

Easter Worship

The First Reading

-Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

-Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading

-Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The Verse & Responses

“Alleluia...”

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark. **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel

-Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was

crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children’s Sermon

The Sermon

“She didn’t stay quiet”

The Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

#143

The Prayers

The Easter Creed and Baptismal Remembrance

Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people; now you are God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Do you renounce the devil and all evil works and ways?

Do you renounce your old, dead life?

Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!

Is it your desire to live as an Easter alleluia?

We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord. We will live as Easter alleluias!

The Sharing of Peace

The Offering

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*The Lord’s Prayer page 71

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*The Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

*The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

The Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*The Hymn *“Thine Is the Glory”* #145

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able

WELCOME to each of you this Easter morning! May the risen Lord be your life-long good news. A special welcome to all of you who have come home to worship!

THE OFFERING TODAY is for Benevolence. The offering next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

THE THEME OF the Quasquicentennial will be “*I Love to Tell the Story*”. It received 24 votes last Sunday and “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” received 17.

PLEASE BRING your piggy banks back within in the next two weeks. We would like to know the total amount collected before April 11th. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Mon., April 1	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Immanuel
Wed., April 3	3:00 p.m.	Summit House Worship Service
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun., April 7	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	4:15 p.m.	Meet at Good Hope to leave for the Grotto at 4:30 p.m. Stop for supper in Algona on the way. No money needed.

THE CHURCH OF THE DAMASCUS ROAD can use our help! CODR is the prison ministry in the men’s Fort Dodge Prison; Pastor Kelli Glasgo leads the ministry there. Visitors are welcome (with advance registration) at the worship services. “Connie’s Closet” helps supply the Men’s Halfway House



(the re-entry program) with some basic needs - they can use the following items:

Used, clean and in good condition:

men's coats, gloves, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL-3X), shirts (XL-5X), belts (all sizes), shoes (tennis shoes, black dress, non-slip and work boots), towels, washcloths, and plastic hangers. New: socks (size 6-12), underwear (L-3X)

There will be collection boxes in the back of all **three churches**. Please bring your items by **April 14th** and we'll connect with Pastor Glasgo at the Synod Assembly. Thank you!

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