

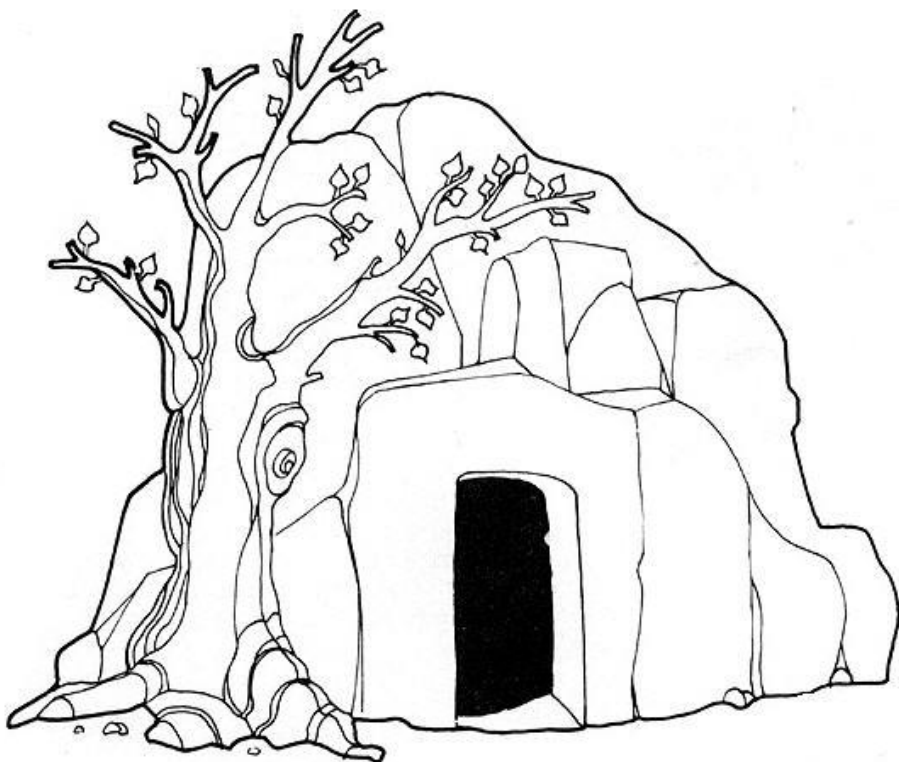
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*Cross Lutheran Church*

# Easter Sunday

*Sunrise Service*  
*April 16, 2017 – 7:00am*

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*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***

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*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!**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

**C: 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!**

**ANTHEM**

*Alleluia*

Handbells

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

**\*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**    Colossians 3:1-4     N.T. p. 201

**\*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**    *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*    arr. Dale Wood

**\*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**

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW # 660

**Verse 1 – All**

**Verse 2 – Men**

**Verse – 3 Women**

**Verse 4 - All**

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Lyra Davidica

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PREACHER: Pastor Amy Oslund

LITURGIST: Pastor Bob Preuss

LAY MINISTER: Scott Patterson

ACOLYTE: Perri Linroth

GREETERS: Coreen Johnson

USHERS: Jim Border – Captain, Diana Border,

Allen Stack, Duane Gudknecht

MUSICIANS: Chelsey Christ; Linda Zelig;

Handbells – Carolyn, Rose and Andrew Border;

Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir; Duane Gudknecht - Trumpet

NURSERY: *Open but no attendant*

EASTER BREAKFAST: Youth Group

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**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 Youth 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 and Richard's brother Lloyd, and Dottie's brothers Ronald and Willis J

† Larry and Mary Brandt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Brandt and Mr. & Mrs. William Feldhusen

† Jerry and Barb Brynildson in celebration of Cross Lutheran Church

† Cross Lutheran Book Club in memory of Carrie Knauss

† Dan and Tammy Erickson in memory of Bill Lewinski, Carrie Knauss, Larry Keeling, and Paul Stienmetz

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

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



† Sylvia Graham in memory of parents and brothers

† The Henrickson family in memory of Brother Rick

† Gloria and Dick Klassen in Celebration of our family

† Doug, Amy, Signey, Simon and Nora Oslund in memory of Jerome Lee and Robert Oslund

† Scott Patterson in memory of Richard and Marlene Patterson

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

† Lenore Ryder in memory of loved ones

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

† Mary Vatne in thanks for God's Love

† Linda Winning in memory of Carrie Knauss



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

**There are NO Education classes today in order to spend this festival day with our families! HAPPY EASTER!**

**ADULT EDUCATION** resumes at 11:00am on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with Pastor Amy continuing our study of the Gospels.

Sunday School classes for Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 10:45am in the choir loft for our opening session together.

Our Sunday School Closing Program will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service.

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*Confirmation returns on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.*

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The United Sisters will meet on WEDNESDAY May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm for dinner and meeting to follow. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen if you are able to provide a part of our meal.

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*Garden Club*

*Thursdays 9:00am starting April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*We invite anyone who would like to help us be faithful stewards of our rain gardens and the Church grounds to be a part of our Garden Club. We meet for a few hours each Thursday to weed and clean up the gardens. All help is greatly appreciated!*

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NO Choir rehearsals until Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

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**NEW CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY!**

**Sessions Monday – Wednesday**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00pm – 8:50pm**

**We are creating a new Church Family Album and it won't be the same without YOU! We will be using Lifetouch Photography to take professional pictures of our families! Everyone who has a sitting will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free Church directory. Sign up: At Church with Sherry Batterman or scan the QR code on any poster; Click on the link on our website: [www.crosslutheranchurch.org](http://www.crosslutheranchurch.org) or Facebook page: Cross Lutheran Church – Maplewood MN. Photos may also be submitted or contact Sherry if you want to have them taken at other locations. Bring a food donation and you will receive a \$5.00 coupon if you decide to order additional portraits.**

**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, April 16** ..... 7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship Service  
7:45am Easter Breakfast  
9:30am Easter Service of Holy Communion  
11:15am Worship at The Shores of Lake Phalen  
12:30pm Dwelling Place of God Church  
3:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists
- Monday, April 17..... *Church Office Closed*  
6:30pm Board of Education Meeting
- Thursday, April 20 ..... 9:00am Garden Club  
3:00pm Worship at The Shores of Lake Phalen  
7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer Group
- Saturday, April 22..... 9:30am – 1:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
- Sunday, April 23 ..... 9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Adult Education Class  
12:30pm Dwelling Place of God Church
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**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:

Dear Lord, since we have been raised to new life too, may we set our hearts on things above. As God's chosen people, may we treat everyone today with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Amen.

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Stewardship Verse  
Luke 12:32-34



*“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

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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.

