

## *What Does This Mean?*

*Matthew 27:62-28:15*

- ✠ What is Matthew's point in noting that "the guards shook and became like dead men"?
- ✠ What bitter irony surrounds the experience of the guards at Jesus' tomb?
- ✠ Why would St. Paul tell Christians who were very much alive, "You have died"?
- ✠ Why is the great blessing of Easter to "become like dead people"?

Thank you to Ronda Eckhart and Sharon Barton  
for playing the organ this morning.

Thank you to the Faith Singers, Ringers of Faith, Mona Hjerpe, Bailey Fields, Sam Sanders, Nathan Stowman, Kristen Durst, and Austin Willhite for providing special music for these services. Thank you also to the acolytes, ushers, communion help, as well as the audio, video and computer volunteers today. We could not provide all of these services without your assistance.

**Radio Broadcast:** The 8 a.m. radio broadcast is sponsored by Muriel Dobratz and her family in memory of her husband ElRoy who died on April 7, 2009.

**The 8 a.m. service will be live on HCVN.**

**Easter Sunday Nursery:** An unstaffed nursery is located on the main floor next to the Faith Center. There is also a cry room behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher or staff member if you need directions.

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## **Easter Festival Worship**

**April 9, 2023 – 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.**

Faith Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota



Prelude (9:30)

Call to Worship

P: Christ is risen!

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

Processional Hymn ... “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ..... LBW #151

Announcements

Welcome

P: The grace of the risen Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music (8:00) “In The Garden”

Bailey Fields and Austin Willhite

(9:30) “Glorious Day” Mona Hjerpe and Austin Willhite

Lessons

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Faith Seeds ..... Faith Lutheran Puppets

*Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.*

The Alleluia ..... LBW #138

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!**

**Now reconciled is God, my Lord**

**The gates of heav’n are open.**

**My Jesus rose triumphantly.**

**And Satan’s arrows broken lie,**

**Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.**

**Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious,**

**Life is giving. He was dead, but now is living!**

Gospel ..... Matthew 27:62 - 28:15

Sermon ..... “Becoming like Dead People” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ..... “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” ..... LBW #130

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering/Special Music (8:00) “Thine Be the Glory” Ringers of Faith

(9:30) “Because He Lives” Faith Singers

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Hymns ..... LBW #145, 147, 158, WOV #672

Benediction

Hymn ... “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” ... LBW #144