



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "This Easter Celebration"
To the tune of "Lead On, Oh King Eternal"

*Verse 1: This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors – from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.*

*Verse 2: No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
We ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.*

*Verse 3: Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
But from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see –
Who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.*

*Verse 4: In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well;
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise; Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.*

Verse 5: *We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
A scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
We live the Easter message by gladly serving you.*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 627 "O Day Full of Grace"

Verse 1: *O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.*

Verse 2(3): *For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.*

Verse 3(5): *When we on the final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
And there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy, receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON Acts 17: 22-31

PSALM66: 8-20

Bless our God, you peoples;
Let the sound of praise be heard.

Our God has kept us among the living
And has not allowed our feet to slip,

For you, O God, have tested us;
You have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net;
You laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let people ride over our heads;
We went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt offerings
And will pay you my vows –

Those that I promised with my lips
And spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who believe,
And I will tell you what God has done for me.

I called out to God with my mouth,
And praised the Lord with my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart,
The Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me
And has attended to the sound of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
Nor withheld unfailing love from me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3: 13-22

ALLELUIA VERSE..... ELW page 142

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

GOSPEL John 14: 15-21

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAYELW 389 "Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing"

*Verse 1: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing,
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring,
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Verse 2: Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.*

*Verse 3: In every insult, rift and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.*

*Verse 4: Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Verse 5: Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.*

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

**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.**

**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. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

If you are joining us on Facebook, we invite you to share the peace with one another by commenting on the live feed.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world sings of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

HYMNELW 661 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*Verse 1: I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. REFRAIN*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*Verse 2: I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. REFRAIN*

Verse 3: *I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing a new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. REFRAIN*

PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING OF THE SEED, SOIL AND RAIN

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding he established the heavens;
By his knowledge the deeps broke forth,
And the clouds drop down the dew.
While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
And give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
And satisfy the needs of every living creature.

PRAYERS FOR SEEDS, SOIL AND RAIN

All your works praise you, O Lord,
And your faithful servants bless you.

THE BLESSING

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
May God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

BENEDICTION

HYMN ELW 379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Verse 1: *Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

Verse 2: *In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

Verse 3: *Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

Verse 4: *When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain;
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Paul Schauer – *Pastor*
Bev Vollmer – *Pianist & Reader*
Emma Berg – *Technology Coordinator*

NOTES

Thank you for joining us through TV or Facebook this morning. We will continue to worship virtually through Sunday, May 24. Worship will be held at 10:00am and will be broadcast on BEKTV Channel 26 and Facebook Live. Sunday School and Confirmation Classes have been cancelled through the end of the school year. Worship will resume in person at the church on Sunday, May 31 at 10:00am. Guidelines for worship have been sent out by the church council. We will continue to broadcast on BEK TV and Facebook Live for those members who are more comfortable continuing to worship from home.

We will be meeting in the parking lot for a Drive-In Worship Service on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00pm. Please stay in your vehicles for the safety of everyone attending. Details and bulletin will be posted to the website and Facebook page.

Opportunities to support God's ministry at Sunne still exist. Checks can be mailed to the church at PO Box 217 Wilton, ND 58579 OR download tithe.ly on your phones/iPads, set up your account, and give through that option.

Throughout the year we will be praying for the members of Sunne. As we pray for the family of Sunne today, we pray for Jacob Bitz; Jorjean Brandner and Chuck Vinson; and Alvina Broste.

Our prayers today include: Brandalyn Coley, Jeff Giles, Oliver Dewald, Richard Greisch, Arlys Kassian, Cheryl Triska, Jim Pascua, John Schneider, Levi Gartner, Char Theurer, Michele Vietz, Gary Stotz, Dennis Ewine, Shirley Martin, Yvonne Olson, Jeanne Field, Clarence and Sylvia Bessler, George Kraft, Allen Albaugh, Cliff Mathys, Teresa Jochim, Muriel Lippert, Tabitha Halvorson, Tammy Kassian, Laren Holznagel, Joyce Falkenstein, Brenda Rhone, Valdine Schneider, Vern Mock, Lester Vollan, Stephanie Hobbs, Alvina Broste and Orville Speten.

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