

Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Larimore, ND
Holy Humor Sunday * April 7, 2024

PRELUDE
WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Jesus is Risen!

Assembly: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Our celebration of Easter life continues,

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!

***SENDING HYMN**

“Deck the Halls”

Deck the halls with Easter lilies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! Dance a jig and sing the sillies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! At the devil, mean old bloke, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! On whom God has played a joke, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

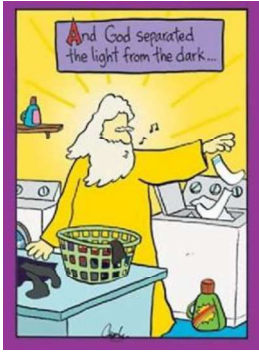
Devil thought he'd won the battle, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! Pranced around high in the saddle, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! Did not know God's special plan, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! To resurrect the Son of Man, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Songs of joy to Christ our head, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! Lives again who once was dead, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! Life was purchased by his loss, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia! Died our death upon the cross, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

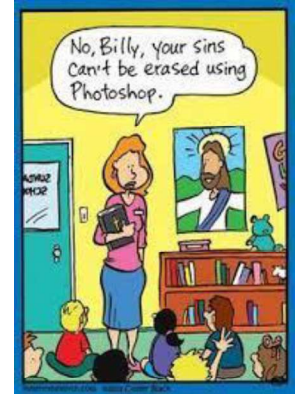
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: God, sometimes we run from the risen Jesus as fast and as fearfully as the disciples ran from the crucified Jesus. Is it a lack of understanding, or a fear of being understood by having Christ showing up in places we'd rather not be found? We need so badly to embrace the new reality centered upon your raising of Jesus. Cause us to bump into the living Christ. Fill us with questions and needs that can find resolutions only in moment-by-moment trust in Christ, and the power of life over death. O God, create within us a longing that can not be satisfied until we come to You with the same kind of unrelenting fidelity with which you come to us. AMEN!





WORD



1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 PB 888

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. **33** With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. **35** They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 133-134 (*read responsively*) PB 501

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

1 **Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

2 Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

3 **May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:6 PB 989

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—**3** we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; **7** but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we

confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. **3** Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. **4** Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; **5** but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: **6** whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Hark! The Herald Angel Said” (Tune: Hark! The Herald Angel Sing)

Hark! The Herald Angel said, why seek Jesus with the dead? He’s not here, as you can see, graveclothes lie where he would be. On your way now, tell the others Jesus will be with his brothers, sisters, too, he wants to see on the hills of Galilee. Hark! The Herald Angel said, He is risen from the dead!

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-31PB 883**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." **24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." **30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever: AMEN.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Beautiful Day” (Tune: Silent Night)

- 1.) Beautiful Day, Glorious Day! All is new, all's okay! 'Round the tomb there is dancing and song, see inside that the body is gone. Christ, the Savior's alive. Christ, the Savior's alive.
- 2.) Beautiful Day, Glorious Day soldiers quake and run away. The stone is cleared from heaven above. Heavenly host says "Hallelujah!" Jesus, Lord, at new birth. Jesus, Lord, at new birth.
- 3.) Beautiful Day, Glorious Day sing and shout, tell and say. Radiant beams from this sinner's face, show because of amazing grace. Christ, the Savior's alive. Christ, the Savior's alive.

***APOSTLE'S CREED..... WOV (With One Voice) Pg. 33**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

PRAYERS

SING: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (as found in the Bible)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,¹⁴ but rescue us from the evil one. AMEN.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

Let us stand, turn to one another, place a hand on them, and bless one another...

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. AMEN.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

- 1.) **Joy** to the World, the Lord’s alive, Away, rejoice and sing! It’s just as He said, He’s risen from the dead. Salvation now He brings. Salvation now He brings. Salvation, Salvation now He brings.
- 2.) **Joy** to the World, the empty tomb, proclaims a victory of light, compelling a great dispelling of darkness in the world. Of darkness in the world, of darkness in the world, of darkness, darkness in the world.
- 3.) **Joy** to the World our Savior reigns! Let Heaven and earth proclaim, the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love. And wonders of His love. And wonders of His love, and wonders and wonders of His love.

