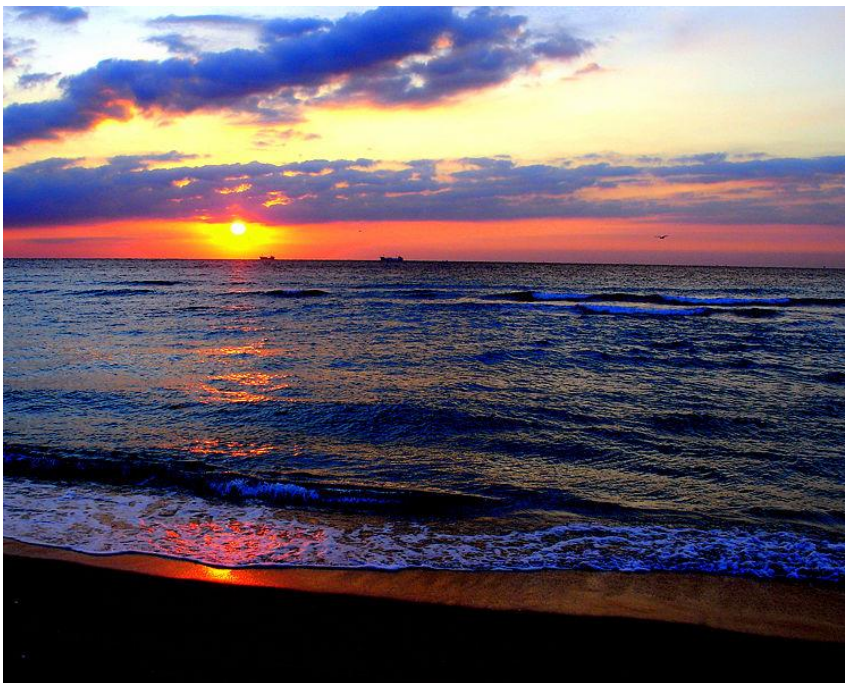


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Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 104 Weekly Giving: \$3,288.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

nursery Attendant. Grace Lutheran Church seeks to hire a paid attendant for our nursery on Sunday mornings. Please submit names of potential candidates to Jana Bishop, Youth and Family Committee Coordinator.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Brenda Teegardin. Brenda is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.560.5910.

Social Activities: Enjoy another Grace fellowship opportunity on **Sunday, May 5th** by having brunch/lunch with us at **State Street Diner** at 12:30 p.m., and then attend the play ***Anything Goes*** at 2 p.m. at the Dennison Performing Arts Center (231 S. Broadway, Hastings). All tickets are purchased at the door (cash or check only), but we have reserved a block of seats for our Grace family. The PAC is handicap accessible. Everyone pays for their own meal and tickets. Tickets are: Seniors (62 & older) \$8, Students \$8, and Adults \$10. For those wishing to carpool, please meet at church by 12:15 p.m. **Deadline to sign up is May 1st.** Contact Deborah Wilke at 269-953-8216, if you have any questions

Social Activities: The ***Progressive Dinner*** will be the evening of **Saturday, May 18th**. We can meet at the church for carpooling at 5:15, and then begin with appetizers at 5:30 at Mallard Pond, dinner at 6:30 at the Scheck Home, and desserts at 7:45 at the Wood Home. Sign-up deadline to join in the fun is **Sunday, May 5th**. Call Deborah Wilke at 269-953-8216, if you have any questions.

Earth Day Cleanup: April 22nd from 12 noon to evening in our back lot. Come whenever you can during this time frame to help!

Youth Committee Mtg Tuesday from 6—7:30 pm.

Noisy Offering collected last Sunday for Barry County Cares was \$48.69.

Congregational Care Mtg Monday, April 29th at 3:00 pm.

Security Mtg, Wednesday, May 1st at 4:30 pm.

Geranium Sale: The church is selling red geraniums for \$5 per plant that Cotants is providing for us. Sun Patience are also available in many colors. Sign up sheets are available today, but you need to place your order by May 12th. Delivery on May 18th from 8-12 noon.

Easter Sonrise Service

The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 21, 2019; 8:00 AM

*We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God.
The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.*

Service begins in the narthex where we gather before worship.

