



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

Prelude

Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore

Traditional

Call To Worship

Leader: To all who weep, and to all who smile, whether with joy or sorrow, welcome.
Welcome home to this house of God. Welcome in the embrace of Christ. Hear and believe
the good news, for he is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!

People: Yes, praise the Lord! We will worship God together.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

HWB #50

Children's Story

Christ the Lord has Risen Today
Allelu!

Charles Wesley
Repp

Worship Music

Offering/Prayer

Scripture

John 20 (Page #574 In Pew Bible)

Sermon

Barriers

Confession

God of life, in you, death has no power. Because of you, this life is not our final end. Thank you. It feels good to celebrate new life, yours and ours. It's spring. We long to throw off the heavy blankets of winter and bask in the sun. We confess that, just as some folks would like to skip winter, there are times when we want to skip the whole crucifixion story and jump straight to the resurrection. And yet there are other times when death feels more real than life. When we see an empty tomb, it is easy to despair, and it seems futile to hope. We hear stories of people who claim to have seen you alive; we want to believe, but struggle. Forgive us for not recognizing you, for doubting our fellow believers, and for trying to hold you back.

Words of assurance

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

HWB #280

Sharing Time/Prayer

Sending Hymn

The Joyful Eastertide

HWB #276

Benediction

We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAISE/PRAYER CONCERNS

- Anita Watkins(Rebecca Hofer's Mother) - chemo treatments
- Rhandi-Jayne Jordan(Bekka Kramer's Sister) - Tumor on Pituitary Gland
- Willie Waldner (Les Rensink's hired man) - diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- From CPMC: Pray for your sister churches in South Dakota: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, Hutterthal, Salem and Salem-Zion in the Freeman area.
- Additional Concerns

TODAY - April 1– Easter Sunday

Greeters: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Page Zachariasen

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Children's Time: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Sunday School Children

Scripture Reader: Cathy Scandrett

Message: Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: David & Brandy Friesen

NEXT SUNDAY - April 8

Greeters: Vernon J & Norma Lee Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanists: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Children's time:

Worship Music: Joyce Hofer

Message: Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Steve & Charlene Friesen

11:10 am: School for all ages

Benevolent Fund Offering

APRIL PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: SD MCC Sale Pancake Breakfast-Cash Donation

Children's S.S. Department: Swan Lake Christian Camp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 9, 4:00-8pm: Congregational Ministries Work Night

Monday, April 19, 8pm: Church Board Meeting

Sunday, May 6, Noon: MCC Relief Sale fund raising noon meal.

Monday-Friday, May 28 - June 1: VBS at HMC

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND

In an effort to increase communication between Wellspring Wholistic Care Center and its member churches/delegates, the Wellspring Board of Directors would like to begin distributing a summary of each board meeting via email. If you would like a printed copy, contact Bekka.

The **UB Bearcats Kids Club** at Freeman Academy is having a **special meeting** on **April 7 from 10-11:30 am** to introduce parents and first-time children ages 3-6 to the club. The morning begins

with parents and children learning together. Then parents can sit nearby and enjoy watching eyes light up with new experiences. Postcards with information are available in the lobby. Kindly let us know the age and name of your child so we can prepare for each family. This special Kids Club begins at Music Hall on the Freeman Academy campus. Register online at www.FreemanAcademy.org call 605-925-4237 or email lallison@freemanacademy.org During the school year, UB Bearcats Kids Club welcomes kids ages 4-10 to a monthly meeting with energetic games, learning and fun.

The Hmong Mennonite Church of St. Paul invites you to a **fundraising meal on Saturday, April 21**. The meal will be served at **Salem-Zion Mennonite** with serving to begin at **5:30 p.m.** The goal is to raise funds to extend the stay of Pastor Xeng and his family. Please join us for an evening of really good food and fellowship. RSVP to salemzion@gwtc.net or 925-7771 by **Friday, April 13**.

Thank you to the Hutterthal congregation for your support of the 2018 Schmeckfest! We appreciate all who helped out with demonstrations, displays, historical presentations, preparing and serving food and the musical Godspell. We were very pleased with your acceptance of change and words of encouragement trying the new buffet system. All of us working together and incorporating new ideas will ensure that Schmeckfest can continue in the future.

The FA Auxiliary Executive Co.

For more information on Hutterthal Mennonite Church happenings visit www.HMCFreeman.org