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go, in peace to share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Laurel & Hardy

Read: Scooby-Doo

Prayer: Bob Hope

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: N/A

Serving Next Sunday (4/14/24)

Ushers: Mickey & Minnie

Read: Bugs Bunny

Prayer: Fred Flintstone

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: T Welder & R Stover

CALENDAR

Today, 4/6/2024—**HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!**

9:00am—NO Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—1:00pm—Youth Group Breakfast & Silent Auction

Wednesday, 4/9/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 4/10/2024

9:30am—NEEDLES UP!! (Quilting)

Next Sunday, 4/14/2024—3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.: FURNACE FUND
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Mission Action Month: Stay tuned for information if we need more of any specific item(s).
- Youth Breakfast & Silent Auction: 11:00am – 1:00pm; April 7, 2024 (Holy Humor Sunday)
- THANK YOU!: To all of the readers, ushers, communion helpers, worship & song leaders, singers, cooks, Bible, Cross, and Banner Bearers, acolytes, and anyone who helped to make our Lenten, Passion, & Easter services so meaningful—Thank You for sharing your time and talents! –Sincerely, OSLC Worship Committee

PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

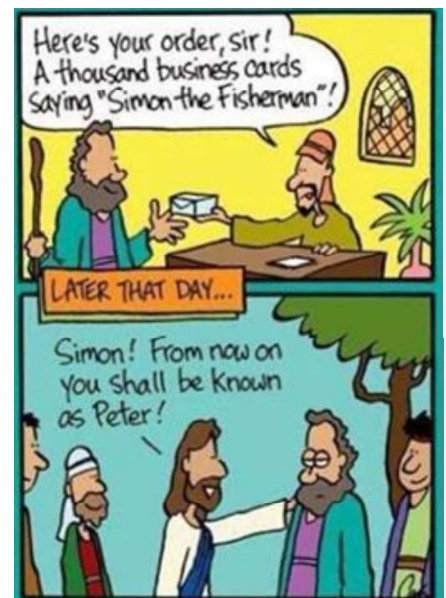
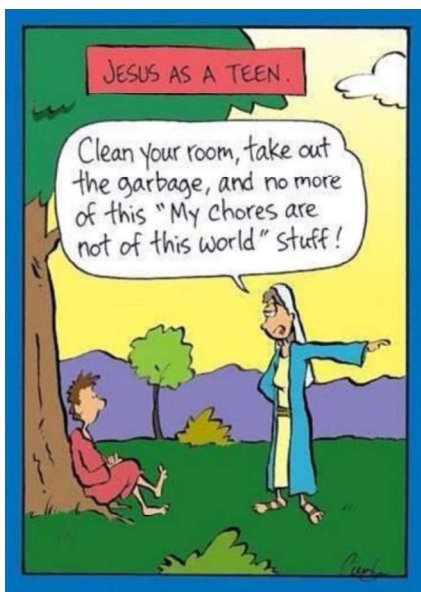
Cynthia Pic Orpha Lieberg Family of Jamey Holweger Ron Petsinger Sarah Anderson Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon) Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord Mark Sletten Robbie Leake OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight, Gordy Peterson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

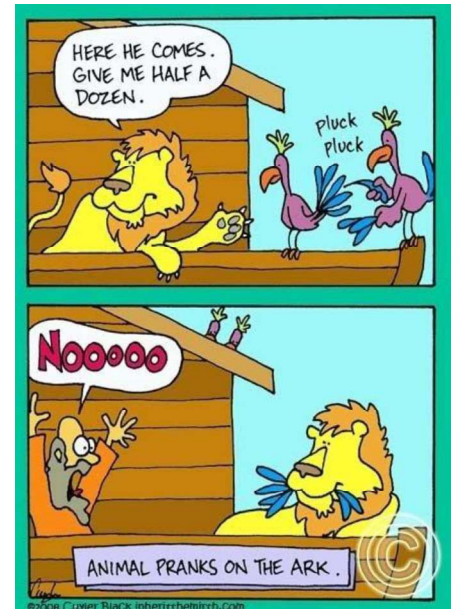
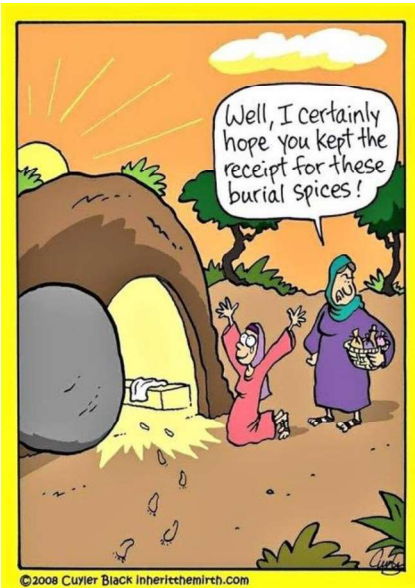
Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud
Arlene Lilja Gloria Temple

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman





Mission Statement

*“Excited by faith, we are called to serve all;
gathered to worship, inspired to teach,
we are our Savior’s!”*