Lighting the Paschal Candle

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy day when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in celebration. Through light and word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

A Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.

C **Bless this light, and inflame us with a desire to shine forth the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness. Amen.**

P Christ, yesterday and today.

C **the beginning and the ending.**

A To Christ belongs time and eternity;

C **To Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. Amen.**

P The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The community will process into the church, following the Easter candle and gather around the baptismal font.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Joined together in Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the water at creation.

C **You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.**

P Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock.

C **You brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.**

P By baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Jesus sends us to make disciples,

☩ baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ;

☩ claim your daughters and sons, no longer slaves and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

℟ The light of Christ.

☩ Thanks be to God.

The community will process to the pews, while the candle is placed in its stand.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365 (red book)

The Responsive Litany of Easter Praise

℟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

℟ This is the day that the Lord has made;

☩ we will rejoice and be glad in it!

℟ The Lord is my strength and my song.

☩ The Lord has become my salvation.

℟ Open to me the gates of righteousness;

☩ I will go through them and praise the Lord.

℟ I shall not die, but live,

☩ and declare the works of the Lord.

℟ This is the day that the Lord has made;

☩ we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of the Day

℟ Let us pray . . . 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, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

📖 A reading from **Acts**:

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

📖 A reading from **1 Corinthians**:

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²¹For 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.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

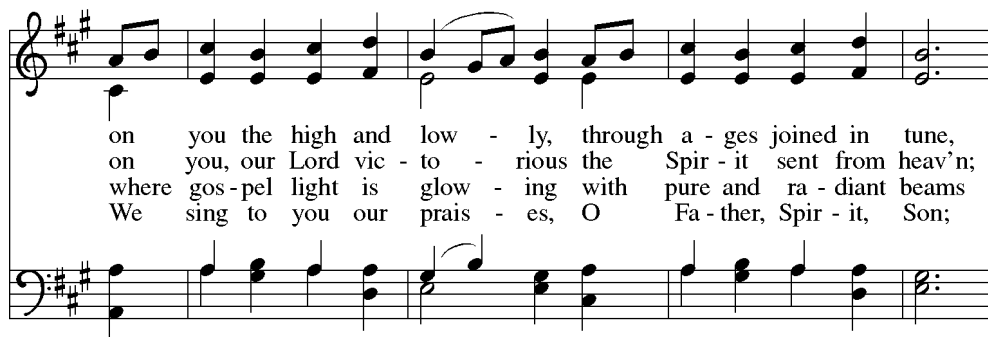
Arise in body or spirit

Paraphrase of Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

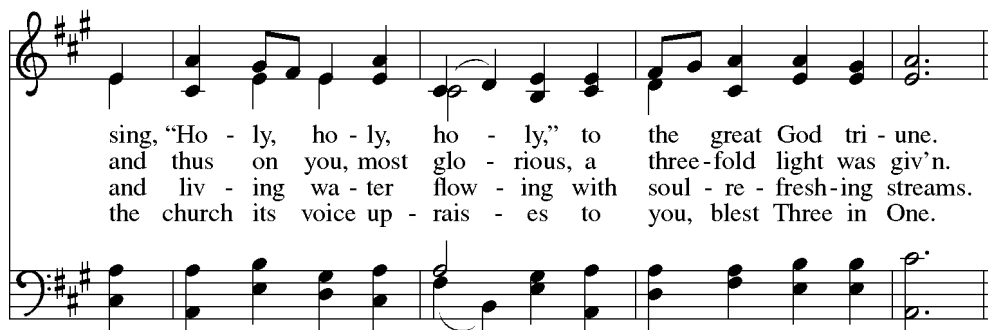

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

P A Reading from the Gospel of **Luke**.

G **Glory to you, O lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] 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.

P Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets.

G **But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

Sit

Easter Sonrise Sermon

Arise in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

ELW 362 (red book)

Stanzas 1-4

During the Hymn the assembly gathers at the font

Affirmation of Baptism

- A** Let us pray. Merciful God, we give you thanks for making us your own by the water and the word in baptism. You have called us to yourself this day, enlightened with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished in the community of faith.
- C** Uphold us as we affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament; in the name of Christ. Amen.

Renunciation of Evil

- P** I ask you now to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C** I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C** I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C** I renounce them.

