today. This wonder is more significant than all seven of these ancient landmarks put together. This is the wonder of the empty tomb of Jesus at Jerusalem. When the body of Jesus was placed in the tomb, the forces of evil were certain they had won the victory at last. but Jesus was raised on the third day. His resurrection proved that he was more powerful than sin and death and all the other negative forces that Satan uses against us. Wonder of wonders, Jesus lives! And his dynamic power is available to all who place their faith and trust in him.

A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU!

Daily Bible readings for home devotions, March 28-April 2, '16

Mon Isaiah 12:1-6 Easter is the high point of our salvation, for without Easter we would be left to flounder in our sins—but our God has done excellent things, countering our sin with His grace, our penalty with His payment, and our death with His life—all because He loved us, and Jesus didn't stay dead. It bears repeating: *God is my strength; He also has become my salvation!*

Tues Luke 24:1-12 Why else were they bringing pickling spices to the tomb except to prepare His cold corpse for burial? To their surprise, at the grave site they discovered the doorway cleared and the body missing. What did it mean? That's where the angels came in—to explain, clarify (4-6), and send them home with the good news (9-10)—which nobody believed! Peter took time to review the clues (12) and try to solve the mystery. Stay tuned.

Wed 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Apostle Paul was attuned to the solution: Jesus had come through on the other side (3-4), safe and sound. Plenty of eye-witnesses, too (4-9). The entire scenario came to pass under the skillful hand of Trinity God, by whose mercy *we are what we are* (10), and by whose grace we are able to function as God's children. This is most certainly true (11)!

Thurs Psalm 30 (It's all about Jesus and me.) Since You, Lord Jesus, have brought me up from sin-death, I will praise and thank You even before my body is laid to rest (8-10). Because You have made me so happy, I could just dance for joy (11)!
O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to You forever (12).

Fri John 20:1-18 details how Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John coped with their Easter surprise (1-10). When Mary couldn't find Jesus' corpse for embalming, it's no wonder she was upset. She needed God's messengers to help her settle down (11-13)—as we also may need when making funeral arrangements for a loved one. She recognized the sound of Jesus' voice when He called her name (14-16), and we too will recognize His voice when He awakens us to take us home—all in due time (17-18).

Sat I Corinthians 15:51-57 What an awakening that will be! God will not let us “sleep-in” through all eternity, for the trumpet will awaken us, and we will arise from our graves, refreshed and reconstituted (51-54). That will be a total turn-over – from defeat to victory (55), for Easter has zapped sin and disintegrated its deadly consequences (56). *Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!* Since God's Word says that this is a **victory**, we must realize that Easter is neither a half-time score nor a mere down-payment on accounts-due! The resurrection of Christ means total and complete settlement of our account with God. Thank You, Jesus!