

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 8, 2012



“Because I live you shall live also.”

John 14:19

Easter Theme:

“THE JOY OF BEING SURE”

**St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA**

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street

11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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**Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID**

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study

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***WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF  
OUR RISEN SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!***

**DEAR GUESTS,** we consider it a blessing and honor that you have chosen to worship with us on this special morning. We are celebrating the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ! We should remember that every religion has a tomb, only the Christian tomb is EMPTY! Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! We have forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! The pastor would love to visit you at your convenience to tell you more – just ask! Thank you for joining us today! Feel free to sign our guest register near the entry.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## "Christ is Arisen" Hymn 187

*(Sung by Pastor Naumann and John Schaller)*

### All stand for the RESPONSIVE GREETING

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

**Congr: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

P: I lay down and slept;

**C: I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.**

P: Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

**C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P: Christ was delivered for our offenses...

**C: And raised again for our justification.**

P: The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

**C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

### All sing "*Welcome, Happy Morning!*" Hymn 202:1

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!

Him, their true Creator, all His works adore.

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: On this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C: 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 risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*(Congregation is seated)*

### PRAYER (Pastor)

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are spiritually revived at the celebration of the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, we may always thirst for that Fountain of Life—through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### All sing "*Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds*" Hymn 732:1-2

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds;  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### THE EASTER GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

**All sing "Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds" Hymn 732:3**

Oh, fill us, LORD, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

Luther's explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed  
*(Congregation and Pastor)*

"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,  
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; "He has redeemed  
me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins,  
from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but  
with His holy precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death; He  
did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and  
serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and joy; even as He is  
risen from death, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true!"

**All sing "Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds" Hymn 732:4**

4. Adoring praises now we bring, and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE FIRST ADDRESS**

John 2:18-22 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You  
show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to  
them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the  
Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise  
it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22  
Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that  
He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word  
which Jesus had said.

THE JOY OF BEING SURE  
... THAT JESUS IS TRUE GOD.

**HYMN 199:1-2 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

**THE SECOND ADDRESS**

Acts 13:29-33, 38-39 "Now when they had fulfilled all that was written  
concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.  
30 "But God raised Him from the dead. 31 "He was seen for many days by  
those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His  
witnesses to the people. 32 "And we declare to you glad tidings; that  
promise which was made to the fathers. 33 "God has fulfilled this for us  
their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the  
second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' 38 "Therefore  
let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you  
the forgiveness of sins; 39 "and by Him everyone who believes is justified  
from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

THE JOY OF BEING SURE  
... THAT JESUS HAS REDEEMED ME

**HYMN 730:1-2 "Now Let the Heaven's Be Joyful"**

**THE THIRD ADDRESS**

1 Corinthians 15:19-23 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.

THE JOY OF BEING SURE  
... THAT I TOO WILL RISE TO ETERNAL LIFE!

**HYMN 200:1-2, 6-8 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

**THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering  
that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at  
the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:*

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.  
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.  
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

## THE EASTER PRAYER -- THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 207:1-2 "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

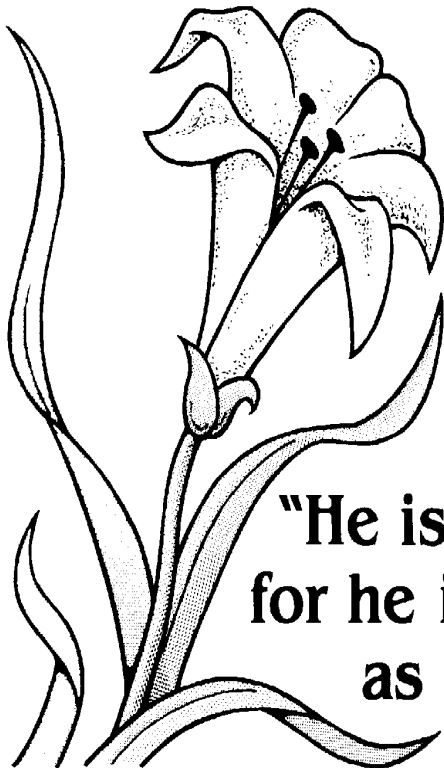
### THE BENEDICTION

**PASTOR:** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



THE CLOSING HYMN 189 "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

--- SILENT PRAYER ---



**"He is not here;  
for he is risen,  
as he said."**

**-Matthew 28:6**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTER BREAKFAST** We hope you were able to enjoy this morning's breakfast served by the men of the congregation. Thanks to all who helped and to those who brought delicious things to eat!

**EASTER LILIES** If you supplied Easter Lilies for our service this morning we thank you for sharing! Don't forget to take your lily with you following service so you may continue enjoying it at home.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Celebrated next Sunday at both congregations

**1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTERLY MEETINGS** The last Sunday of April at both congregations

**PACIFIC COAST PASTORAL CONFERENCE** Will be held at St. John's in Clarkston on May 1-3. We'll need housing for about 12 men. If you can help, please let the pastor know or sign up on the back table.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS** are on order. Sizes S-XXL. Cost is \$8. See the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

**SAVE THE DAY!** Post cards are available to help remind you and your loved ones about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary service for planned for Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please take as many as you need to help us get the word out!  
**1 Peter 2:5** *You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*



MEMORY VERSE

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John 14:19