



Sunday , April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

**Worship Leader
Pastor Jack Vande Hoef**



**"The meaning of different colors on the cross"
*Easter Sunday.***

The cross is draped in white on Easter Sunday, representing the resurrection of Christ and that He was
"...raised again for our justification.

Welcome to this gathering of the church!

**"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord"
2 Corinthians 4:5**

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Service
Lead by Pastor Jack VandeHoef

Welcome

Call to Worship:

This is the good news - the grave is empty!

Christ is risen Hallelujah!

This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news - once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

Greeting from God

Special Music: He is Risen

Opening Songs of Praise: LUYH #182 Christ the Lord is Risen to Today
LUYH #181 See, What a Morning

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Testimony of Faith

Song of Response: This is Amazing Grace CCLI 6333821

Celebration of the Lords Supper

Prayer

Song of Response: LUYH # In Christ Alone

Offering Resonate Global Mission

Children's Song: Alive Alive CCLI 967214

Scripture reading: John 20: 19-21, 26

Sermon: **Shalom and the Risen Lord**

Song of Response: LUYH #365 I Serve a Risen Savior

Blessing

Doxology: O Praise the Name (Anastasis) CCLI 7037787

**Please rise, in body or spirit*

Iron Springs CRC Vision:

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a caring, Christ centered community of believers, nurturing spiritual growth and sharing God's love at home, work and abroad.

Carrying Everything to God in Prayer:

- Please keep all the farmers that are busy planting and preparing their fields for a new growing season in your prayers. Pray for safety and patience and favorable weather.
- Hank is still in the hospital. Pray for healing for Hank as well as encouragement for Agnes. Thank you to all the volunteers and visitors helping them this past while.
- Please pray for Emma and the K family as they deal with a cancer diagnosis, as well as Tony's sister Mary as she is back in the ICU after just getting out on Sunday. Pray for Guidance and healing.
- Please pray for The D family as Jill's mother struggles with cancer. Pray for all the families affected by cancer as well as other ailments. Members with chronic physical pains, as well as those struggling with mental pains.
- Pray for all the Seniors in our congregation.
- Pray for all the families that are traveling this Easter season
- Pray for all the Members of our Church who are on the Guatemalan mission trip. May they experience Christ's love and witness his blessings in Guatemala. Here are those who are on the trip

Aleena V
Aspen D
Caroline D
Julia K
Mike V
Bryson V
Jasara K
Myla A
Sara D

Amanda V
Ashley F
Clint D
Melanie V
Naomi V
Chloe V
Jesse K
Reese P
Stacy V

Andrea N
Bria V
Dave K
Michelle A
Nathan F
Cohen N
Jude K
Ryder V
Paul D

Birthdays this week: Wednesday- Emily R, Clara S Thursday- Emma L, Silia V

Calendar

Apr 21- Ephesians Bible Study 10 am
Apr 27- Soup and Buns Lunch following the service
Apr 28- Council Meeting 730pm

	Apr 20 Easter	Apr 27	May 4	May 11
Pastor	Jack VandeHoef	Pastor Paul	Caliph Mdemo	Caliph Mdemo
Serving Elder	Delbert V	Rowena S	Gys V	Rodney N
Greeters	Sr. High Youth	Brad & Glorianna	John & Paulette	Jr. High Youth
Ushers	Brendan/Brent	Tanya/Allan	Glorianna/Braeden	Dave/Stephan
Coffee	John & Paulette	Fellowship Committee	Gys & Silia Gerbrand & Sylvana	Mike & Mel Eric & Naomi
Nursery	Taylor K/ Graecyn V/Derek P	Rosie M/MacKenzie V/Payton N	Naomi V/ Tylen S/ Wyatt V	Dorothy V/ Ethan B/ Blake N

Deacons (Offering Schedule)

April 20 Resonate Global Mission- Resonate is an extension of your own church. They exist to serve you and walk with you. Helping congregations explore their communities. Discover where God is moving and join Him in His mission Together, we help build God's church. This month's offering is memo Most Needed Fund meaning Resonate will match your offering dollar to dollar!

