

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Drama *Discovering the Empty Tomb*

Based loosely on John 20:1-18 and Luke 24:1-12

Special Music *The Lord is Risen Indeed*

Children's Time

Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises*

VT 353

Sermon

RESPONDING

Litany of Resurrection

One: God will lift the shroud of grief from all our heads.

Many: Wipe every tear from our eyes, O God.

One: In this valley, as on Isaiah's mountain,
the God of Hosts lays our shroud on green grass
and spreads a feast for all people.

Many: We are hungry for your justice and mercy, O God.

One: So, let us proclaim,
that when we share our bread with the hungry,
clothe the naked, and free the captives, the world will know:

Many: Christ is Alive!

One: When we seek an end to violence, war, and oppression,
the world will know:

Many: Christ is Alive!

One: And even when when we fail,
and death stares us in the face, we know:

Many: Christ is Alive!

One: Because of Jesus' resurrection,
our bodies are no longer confined by death.
Today, we proclaim

Many: God has swallowed up death forever!
Amen.

Hymn *Christ is Alive, and Goes Before Us*

VT 565

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *Avulekile Amasango*

Passing the Peace

**Online and in-person participants are welcome to share a prayer concern, or light a candle at the side table. Raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you. We respond to 'Loving God,' with 'We offer you our prayer.'*

Earl & Pat Martin, Worship Leaders

Joel Ross, Music Leader

Brian Bolton, Speaker

Georgia Metz, Children's Time

Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers

*Christopher Clymer Kurtz, playwright,
narrator*

Havilah Clymer Kurtz, Faye

Yoder, Kai Wenger, Ezra Wenger,

Joshua Stucky, Isaac Andreas,

Ross Erb, Krista SE, skit actors

Emily Hershberger, Visuals

Isaac Andreas, Zoom Host

Leland Ropp, Ross Erb, AV Tech

Today - Easter Sunday

6:30 am: Drumming up the sun on the soccer field beyond our parking area.

7 am: Worship

8:30 am: Brunch potluck

Coming up this week

April 25, 8 am: Group Prayer Time @ Shalom Office

April 26, 9-11:30 am: Ministry Council

April 26, 4-8 pm: Dinner, games, bonfire for college students at the Beck house: 8104 Green Hill Rd Linville VA

April 27, 9:45 am: Ecumenical Earth Day Service @ Turner Pavilion. Special programming for PreK and elementary children; no nursery provided. Please bring chairs. No worship at EMS.

April 27, 3 pm: Youth group at the Shalom office

Budget Summary (April 13, 2025)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,215.93
April	\$ 15,263.00
YTD	\$ 91,469.07

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings	\$6,160.58
Average Monthly	\$ 26,695.85
YTD	\$ 92,408.70

Special Offering for MennoCon - \$411.06 this week; \$3,082.69 YTD

Attendance: 176, **Zoom:** 10, **Youtube:** 9

Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to shalommc.org/give), via mail, or in-person using the offering box in the foyer. Each week in worship we'll bless our gifts at the end of Prayers of the People.

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on the pastoral team, please send your name and email to office@shalommc.org. You can also scan the QR code to fill out a survey about yourself or access the giving link for Shalom.



Covid/Flu Policy - Masks are optional at our gatherings, but please join virtually if you are sick or mask if you are unsure or being cautious.

Shalom Mennonite Congregation is a welcoming and inclusive community rooted in Jesus' radical call to love, justice, and peace.

We seek to grow our welcome and inclusion as we deepen our spirituality, build meaningful relationships, work for peace and social justice, and cultivate diverse community connections.

Visit our website at shalommc.org/vision to find out more about who we are, what we do, and what we strive for. You can also read there about our commitment statements regarding inclusion of many who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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Staff Pastors: Brian Bolton, Georgia Metz, Krista Showalter Ehst; Administrative Assistant: Sandy Wenger; Bookkeeper: Joo Kim; Associate Bookkeeper: Rachel Hwang; Facilities Setup Coordinator: Norys Robles; Nursery & Safe Congregations Administrator: Ellen Miller.

Congregational Chair: Katie Mansfield

Please contact any member of the Safe Congregation Team if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical abuse by child-care workers, teachers, or others in the congregation: Ellen Miller, 540-383-4209, Georgia Metz, 540-830-8490, Ross Erb, 540-435-0350; Doug Root, (814) 233-9870

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

Rest. Remember. Renew.

April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday

GATHERING

Sing & Celebrate!

Centering Bell

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: It is still early. We come again to the tomb.

Many: We want to hope, but grief clouds our vision

One: "Why are you weeping?" ask the angels.

Many: There is nothing to see – the tomb is empty.

One: "Why are you weeping?" asks the gardener.

Many: They have taken Jesus' body.

Tell us! Where will we find it?

One: Look again, Shalom – not at the empty cross;
not at the empty tomb, but at one another.

Turn around and see the risen one, among you!

Hope is risen!

Many: Hope is risen, indeed!

One: Love is risen!

Many: Love is risen, indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed!

Hymns

Low in the Grave
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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