

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Late Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Choir Prelude "Christ Is Risen! Sing Alleluia!"

Senior Choir

By Mary Kay Beall, John Carter

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The tomb is dark, but empty

P: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

L: The stone has been rolled away

P: The one you are looking for has overcome death

L: The burial clothes are put aside

P: The one you are looking for is alive!

L: Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen Indeed!

ALL: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

***HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

R130/Projected

***INVOCATION**

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of your victory over the powers of death and evil is news so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

ALL: Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy. You, in your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Spirit of the Living God"**

B283/Projected

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 25:6-9

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us now confess to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: If, at times, we deny you: God forgive. If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive. If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive. In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Hear the good news: In raising Jesus from the dead, God has brought life and immortality to light. And hear the good news: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In the name of Jesus, I say to you: Our sins are forgiven. All things are made new.

P: Doubt no more; Christ is with us always. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Lord's Prayer: 5th Petition Projected
From Luther House of Study

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (Modern) Projected

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Every Morning is Easter Morning" Senior Choir
By Richard Avery, Donald Marsh

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

R233/Projected

MEDITATION: “Terror and Amazement”

Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: The gifts that we bring to this community compound and create resurrection power, helping us to awaken wholeness in the broken, strength in the weakened, and liberation for all living in the midst of injustice. Let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Responsive)

ALL: God of love, we offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts as a sign of our love for you and the world. We ask a special blessing on these gifts where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up, so that all may come to know of your abiding love. O God, we give these gifts as you have given them unto us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

R133/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Postlude

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thurs.	March 28	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship in the Chapel with Communion
Fri.	March 29	6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Sun.	March 31	7:00 am - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 7:45 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
Mon.	April 1	6:15 pm - Puppets
Tues.	April 2	5:00 pm - Community Meal at OSUCC, Volunteers welcome! 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Parent/Leader meeting
Thurs.	April 4	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion in Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	April 7	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily
Mon.	April 8	6:15 pm - Puppets 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	April 9	5:00 pm - Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den meeting
Thurs.	April 11	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion in Chapel

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **bulletin** or would like to sponsor an item, please email the office or drop it off by **Tuesday at 11am.**

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **May Messenger** can be emailed to or dropped off at the church office by Saturday, **April 20th**. Thank you!

NEW QR CODE FOR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

We have set up a brand new QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to make contributions via PayPal. Try it out!





We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

Join us for worship on or Sunday's at 9:00 am and Thursday's at 6:30 pm

Sunday Service is broadcast live via radio at 11:00AM on WRPN, AM station 1600.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and available at your convenience. If you are viewing worship from one of our Social Media Platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad Winkelman.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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Matthew Graff, March 29, Jay Rasmussen, March 31, Aaliyah Wilson, April 1, David Dolske, Kelly Mundell, Thomas Widlake, April 2, Boni Jensen, April 3

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Wednesday: 11	Thursday: 4	Sunday : 85
Livestream Views:	Wednesday: 75	Thursday: 70	Sunday: 105

General Fund: \$1,412.00 OCWM: \$61.50 Capital Improvements: \$115.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

EASTER WORSHIP TEAMS

7:00 am	Audio Operator: Phil Manthei	9:00 am	Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske
	Liturgist: Rorie Nitz		Liturgist: Rory Nitz
	Musician: Nicole Burdick		Musician: Nicole Burdick
	Communion: Keith Mulder		Communion: Bob Lueck, Patti Schaalma, Rick Stracy

CHOIR FUND DONATION

We have received a donation to the Choir Fund in Memory of Fred Lehman, given by Ellen and Larry McNally. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Just a quick reminder that breakfast will be served between services in Fellowship Hall from 7:45 am until 8:45 am.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sliced ham, sizzling hot bacon, Ron’s Hoppin blueberry pancakes, oven browned potatoes, and all the sweets you can handle.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

In need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Edna Schwandt, 23 Unspoken, and all others.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Longtime member, Bob Schouten, passed away Saturday, March 23rd. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve his passing.



A Visitation for Bob will be held Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am till 11:00 am here at OSUCC. The Memorial service with full military honors will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating. Following the service, a luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall.

The inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to OSUCC's Radio Fund.

REV. MUNDELL ON VACATION

Reverend Mundell will be on vacation from the evening of March 31st until April 8th. If you have an urgent need please contact a Church Council member for assistance.

Reverend Dodson will be officiating at the Thursday, April 4th, worship service and at the Sunday, April 7th, worship service.

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION



Suggested food items *for March* are:

Canned proteins, canned beans, canola or olive oil, crackers, dried herbs and spices, baby food, baby formula, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, peanut butter, nuts, pasta and sauce, or canned vegetables.

These can be brought to the East Narthex. It is always best to buy canned items with a pull-tab for ease of opening and avoid glass containers whenever possible. Thank you to all who have already donated this month!

RIPON AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

OSUCC is hosting the Ripon Area Vacation Bible School this summer, and we are very excited! This year's theme is SCUBA, Diving Into Friendship with God. Dates will be July 28th - August 1st. Registration is not yet open on Facebook.



There are many ways to help so if you would enjoy volunteering, please contact Ricky or Debbie Prellwitz at rldeerhunter@centurytel.com or 920-229-4007 .