

**Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able*

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

The Greeting:

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Processional Hymn, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” LBW #151**

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Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

***“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!” (repeat)**

***“He is Risen! He is Risen! He is Risen! He is Risen!” (repeat)**

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The Sending:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn, “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Postlude

Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, March 31:

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Barb Wagner;

Reader: Betty Rewerts; **Deacons:** Meredith Steere and Tyler Seehusen;

Altar Committee: Ken and Margaret DeBower

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors today. May you know God’s presence as we worship together as the body of Christ. Please sign the guest register in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you with us again!

Statement Regarding Holy Communion: We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Resurrection of Our Lord

EASTER INFORMATION

We now enter the season of Easter for 50 days. Christians victoriously celebrate our Risen and Conquering Savior. White and gold adorn the worship space to represent Jesus' holiness and the precious and eternal life we have in Jesus Christ. Alleluias and the Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri return to worship.

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 16

R: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

R: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

C: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

R: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

R: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

R: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

R: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared

to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

HOLY GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sunday, April 7

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 148; Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2; Holy Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31.

The lectern Bible is NRSV.

Activity Bags

There are activity bags of quiet, church toys for the children on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs in the narthex. Feel free to use them, and return them to the shelf following the service.

Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone for sharing Easter lilies with us this morning.

Offering

Easter Sunday offering will be given to the Vilmar Luther League.

Pancake Supper

We are resurrecting our annual Pancake Supper! Join us Friday, April 5 from 5-7 p.m. Free will donation. Meal includes all-you-can-eat pancakes (potato or buttermilk) sausages, apple sauce, desserts, and beverages. We are also looking for volunteers. If interested, please talk to Jen Seehusen.

Scripture Readers Needed

We need volunteers to read the scriptures during the services. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax.

Fellowship Hosts Needed

We are looking for people to serve coffee and fellowship following the worship services on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax.

Greetings from the Vilmar Gang

On the first Sunday of each month, you are invited to join us in making and sending cards to our shut-ins, children, and members. We will meet in the basement from 3-4 p.m. each month, starting Sunday, April 7. If you have questions, please talk to Rhonda Edeker. The main focus of this club will be an outreach ministry to connect with our members through written messages in the cards each month. All are welcome!

Meals on Wheels

Vilmar is responsible for delivering the Allison Meals on Wheels in April (Tuesdays—Fridays). If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Julie Eberline at 641-373-3863.

Outdoor Clean Up

The annual outdoor clean up has been set for Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. We need many hands to help spruce up the property for the year. Donuts will be provided!

Serving in the Lord's House Next Week, April 7

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Diane Hummel;

Reader: Reader Needed; **Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed;

Deacons: Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor;

Altar Committee: Don and Vernetta Salge

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, April 14, 11:15 a.m.: Adult Class meeting to discuss class materials/dates/times/etc.

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.: One For the Lord meeting at Rustic Brew in Hampton

Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m.: Singspration Sunday! (Hymn-Sing)

Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: 60th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Dean and Kay Brinkman. Congrats!

Sunday, April 28, 2:30 p.m.: “Women of Faith” Bible Study will meet at the parsonage

Corrections and/or Announcements

If at any time you have corrections or announcements for Vilmar's directory, the bulletins, Heralds, or website please contact Monica Edeker at 319-939-7348, vilmarchurch@gmail.com, or leave a note in the basket in the office. Thanks

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Jurene Dralle, Evalyn Nettleton, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Carol Finke, Cheryl and Kayla Sankey, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Calla Clarey, Pastor Robert Salge, Darwin Dralle, Mary Schipper, Jean Morris, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Gloria Flaten, Marilyn Cole, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, Harlan Martzahn, Joel Heuer, Sharleen Hubbard, and Susan Zierath.

Service Men and Women: Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

Remember the Family of Todd DeGroot: Todd, a former member of Vilmar passed away Tuesday, March 26 surrounded by family and friends. There will be a Celebration of Life event at 2 p.m., on Thursday, April 4 at the Christmas Tree Farm (33459 663rd Avenue, Maxwell, Iowa). Todd was the son of the late Jake and Donna DeGroot, and brother to Cindy Dean, Sally Tapp, Diane Zimmerman, Susan Riebkes, Tammy Cuvelier, and Stacey Reichert.

Pastoral Care and Private Communion

If you need pastoral assistance, contact Pastor Keen at 316-655-3306 (cell), 319-267-2080 (office), or email keentjkk@gmail.com.

150th Anniversary

We are beginning to think about Vilmar's 150th Anniversary (1879-2029). We are looking for volunteers to be a part of a committee to help work on projects, events, and other celebratory stuff for our sesquicentennial. If you would be interested in being a part of this committee, please talk to Pastor Keen.

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 31 — Easter Sunday

5:30 a.m.: Luther League prepare breakfast

7 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service

7:30 a.m.: Easter Dawn Breakfast

9:15 a.m.: Easter Worship Service

Monday, April 1

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Tuesday, April 2

9 a.m.: Vilmar Women's Fellowship Bible Study

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Wednesday, April 3

6-7:30 p.m.: Jr. Lutherans and Confirmation Classes
at Diane Hummel's home

Thursday, April 4

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

1:30 p.m.: BINGO at the Allison Rehabilitation Center

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Friday, April 5

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

5-7 p.m.: Pancake Supper

Saturday, April 6

7 a.m.: Men's and Women's Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home

Sunday, April 7

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice

10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

3 p.m.: Greetings from the Vilmar Gang to meet