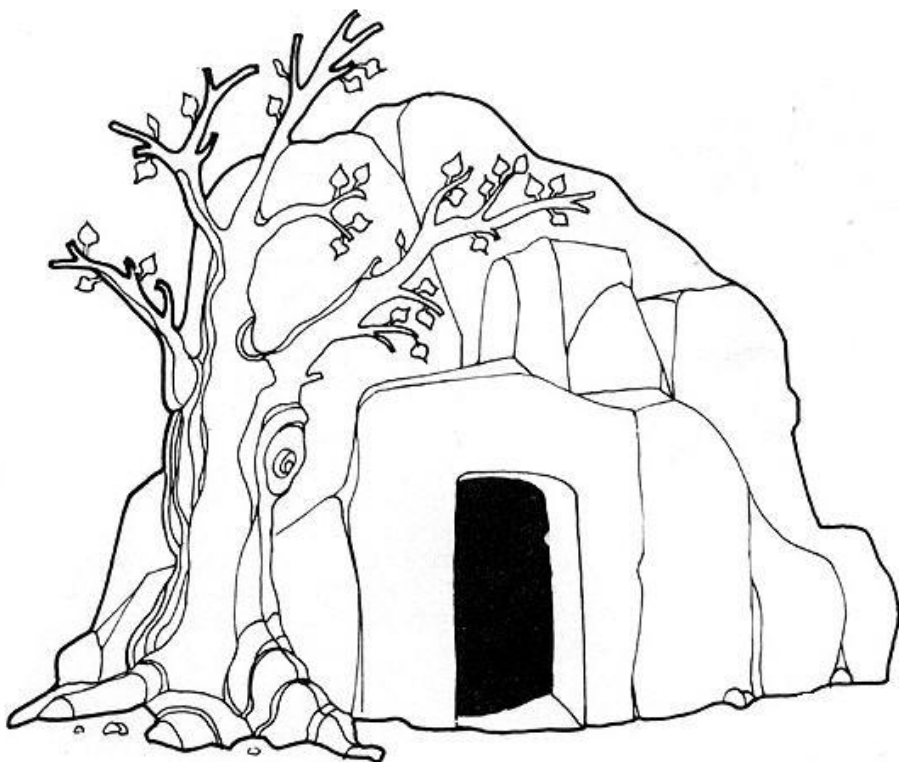

Cross Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

March 27 – 7:00am



But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’

Matthew 28:5-7

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Easter Sunrise Service

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer.

Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

* – indicates congregation should stand as able

****As we left in silence on Good Friday, so we begin in silence this day.***

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ELW # 365

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and compassion, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you as we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not trusted you in all things, nor have we consistently tried in all things to do your holy will. In your compassion forgive us, we pray. Create in us clean hearts, and put a new and right spirit within us, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life that you alone can give, and have promised to give. Amen.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ has promised that nothing in all creation shall separate us from him and his love; and his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead confirm the truth of that promise. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

C: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In his hands are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also his. The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands have molded the dry land. Oh come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord, our Maker, for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: O come, let us worship him. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43 N.T. p. 129

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 15:19-26 N.T. p. 176

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia* p.102

***GOSPEL**

***(P)** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10 N.T. p. 33

***(C)** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***(P)** The Gospel of our Lord.

***(C)** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN *Thine is the Glory* ELW # 376

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* ELW # 380

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***CLOSING PRAYER**

O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* ELW # 369

POSTLUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. V. Labenske

PREACHER: Pastor Bob Preuss

LITURGIST: Pastor Amy Oslund

LAY MINISTER: Allison Hawley March

ACOLYTE: Miranda Haagensen

GREETERS: Bob and Kim Brynildson

USHERS: Roxy Horrisberger – Captain, Rich and Mugs Nielsen,
Jamie Gudknecht, Rose Macioch Carolyn Border

MUSICIANS: Leah Bergman; Chelsey Christ;
Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir

NURSERY: *Open but no attendant*

EASTER BREAKFAST: Youth Group

**All are invited to Easter Breakfast
following this service.**

Please join us for food, conversation and fellowship.

Thanks to the Cross Lutheran Youth and families
who are serving us today!

The Freewill Offering will be used for the Summer Mission Trip.