Profession of Faith

- P** Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- C** In faith I turn to Christ.
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P** Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?
- C** 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.

Commitment

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism; to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P Let us promise to support each other and pray for each other in our lives in Christ Jesus.

C We promise, and we ask God to help and guide us.

A Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: confirm our faith, guide our lives, empower us in our serving, give us patience in suffering, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Everyone may return to the pews, pausing at the baptismal font to make the sign of the cross with the water

Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

ELW 362

Stanzas 5-8

Kneel or sit as you are able

Prayers

A On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

A brief silence

A You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized, especially Sean Benedict, as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. We especially praise you for the anointing that Sean Benedict, Nathan Burkhead and Katie Burkhead received last night at the

Easter Vigil. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, including Sean Benedict, Buck, Irene Corr, family of Vicky Dame, Gary Edwards, Bonnie Ehredt, Linnie Ehredt, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, LaHeige family, Betty Lydy, family of Mike McComb, Elsie Merrow, family of Jackie Main, Gale Morway, Kim Ogden, Kathy Plourde, safe travel for Amy and Phil P., Mary Rider, Barb Swift, George Ulrich Jr. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

☞ You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

☞ Gracious God, hear the individual prayers we lift up to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts:

Here other intercessions may be offered

☞ Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

☞ You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

☞ Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

☞ **Amen.**

Arise in body or spirit

Sharing the Peace

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another)

Offering Gifts and Music

Offering Song

Day of Arising

ELW 374 (red book)

Offering Prayer

☞ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

☒ Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

☐ The Lord be with you.

☒ And also with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☒ We life them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☒ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

☐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

☒ We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He 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.

☒ Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

☐ Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

☒ Through him all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☒ Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Holy things for holy people.
- ☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Breaking of the Bread	<i>You are Holy</i>	ELW 525
	<i>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</i>	ELW 619
	<i>Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia</i>	ELW 364
	<i>The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done</i>	ELW 366

- ☐ We give you thanks, O God, for making your home with us and bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.
- ☑ **Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Ministry Notes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Hymn	<i>Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds</i>	ELW 367
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Sending

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace, share the good news.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers

Mark Anton
Jill Burkhead
Tom & Cheryl Drumm
Karen Halstead
Jeanette Kogge
Jeanette Markwart
Bev McManaway
Carol Morgan
Amy Poholski
Ken & Laura Scheck
Barb Swift
Jeanette Ulrich

Frank & Ann Bolton
Terry Bushee
Erin Everly
Mike Kemper
Joe Longcor
Kay Marsh
Linda Melcher
Carla Neil
Angela Pruitt
Jan Schreiner
Linda Trongo
Kristi Winick

Remember, Recognize, Resolve

Today's gospel story is unsettling and unsettled. Mary Magdalene and the other myrrh-bearing women, having followed Jesus from Galilee to the cross, rest on the sabbath and then come to the tomb to anoint his ravaged body. But the women's faithful acts lead them not to consolation but to emptiness, perplexity, even further terror. Dazzling messengers of God ask why they seek the living among the dead. But then the messengers urge the women to "remember" how Jesus told them he would be crucified and rise again. The women indeed remember, as we do when others remind us of what we have experienced but haven't fully taken in. The women return to tell the eleven, who dismiss their account as an idle tale. Peter runs to the tomb and goes home amazed, but the insulted women and disbelieving apostles await resolution.

Today's gospel story speaks of resurrection, but it isn't the end. This is good news for all of us when we feel empty, traumatized, and hard pressed to believe. Easter has ample room to contain impasses and confusion, to admit what is unsettled.

In Luke's next story, later that same day, a stranger joins two despairing followers of Jesus on the road out of town. The ones who had placed hope in Jesus mention having been astounded by "some women of our group" who spoke of "a vision of angels who said he was alive." Moreover, the tomb was "just as the women had said" (Luke 24:22-24). Then the stranger breaks open the scriptures, confirming the vision and rekindling their belief. They implore him to stay, and finally recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Our service builds toward that same breaking of the bread. With Mary Magdalene and Peter, we are witnesses of these things. At the table we are welcomed and fed. Our eyes and hearts are opened. Vindicated and believing, we recognize our host, who is risen indeed.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

**The Risen
Christ
Gives Us
Life!**