



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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A Service of Worship on Easter Sunday

“New Beginnings: New Life”

April 17, 2022 11:15 a.m.

The Power of Jesus’s Resurrection leads to new life after death, whether that be a new depth of eternally deep life in this world after a dismal excuse for living, or it be a burst of eternally long life after our physical deaths when we leave this planet.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. *Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.* We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. This is the day that you have made, life-giving God. Joining with angels and archangels and with the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we will rejoice and be glad this day. You take our endings and you make your new beginnings. You surprise and astound us in places where we thought that you were absent. You challenge us to reconsider what is possible. Living Lord, Savior Christ, we praise you, for you are raised by the power of God and there is a new creation and, by your grace, we are in it!

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: In Jesus's name, we:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without,

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Annette George

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

A: The first reading is from the book of Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A: The second reading is from the first book of Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

A: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

“New Beginnings: New Life”

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“Son of God”

CREED

“This I Believe”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

A: Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world (especially those we name now aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way (especially those we name now aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you (especially those we name now aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

What is the Sharing of the Peace?

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

How Do We Share the Peace?

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Mark 12:42-44

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then (Jesus) called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

OFFERING

"What a Beautiful Name"

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: **Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

“Day of Arising”

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

“Sing Your Praises”

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

We thank you for worshipping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.*

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

April 3 Tom Ingram
April 10 Barb Barbour
April 17 Annette George
April 24 Brian Rusher

PowerPoint

April 3 The Schillacks
April 10 Jeanine Rusher
April 17 Ted George
April 24 Jeanine Rusher

Ushers

April 3 Brian & Max Tognetti
April 10 Jim Kershner & Tom Ingram
April 17 Brian Rusher & Christian Arnold
April 24 Brian & Max Tognetti

Prayers

April 3 John Feeney

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