

Morning Message Depths of Easter: Anastasis (Resurrection)

Pastor Steve

Musical Meditation

Deb Konupka

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*In Jesus' name. **Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

***Hymn 298** The Day of Resurrection

*Families with young children may depart during the hymn
to join the Easter Egg Hunt starting from the Atrium at 10:00.*

***Responsive Benediction** 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

ONE: Listen, I tell you a mystery:

ALL: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

ONE: in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

ALL: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

ONE: Christ is risen!

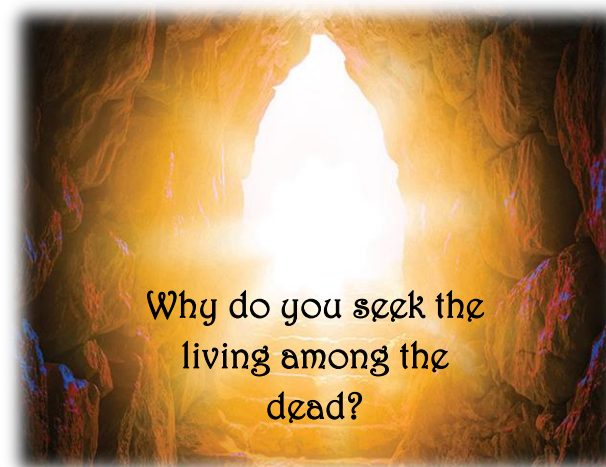
ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

***Parting Music**

Wayside's Easter celebration continues next week with Holy Humor Sunday. Feel free to wear colorful and/or funny clothes and hats to add to the sacred fun of God having the last laugh over sin, death, and the devil! Pastor Steve would welcome any emails/texts with Easter/Church humor for his preparation of this joyful service.



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



**Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!**

**April 20, 2025
9:00 am**

*Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair, Hearing Assist System
& Large Print Bibles available. See the A/V booth for assistance.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome to Wayside, and to this Easter celebration of the Empty Tomb! We're glad you chose to worship the risen Lord Jesus with our congregation this year. If you are still searching for a church home, we encourage you to journey with us until God draws you away to your next spiritual oasis. Ready to commit to membership? Look for word of our next Seekers Class to learn more about the beliefs and practices that shape our ministry.

****Please stand as able in body or spirit.***

The Resurrection Story (John 20:1-18)

Choir Anthem Alleluia, Christ Is Alive / Raney
Janelle Pabon, Music Director
Deb Konupka, Accompanist

***Hymn 288 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)** Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles - Acolyte

Greeting / Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect *Pastor Steve*
Easter Acclamation ONE: Christ is Risen! ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

***Hymn 305** He Is Lord (repeat with "You are Lord.")

Unison Prayer of Confession *Dean Zerbe, Liturgist*
All loving, all powerful, all merciful God: As we see the Cross still on the hill,
and peer into the empty Tomb as did generations of disciples before us, we
admit our doubt and hesitance in fully living out the faith of Christ's Church.
We celebrate in abundance while the poor and disenfranchised suffer in
want. We entertain evil thoughts and tolerate unloving behaviors in
ourselves and others. We are silent in the face of injustice, and timid in
holding ourselves, each other, and our leaders accountable. Forgive us, Lord,
for the sake of Christ's sacrifice. Empower us, Lord, by the same gift of new
life rising out of a stone cold tomb. And send us, Lord, to be your witnesses
in this church, in our homes and neighborhoods, and in this fragmented and
warring world. We pray in Jesus' name.

(continue in silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon Acts 10:34-43 *Liturgist*
³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not
show favoritism ³⁵but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do
what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling
the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know
what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached-- ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit
and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were
under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹"We are witnesses
of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed
him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third
day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by
witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with him
after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and
to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the
dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.

Choir Anthem Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood / *Gayle, Kennedy, Musso, Gentiles,*
McCleery, McDonald

Dedication of Easter Offerings: Tithes & One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Time of Giving: Wayside Ministry Support & OGHS Gifts / Offertory

Bell Anthem The Strife is Over *Louise Duncan, Bell Choir Director*

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *Liturgist*
¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all
men. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those
who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection
of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all
will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the first-fruits; then, when
he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands
over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion,
authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under
his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**