

# Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023  
8:40 & 11:00 AM

## God Calls Us to Worship

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship  
with a time of prayer and meditation.*

The Prelude:

“Solemn Entry”

Richard Strauss, arr. Gary Olsen

“Alleluia, Christ Is Risen”

Douglas E. Wagner

(This Joyful Eastertide / Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing / Ode to Joy)

The Chiming of the Hour

The Christ Candle Returns

*To symbolize the death of Jesus, the Christ candle was removed  
from the sanctuary during our Maundy Thursday service.  
On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to symbolize Christ’s time  
in the grave, the candle remained absent from the front of the church.  
This morning, to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, the candle is  
restored. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not  
overcome it!” John 1:5*

## We Respond with Praise

\*The Opening Hymn Concerto: Lift Up Your Hearts 182:1-4

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Robert Lehman

*Please rise at the director’s cue*

Brass Introduction

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: All in harmony

Verse 3: All in unison

Verse 4: All in harmony

\*Latecomers will be seated during the singing of the hymn.

\*The Greeting – concluded with:

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

## We Celebrate the Resurrection Life

### The Resurrection Defeats Death

“...Where, O Death, is your victory...”

The Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 204

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”

arr. James Biery

*Please rise at the director’s cue*

Brass Introduction

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: All in harmony

Brass Interlude

Verse 3: All in unison

### The Resurrected Lord Speaks

“...I was dead, but now look! I am alive forever and ever...”

The Reading: Revelation 1:12-18

The Anthem:

“Hallelujah”

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Hallelujah!*

### Living in the Spirit of the Resurrection

“...therefore we do not lose heart...”

The Litany: 2 Corinthians 1:7-10, 14,16-18

We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

**We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;**

perplexed, but not in despair;

**persecuted, but not abandoned;**

struck down, but not destroyed.

**We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

**Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.**

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 193:1-3,5,7

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Worthy Is the Lamb” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*

*Blessing, and honor, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Blessing*

*and honor, glory and power, be unto him forever and ever and ever, Amen.*

Revelation 5:12,13

The Offering

The Offertory:

Easter Fanfare (Jesus Christ Is Risen Today)

Kevin Hildebrand

\*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him, above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

The Sermon: **“HE IS NOT HERE; HE IS RISEN”**

## We Respond Joy

\*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 205:1,3,4,5

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata, from *Symphony No. 5*”

Charles Marie Widor

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director

Brass Ensemble, Dr. James Borst – director

Aaron Good, Greg Wells – trumpet

Leah Bouwman – french horn

Pete Tigchelaar – trombone

Mark Lago - tuba

Perrin Rynders – timpani & percussion

Rene Baatenburg – Christ Candle Bearer (8:40)

Lois Hoeksema – Christ Candle Bearer (11:00)

Chad Boorsma and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Greg Wells and Mark Lago**, both music educators at Northview Public Schools, join several LaGrave instrumentalists in offering the ministry of music this Easter morning. May God bless their gift of music.

### **Music at LaGrave**

In 1741, George Frideric Handel was in poor health, in great debt, and miserably discouraged. Then a wealthy friend gave him a text based on the life of Christ, taken entirely from the Bible. Handel soon set the text to music and became so absorbed in his composing that he rarely left his room. The work—*Messiah*—was completed in three weeks. The work was premiered on April 13, 1742 as a charitable benefit, raising funds to free 142 men from debtor's prison. Handel's life was changed. We hear *Worthy Is the Lamb*, the jubilant chorus near the conclusion of this beloved work.

**The liturgical season of Easter** is the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost. The white, gold, and crystals used in the paraments and banners reflect the glory of the resurrection. Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death! Alleluia!

**The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids.** Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

**There will not be a service this evening.**

