

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP - April 4th, 2021**

\* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

## **Pre-Service Music**

### **Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**     “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna” (*A Folk Hymn*)   Judy Schneider  
*(10:30 am service only)*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come! Hear the good news of the Gospel. Hear what has happened to Jesus, the Christ!

People: **We thought He was dead, but He is risen from the dead and He lives forevermore.**

Pastor: The grave which once held Him captive is empty. The stone has been rolled away!

People: **His body was not stolen. They were not at the wrong tomb.  
As Christ promised, He defeated Hell's powers. He is  
victorious over death.**

All: **And so we have life! Let us worship Christ! Let us worship our Risen Savior.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” – 10:30am

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## **Prayer of Invocation & Confession**

## Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

## Easter Hymn

“Christ Arose”

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## Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“He is Lord”

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## Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

## Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-48

## Sermon

“Can I Get a Witness?”

## \*Closing Hymn

“He Lives”

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## \*Spoken Benediction

## Postlude

“He Rose Triumphant” (Ackley)

Judy Schneider



## **We at St. Peter's are praying for:**

Gary Ekhoff	Gene Sievers	Dennis Balgemann
Carter Fortin	Louise Sievers	Nancy Lewke
Austin Delaney	Mason Beseke	Rev. Frank Hoss
Delores & James Caton	Linda Havely	Craig Schneider
Ken & Sandy Erickson	Mildred Katz	Pauline Mitchell
Minnie Pfingsten	Melissa Mort	Taylor Cleary
	The family of Jerry Regnier	
	The family of Marie Lorenz	

## **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Christian Education Meeting (7 pm)
Sunday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Marcia Langlois Retirement Celebration (after church)
Sunday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Confirmation Sunday
Tuesday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> :	Church Council Meeting (7 pm)
Sunday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion for Confirmands
May 14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> :	Rummage Sale

# Today's Scripture

Luke 24:1-48

**24** On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: **7** ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.’ ” **8** Then they remembered His words.

**9** When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

## On the Road to Emmaus

**13** Now that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; **16** but they were kept from recognizing Him.

**17** He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast.<sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” He asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him;<sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.<sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning<sup>23</sup> but didn’t find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive.<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!<sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?”<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if He were going farther.<sup>29</sup> But they urged Him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So He went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and began to give it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There, they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then, the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread.

## **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I, myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

<sup>40</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and He took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.