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Faith Lutheran Church, Harrison
St. John Lutheran Church, Clare

Sunday, April 12th, 9:00AM

We extend a warm welcome to our guests and are happy to have you worship with us. May God fill and strengthen your heart with the lasting peace that is ours through Jesus! Our worship service is outlined in this bulletin. If you desire, take a moment to become familiar with it.

God bless your worship this morning!

Our Easter Greetings

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

Congregation: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Because Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: This blessed day, we worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the (†) Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (HYMN #157)

- Je-sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once up-on the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suf-fer to re-deem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!**

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Un-to Christ, our heav'n-ly King Al-le-lu-ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sin-ners to re-deem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!
3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our sal-va-tion have pro-cured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now a-bove the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the an-gels ev-er sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Sing we to our God a-bove, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise e-ter-nal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fa-ther, Son, and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!

Our Easter Dialogue

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

P: 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

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

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

Psalm 118:17

P: 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

P: 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.

P: 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

P: 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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray.

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 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.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **JONAH 2:2-9**

Jonah's prayer thanks God for deliverance

² [Jonah] said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.
From deep in the realm of the dead I
called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

³ You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

⁴ I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;

yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’
⁵The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my
head.
⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank
down;
the earth beneath barred me in
forever.
But you, LORD my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

⁷“When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.
⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.
⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the
LORD.’”

HYMN: HE’S RISEN, HE’S RISEN (HYMN #143, VERSES 1-2)

- 1) **He’s ris-en, he’s ris-en, Christ Je-sus the Lord;
He o-pened death’s pri-son, the in-car-nate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heav-en, in ju-bi-lant song
And earth, sea, and moun-tain the prais-es pro-long.**
- 2) **The foe was tri-um-phant when on Cal-va-ry
The Lord of cre-a-tion was nailed to the tree.
In Sa-tan’s do-main did the hosts shout and jeer
For Je-sus was slain, whom the e-vil ones fear.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Christ’s victory prompts up to set our minds on Christ

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

HYMN: HE’S RISEN, HE’S RISEN (HYMN #143, VERSES 3-4)

- 3) **But short was their tri-umph; the Sav-ior a-rose,
And death, hell, and Sa-tan he van-quished his foes.
The con-quer-ing Lord lifts his ban-ner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev-er-more die.**

- 4) **Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Christ rose, and now o-pen is fair E-den's door.
 For all our trans-gres-sions his blood does a-tone;
 Re-deemed and for-give-en, we now are his own.**

EASTER GOSPEL.....MATTHEW 28:1-10

Jesus stills fear by his resurrection

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON HYMN: JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON (HYMN #145)

- 1) **Je-sus lives! The vic-t'ry's won! Death no long-er can ap-pall me.
 Je-sus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will re-call me.
 Bright-er scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con-fi-dence.**
- 2) **Je-sus lives! To him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is giv-en.
 I shall go where he has gone, Live and reign with him in heav-en.
 God is faith-ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con-fi-dence.**
- 3) **Je-sus lives! For me he died; Hence will I, to Je-sus liv-ing,
 Pure in heart and act a-bide, Praise to him and glo-ry giv-ing.
 All I need God will dis-pense; This shall be my con-fi-dence.**
- 4) **Je-sus lives! I know full well Noth-ing me from him shall sev-er,
 Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for-ev-er.
 God will be a sure de-fense; This shall be my con-fi-dence.**

5) Je-sus lives! And now is death But the gate to life im-mor-tal;
This shall calm my trem-bling breath When I pass its gloom-y por-tal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: "Je-sus is my con-fi-dence!"

SERMONJONAH 2:2-9
"DESPAIR NO MORE!"

Our Confession of Faith

(THE APOSTLES CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Easter Prayer

P: 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.

P: Remove the disgrace 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.

P: 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.

P: 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 understand and believe the victory of Easter.

P: 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.

P: 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.

ALL: 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.

Our Easter Blessing

P: 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. 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!

CLOSING HYMN: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES (HYMN #152, VERSES 1-2, 5, 7-8)

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| 1) I know that my Re-deem-er lives;
What com-fort this sweet sen-tence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ev-er-liv-ing Head! | 7) He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall con-quer death.
He lives my man-sion to pre-pare;
He lives to bring me safe-ly there. |
| 2) He lives tri-um-phant from the grave;
He lives e-ter-nal-ly to save.
He lives all-glo-rious in the sky;
He lives ex-alt-ed there on high. | 8) He lives, all glo-ry to his name!
He lives, my Je-sus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sen-tence gives:
"I know that my Re-deem-er lives! |
| 5) He lives to si-lence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my trou-bled heart;
He lives all bless-ings to impart. | |