April 27 Pastor Church Resources – Pastor Church Resources serves pastors, churches and classes as they seek to promote healthy relationships, encourage one another in ministry and discern the next steps in seasons of growth, transition or challenge

Ways to Give: offering bag during worship, The Bridge App (reminder there is a 3% charge to the church if you use a credit card), automatic withdrawal, or e-transfer. Feel free to connect with our treasurer, Peter V, at treasurer@ironspringscrc.com if you have any questions or would like some help with online giving.

Iron Springs CRC Announcements

SAVE THE DATE- After the service on April 27, 2025, the Fellowship Committee hopes to host a Soup and Buns lunch. If you would be willing to make a pot of soup please let Andrea or Jackie know.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” – 1 Peter 4:10

Are you looking for a way to serve God and your church family in a meaningful way? We're excited to welcome **new volunteers!**



Opportunities Available:

- Sunday Service Support (greeters, ushers, coffee attendants) -talk with Jackie
- Children's Ministry- talk with Jocelyn
- Worship Team & Tech Booth- talk with Rowena or Peter
- Outreach & Missions- talk with Julia
- Nursery Attendants- talk with Stacy

Community Announcements

Rehoboth Camp Weeks need you! Volunteer for one week full of fun and fellowship, providing camp to people of all abilities! Volunteers must be a minimum of 14 years of age at the time of their volunteer week. Grab a friend and come experience Camp! More information or to sign up: www.rcmflourish.ca/camp

CALLING ALL GIRLS! Plans are underway for **Wildrose GEMS Camp** to be held **July 28 - August 1, 2025** at the Rehoboth facility on Gull Lake. Registration forms are now available from your GEMS leader. **Registration deadline is May 31**, but register early so you don't miss out! Come and enjoy fun and fellowship, crafts, activities, great food, singing, campfire, worship, and sharing the love of Christ together. If you are *going into* grades 5 through 8 in the fall of 2025 and wish to have a great summer experience, this is for you! Girls entering grade 9 who wish to learn leadership skills and discover their gifts for serving at camp can register for our Transition Year. Girls entering grades 10 - 12 are eligible to register as a CIT (Counselor in Training). Interested in volunteering as a camp cook or cabin counselor? Questions? Contact Bonnie Bennik at 403-652-1078 or email wildrosegemscamp@gmail.com.

Need a Housesitter?

A family of 5 from Telkwa, BC, is looking for a place to stay near Lethbridge from May 22-June 4, while visiting family. Do you (or someone you know) have a little-kid-friendly home that needs someone to fill it for some or all of that time? Preferably at least 2 bedrooms, please. If you want to know what sort of people we are, talk to Stacy Vandehoef :) My cell number is 778-203-6282. Thanks! - Lauren Van Luik

CALGARY CAMPUS MINISTRY -- Hello friends. Three quick things to which we want to invite you. **First**, on Friday April 25, 7:30-8:30pm at Grace Presbyterian Church (1009 - 15 Ave SW), Dr. Norman Wirzba is speaking. His talk is entitled ***Forget Optimism -- Choose Hope: Creating a Life Worth Living*** (in partnership with the UofCalgary's Chair of Christian Thought). [Register here](#). **Second**, a few churches asked for a brief video update in March -- here's a [three minute update](#) touching on a few things that happened this semester. Enjoy the video as much as we enjoy the work! **Third**, it looks like about twelve churches from Classis ABSS are choosing to continue as partners with our ministry; but we will need additional individual support to sustain the ministry. Thanks for those who have already connected -- Paul will follow up in May. But if you would like to hear more about the ministry and consider partnering with us, please email Paul at calgarycampusministry@gmail.com. He's got time for coffee chats in May! Thank you!

