

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 200 - *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

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Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow next Sunday’s worship service.
- **April Church Council Meeting Moved One Week:** Due to Easter Sunday falling here on the second Sunday in April, the Church Council meeting of Faith will be moved one week to next Sunday, April 15.

Our Response of Faith — April 1 & 6, 2012

4/1 Attendance: 21

4/6 Attendance: 15

Unified Budget	\$565.50
CLC General Budget	\$ 50.00
Total.....	\$615.50

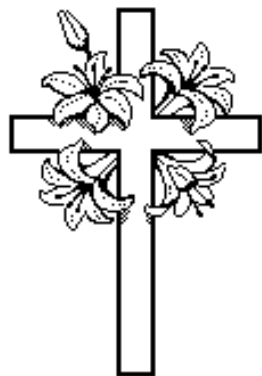
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He Is Risen!

APRIL 8, 2012 – EASTER SUNDAY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 118, pg. 148

Organist: Kristen Friedrichs

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 191 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved of God, the Lord Himself invites us to come into His presence for worship, freely acknowledging our sins, as we look to His throne of Grace for forgiveness in Christ. Let us, therefore, confess our sins together.

People: *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 Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 198 - *He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

The Sermon – 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up -- if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 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.

“The Resurrection Lynchpin”

The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with
Thy free spirit.*

Hymn 199 - *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

The Offering

2nd Scripture Reading – John 20:1-18

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." 3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. 4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. 5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. 11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

All Sing: *O Jesus Christ, the only Son, Of God Your heav'nly Father,
You did for all our sins atone, And Your lost sheep You gather.
O Lamb of God, to You on high, From depths of woe we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

Pastor: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Lift up your hearts! With the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Sing: *All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; The Fa-
ther's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!*

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And 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; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. (Matthew 22:32) Alleluia!*

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*