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Easter Sunday

CHRIST IS

RISEN!

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Sunday, April 20, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. S. Knarr

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn 365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 122

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "The Strife is O'er" H. Ley

Children's Message

Word

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Anthem "Green April is Thy Very Soul" D. Aarssen

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 124

*Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 376 "Thine is the Glory"

*Nicene Creed p. 126

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

Offering Music	<i>"The Strife is O'er"</i>	K. McChesney
*Offering Hymn 388		<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table		p. 130
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 135
Communion Hymns 364, 379, 369		
*Table Blessing		
*Prayer after Communion		

Sending

General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Recessional Hymn 382	<i>"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"</i>	
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude	<i>"My Spirit Be Joyful"</i>	J.S. Bach
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“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Jim Treusch

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choir Director: Corey Linforth

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Keelyn Thorogood, Caroline Schmidt, Dylan Siebert, Nick Maldonado, Drew Aarssen

Choir Members: Julia Crnko, Thea Marie Becker, Lana Moses, Erika Sattler, Bev Roeder, Jim Sattler, Tim Schaner

Trumpets: Paul Mitchell, Ron Walker

Celebration Bells: Julia Crnko, Mikala Hunt, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Linda McLellan, Kim Schaner, Sam Schmidt, Simon Thompson, Mary-Ellen Winkler

Lector: Sonia Groh

Communion Server: Pat Giilck

Cross Bearer: Paul Gross

Torch Bearers: Sue and Delaney Laking

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Church Fire Plan For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

Coffee Hour: There is no Coffee Hour this week. See you next Sunday!

Today's anthem was commissioned by St. Matthews and composed by our bass choral scholar, Drew Aarssen. The lyrics are based on a poem by C.H. Towne:

In every trembling bud and bloom
that cleaves the earth, a flowery sword,
I see Thee come from out the tomb,
Thou risen Lord.

His old immortal glory wakes,
the rushing streams and emerald hills,
His ancient trumpet softly shakes
the daffodils.

In every April wind that sings
down lanes that make the heart rejoice,
yea in wood-thrush brings
I hear Thy voice.

Thou art not dead! Thou art the whole
of life that quickens in the sod.
Green April is Thy very soul.
Thou risen Lord!

The great Lord our God, invisible.
God hath roused to rapture the green grass,
through sun-lit mead and dew drenched dell,
I see Him pass.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Offering plates will be passed out today during the Offering music.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

● St. Matthews

ANNUAL MEETING

April 27, 2025



following the
Worship
service

*All voting members
please consider
attending!*

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