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If you would like more information about our ministry, or how you might join us as we serve God together, please be invited to connect with our church office, our leadership, or take a few minutes to browse our church website!

CRCNA Announcements

CRC Communications

40 Days of Prayer for Synod - You're invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. The theme, Journey With Jesus, has been engaged with by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. crcna.org/synod/prayer

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Good News at Easter - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Good News at Easter" at www.kidscorner.net. Just like we know the voice of someone we love, Mary Magdalene knew it was Jesus when he called her name outside the empty tomb on Easter morning. That special moment changed everything for her! It reminds us to share the amazing news that Jesus is alive and loves us so much. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Easter: Jesus is Risen! - Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Jesus' resurrection in Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-10 to grow in faith by remembering and celebrating Christ's victory over death, and to see how we're invited to participate in telling the gospel story again. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Easter Greetings from Resonate - He is risen! When we follow Jesus, we have an opportunity to live into that truth a little more every day. We also step into a calling to work toward the kingdom transformation Jesus brought to earth. Resonate Global Mission, your mission agency, walks alongside you and your church as you join God on mission. Thank you for your prayer, care, and support for your missionaries and church planters! This Easter season we have a special opportunity for you to double your impact—see details at www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

World Renew

Give the Gift of Hope this Easter - As we think about the sacrifice of Jesus' death on the cross and the hope of his resurrection, let us consider how we can be a part of God's promise to restore creation. In some cultures, disasters cause people to ask whether they might be a punishment from God. At World Renew, we see a crisis as an opportunity to unite as God's people and share God's hope and love. When we respond with mercy, we make room for God to use us to reconcile lives. The people of Myanmar continue to struggle to access food, water, and other essentials following the devastating earthquakes of March 28. Please give generously to World Renew's Myanmar Earthquake Response Fund and help share the unimaginable love of God. To give, visit worldrenew.ca/earthquake or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

Thrive

Abuse Awareness Sunday - April 27 - Next week, Thrive invites our church to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. In preparation, learn more about Thrive's work toward

safer churches and consider giving now to this valuable ministry that empowers all CRCs at their website: crcna.org/SafeChurch

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Easter Sunday - This is the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Read John 20:1-18, which tells us how Jesus' friend, Mary Magdalene, met Jesus in the garden soon after he had risen from the dead. At first she thought he was the gardener. Imagine experiencing this as Mary did. What words would you use to describe how she felt? What did she say when she finally recognized Jesus? Share with the people around you how Jesus has shown up in surprising ways throughout your life. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Consejo de Thrive sobre Formación en la Fe - Domingo de Pascua - Hoy celebramos la resurrección de Jesús. Lee Juan 20:1-18, que nos cuenta cómo María Magdalena, amiga de Jesús, lo encontró en el jardín poco después de que había resucitado. Al principio pensó que era el jardinero. Imagina vivir esta experiencia como lo hizo María. ¿Qué palabras usarías para describir cómo se sentía? ¿Qué dijo cuando finalmente reconoció a Jesús? Comparte con las personas a tu alrededor cómo Jesús se ha mostrado de maneras sorprendentes a lo largo de tu vida. Presentado por Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Thrive 신앙 훈련 팁- 부활주일 - 오늘은 예수님의 부활을 기념하고 축하하는 부활주일입니다.

요한복음 20:1-18은 막달라 마리아가 부활하신 예수님을 정원에서 만난 이야기를 전합니다.

마리아는 처음에 그를 정원사로 오해했지만, 곧 예수님임을 알아차립니다. 내가 마리아가 되어 그 순간에 서 있다고 상상해 보세요. 만일 나라면 그 감정을 어떻게 표현했을까요? 그가 마침내 예수님을 알아보고 했을 법한 말들을 떠올려 보세요. 또한, 예수님께서 당신의 삶에 놀랍게 나타나셨던 경험이 있다면 주변 사람들과 나눠보세요. Thrive에서 제공하는 자료입니다:

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