

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Easter/Resurrection Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Show us your resurrection power and love

Gathering in the Spirit...

Call to worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Let all the people of North Star declare:

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Let all the earth declare:

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

All: Hallelujah!

Prayer

Sharing the Good News...

Affirming our faith

Since we have been raised to new life with Christ, we set our sights on the realities of heaven where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. We think about the things of heaven. We too have died to the things of this earth and our real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is our life, is revealed to the whole world, we will share in all his glory. Thanks be to God (Colossians 3:1-4, NLT).

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18;

Matthew 28:1-10

Meditation: "Jesus show us resurrection power and love"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Ritual of Response

Take some time and record, write down, and share how you have seen God's resurrection power and love over death – or anti-life. In this time of pandemic, people all over the world are finding ways to help one another. I believe this is the power of God's love in the world. What do you see locally? Big or small? Far away or nearby?

Then place your observations somewhere that you can add to and look up when you need a reminder of Jesus resurrection power and love.

Offering

Going out to Serve...

Benediction

Go in the joy of Jesus' resurrection, to spread the good news that death is not the end, that God's love is the power we can lean into, and that the cross has been forever transformed into the assurance of eternity with our Lord.

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Please note that all events at North Star (worship, meetings, etc.) will be cancelled until further notice. We will continue to send weekly bulletins and information will also be posted on the church website. If you have any questions or comments please call or email the church.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

June 7

Outdoor worship service. Details to follow.

August 17-20

VBS at North Star (depending on COVID-19 restrictions)

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our congratulations to Erica (Bartel) and Derek Schlamp on the birth of their son, Bauer Sterling Schlamp, (7 lbs., 11 oz.) on Tuesday, March 31. Grandparents are Quinton and Joanne Bartel, Larry and Cathy Schlamp (Calgary), Great Grandmothers, Katherine Funk and Florence Bartel. A little ray of sunshine in these dark times.
- FoodBank donations can be dropped off in the church bins or at the Foodbank collection box at the Lanigan Coop. Cash donations can be made by cheque to North Star and marked FoodBank and Joyce will forward them to the Lanigan and District Foodbank.
- RJC UPDATE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of our dormitories and school campus, RJC is experiencing a loss of revenue from a variety of sources. We have issued layoffs affecting over half our staff, and have significantly reduced wages for all who remain. We are currently offering distance learning and supports for our students, and will continue through to the end of this school year. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and for considering a gift to RJC at this time. Donations can be made by cheque, e-transfer, or online at www.rjc.sk.ca.
- Rejoice subscriptions are now due. Cost is \$43.30. Cheques should be made to North Star and placed in Esther's mailbox by **April 30** or contact Esther to make arrangements for payment.
- The Foodgrains bank has provided suggestions as how you can give, pray, learn, or advocate for families (near and far) affected by the coronavirus pandemic at <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/coronavirus/>

PRAISE AND PRAYER:

- For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.

- For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.
- One of the secondary spillover effects of the pandemic is many of the people who have lost their jobs cannot send part of their paychecks home to their relatives. These remittances are life lines - not just to individuals and families around the world, but help the economies enormously in those countries. For example, one source says these money transfers to the Philippines amounted to \$35.1 billion in 2019. And the Philippines was the fourth largest destination for remittances by overseas workers. These added 9.8 % of GDP to the Philippines. So pray that people in many countries around the world find ways to continue living without these lost funds - a secondary effect of the Coronavirus.
- For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.
- For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.
- For those in need of regular therapies and treatments that must now be postponed: God, help them to stay patient and positive.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: On the first Resurrection Sunday, there was uncertainty, fear, hope and joy, all mixed together. As we celebrate the good news of the Risen Christ, let us bear witness once again to the redeeming power of God to bring hope out of despair, love out of hatred, and life out of death. May the presence of the Risen Christ draw near to you and give you peace this Easter Morn!!

MC Sask Connects: In light of the current State of Emergency in Sask., MC Sask will be taking the 2020 Annual Delegate Sessions online. The 2020 MC Sask ADS will take place on Sat., April 25 at 10 a.m. and will be limited to 100 participants. We will let others participate on a first signed up basis. If you would like to attend, but not be a delegate, please email the office and I will register your address. The meeting will also be recorded.

MC Canada Connects: MCC Connects: In a time of uncertainty and social distancing, we want to offer you a selection of educational and engaging resources. From prayers to recipes and cooking videos, from colouring pages to stories that give you a glimpse of life across the world, we hope you can find something just for you. Visit mcccanada.ca/resources-time-uncertainty-covid-19. To access a colouring page specifically suited for the Easter season, visit mcccanada.ca/stories/colour-your-own-easter-egg. Enjoy!