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Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what
You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our
possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them
for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done*..... LBW #135

Postlude

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Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Julie Reimann

Usher: Gene and Jodi Fjeld

Acolyte: Madison Branstad

Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!
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Please sign the attendance sheets located at the end of each pew.
If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.
We invite you to join us again!

8:30 a.m. — April 16, 2017

Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship Service with Holy Communion

All who are baptized in the Christian faith and have accepted Jesus Christ
as their Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Prayer of the Day

(All) O God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 14:10-15:1

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for Myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." So the Israel-

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to My brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her.

The Gospel of our Lord.

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You may be seated.

THE SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

"Christ Is Risen!" John 20:1-18

Hymn, Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!LBW #147
Please stand.

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Prayer

Congregational Response: Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

Offering

Please stand.

tures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand.

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THE GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

ites did this.

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took 600 of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the

night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. Both horse and driver He has hurled into the sea.

Here ends the reading.

Psalms 118:15-29 (responsively)

L: There is a sound of exultation and victory

C: in the tents of the righteous:

L: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

C: The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

L: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the works of the Lord.

L: The Lord has punished me sorely,

C: but He did not hand me over to death.

L: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

L: This is the gate of the Lord,

C: he who is righteous may enter."

L: I will give thanks to You, for You answered me

C: and have become my salvation.

L: The same stone which the builders rejected

C: has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing,

C: and it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: On this day the Lord has acted;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!

C: Lord, send us now success.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;

C: we bless You from the house of the Lord.

L: God is the Lord; He has shined upon us;

C: form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

L: "You are my God, and I will thank You;

C: You are my God, and I will exalt You."

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C: His mercy endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 15:1-11

The Resurrection of Christ

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scrip-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

Easter Breakfast following the Worship Service

Wednesday, April 19...

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

Friday, April 21...

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Spring Salad Luncheon to benefit Hospice of North Iowa at Immanuel Lutheran, Forest City Cost: \$7

Next Sunday, April 23...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School or all ages

The Easter Lillies adorning the church today were given as follows:

Women of the Word to Denise Holst, Marilyn Holland and LeAnn Peterson;

Irene Eide to her daughters, Crystal Nelson and Carla Johnson;

Steve and Colette Reimann in memory of Marlas Reimann; Lanette Branstad for her mother, Eldora Reil;

Sharon Holland in memory of Jerry Holland, Melvin and Myrtle Peterson, and Bud Peterson

Merle Durby for Blanche Durby;

Denny and Judy Norstrud in memory of Thome and Nora Norstrud

Caroll and Janell Carson

Please take your lilies after services today. Thank you.

Prayer List — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Denise Holst, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil; Angela Haugen serving in the military. All prayer requests can be submitted to Pastor Steve @641-590-7894; or leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733.

SERMON NOTES...

“Christ is Risen!” John 20:1-18

1. The resurrection was indeed a “_____”! Jesus came out of the tomb and into our lives with power and victory.
2. The resurrection is paramount to our _____.
3. John’s purpose in writing is described: “Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may _____ that Jesus is the Christ... by believing you may have life...” (20:31,32)
4. The first barrier to faith is _____. Mary had grief.
5. Grief is overcome by the _____ of Jesus.
6. The second barrier to faith is _____. Fear is overcome by experiencing the presence of Jesus.
7. Fear can cripple us, make us irrational. At those times, we need to seek Jesus’ presence allowing him to give us _____.
8. The third barrier to faith is _____ which is overcome by the touch of Jesus.
9. Our faith is not unreasonable. It has to be based on a firm _____.
10. In the story of the little boy who saw the painting, he had to run after the man to tell him, “He didn’t stay _____!”
11. Mary needed to hear the voice of Jesus and her _____ was healed. The disciples needed to receive the peace of Jesus and their _____ was released. Thomas needed to receive a touch from the risen Savior which released his _____.
What do you need from Jesus?