The Altar Guild wishes to thank all those listed below for the beautiful Easter flowers used during our services today.

† Darrell and Marie Anderson in memory of all loved ones

† Sherry Batterman and Matt Wickoren in memory of Peter Batterman

† Richard and Dottie Bingman in memory of our Parents

† Carolyn, Rose and Andrew Border in memory of Grandma Helen Blesi

† Jim and Diana Border in memory of our Mothers

† Jerry and Barb Brynildson in celebration of family and friends

† Dan and Tammy Erickson in memory of
Bill Lewinski and Tom Featherstone



† Katie and Emily Erickson in memory of Kristen Lewinski
and Margaret Nierad

† Carol Fontaine in memory of Pat Fontaine,
Roy and Beatrice Bjork and family

† Sylvia Graham in memory of loved ones

† The Gudknecht Family in memory of Harold Gudknecht

† Pat Hagen in memory of Arline and Floyd Hagen and Pat's loved ones

† The Hendricksons in memory of Brother Rick

† Roxy Horrisberger in memory of Delmore Horrisberger
and other family and friends

† Gloria and Dick Klassen in memory of Parents and Grandparents

† Kay Olson in memory of Mom & Dad, Barb and Roger Krummel

† Doug, Amy, Signey, Simon and Nora Oslund in memory of Grandpa Jerry
Lee and Grandpa Bob Oslund

† Bob Preuss and Michele Simon in memory of
Bob and Jean Preuss, and Loretta and Ernie Simon

† Lenore Ryder in memory of loved ones

† Arlo and Kay Stack in memory of Harry and Evelyn Stack,
LuVern and Esther Buck, and Bud Stack

† Mary Vatne in thanks for God's Glory

† Ray and Clara Volkers in memory of sisters and brothers



Those who purchased Easter plants for our altar may take them home following the 9:30am Worship Service today.

Book Club meets Tuesday March 29th at 6:30pm. We are reading *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. We welcome High School students through Adults to join us in our time together.

Easter Drama “Beyond the Cross”

Rehearsals

Beginning next Sunday April 3rd during Education

Please plan to join us on May 1st for our end of the year celebration! We will have a luncheon immediately following the worship service. After this fellowship, we will enjoy the drama written and directed by Diana Swanson. The story begins with Easter morning and will tell of the journey Christ’s followers experienced until Jesus’ ascension into heaven.

ADULT EDUCATION resumes on April 3rd with Professor Roy Harrisville whose Bible study will be “Romans Revisited.”

CONFIRMATION RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 6th AT 6:30! There will be no class on April 13th but returns April 20th.

We’ll be serving dinner at the Family Service Center on Thursday April 14th, from 5:30-6:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to help.

Special Offering

*Youth Confirmation Camp and
Mission Milwaukee Summer Trip
May 1st*

Thank you! Thank you! The offering for our Jet Fuel Backpack partner, Merrick Community Services, was very generous! This is an amazing ministry that we are called to and that we faithfully serve. **God bless you!**

Volunteers for John Glenn Middle School

Spring Picnic

Saturday May 21st

Watch the bulletin, May Cross Currents and the bulletin board in the coffee room for more information.

Lenten Coin Folders may be placed in the basket in the Narthex or in the offering plate.

Thank you to those who have returned them already.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Easter Sunday, March 27	7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship Service 7:45am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Easter Service of Holy Communion 11:30am Worship at The Shores of Lake Phalen 3:30pm Roca de Horeb
Monday, March 28.....	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, March 29.....	6:30pm Book Club 7:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb
Thursday, March 31	3:30pm Bible Study at The Shores of Lake Phalen 6:30pm Worship at The Shores of Lake Phalen 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist Prayer Group
Friday, April 1.....	6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
Saturday, April 2.....	6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb 9:30am – 12:00pm 7 th Day Adventist 5:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb
Sunday, April 3	9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School Classes 10:45am Easter Drama Rehearsal 11:00am Adult Education Class 3:30pm – 6:30pm Roca de Horeb

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.

Table Prayer



God of all good gifts, bless this food, which fills up our empty stomachs. Bless our table talk which brings us closer to one another. Bless the events of the day – good, bad, happy or sad. Bless this together time, which helps us grow in love. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Luke 14:27



“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex.

