

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018



“Because I live you shall live also.”

John 14:19

Peace Lutheran Church
Orofino, ID

Valley Bible Academy

St. John's Lutheran Church
Clarkston, WA

Theme: THE TRIUMPHANT GOOD NEWS: HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR *RISEN SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!*

Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! He is alive! We have complete forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! Thank you for joining us today. If you are a visitor, feel free to sign our guest register near the entry. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

ORDER OF SERVICE

"Christ is Arisen" Hymn 187

(Sung by selected men)

All stand for the
RESPONSIVE GREETING

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

Congr: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

P: I lay down and slept;

C: I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

P: Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P: Christ was delivered for our offenses...

C: And raised again for our justification.

P: The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: On this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All sing "Welcome, Happy Morning!" Hymn 202:1

1. "Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say;
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"
Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all His works adore.
"Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

PRAYER (Pastor)

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are spiritually revived at the celebration of the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, we may always thirst for that Fountain of Life—through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God forever and ever. Amen.

At Peace - Hymn 188:1&6 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

At St. John's – Baptism hymn 750 "See This Wonder in the Making"

"Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."
Acts 22:16. Today's Baptism:

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"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
Galatians 3:27

Easter Anthem by the students of Valley Bible Academy

(Hymn 203 – Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb)

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Hymn 730:1&3

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. ²⁷ For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸ Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

EASTER CREED

(all stand)

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy.

With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the first-fruits of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal life on the Last Day. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
Amen.

HYMN 193:1-4 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

THE SERMON TEXT

Mark 16:1-8 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they

laid Him. 7 "But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." 8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

John 14:19

Theme: "THE TRIUMPHANT GOOD NEWS: HE IS RISEN!"

- I. The circumstances of the angel's Good News
- II. The effect of the Good News on those who believed
- III. The far reaching results of the Good News for every age

Sermon Hymns:

198:1&4 He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

208:1-3 Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

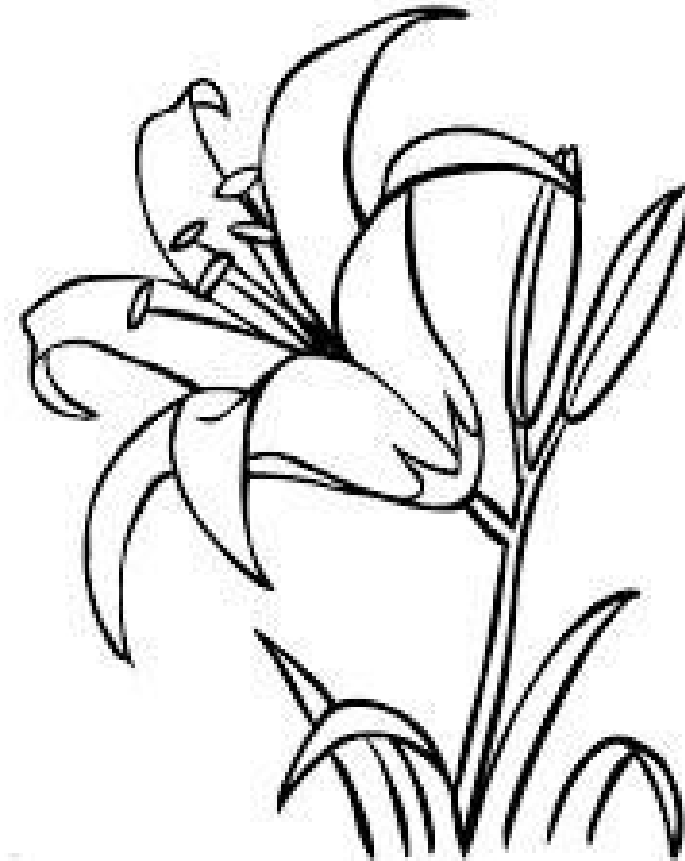
732:1-2 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 207:1:

***Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth His glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave And Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.***



THE EASTER PRAYER -- THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 200 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

THE LORD'S BLESSING

PASTOR: 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 peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN 189 "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

--- SILENT PRAYER ---

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EASTER BREAKFAST We hope you were able to enjoy this morning's breakfasts served by the men of the congregations. Thanks to all who helped and to those who brought delicious things to eat!

EASTER LILIES If you supplied Easter Lilies for our services this morning we thank you for sharing. Don't forget to take your lily with you following service so you may continue enjoying it at home.

BIBLE READINGS for this Easter Sunday

Through Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, the LORD reveals His great victory for the mighty mountain that is His Church. His powerful Word is, to our hungry souls, like a feast of rich foods and the best wine. All our enemies destroyed, and eternal life obtained. Jesus is alive! We read...

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