

About the Resurrection of our Lord  
[Easter Day]  
Theme: The Resurrection of the Body  
– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

**G**od's intent is to create a total new heaven and a totally new earth. (Isaiah) Nothing less than a totally new creation will do. So it is also for Christ's Church. In His mighty victory over death He holds out victory and new life for all the baptized faithful. (1 Corinthians) As in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. So it was that after His three-day burial, our Lord Jesus was raised triumphantly out of death. (Luke) Crucified, yet risen, He is the Lord of life and death and bestows eternal life in both body and soul to all who trust in Him.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

- Sunday** Isaiah 65:17-25 What does God intend to do with creation as we presently know it? What will this new creation be like? How does this change the way we normally think about 'heaven'? What does this mean?
- Monday** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 What happens to the Christian faith if the resurrection from the dead is removed? By which man did death enter the world? By which Man did the resurrection of the dead come into the world? When will all the dead in Christ be made alive? When will Christ destroy the last enemy of mankind? How do these truths give hope and purpose to life now? How do these truths give hope and purpose to life for all eternity?
- Tuesday** Luke 24:1-12 Where were the women headed the first Easter Sunday? What did they find when they got there? What did the men in shining garments tell them about Jesus? Who did the women tell about what they had seen and heard? How was their message received? How does this support the factuality and reliability of the gospel account of the resurrection? What does this mean?
- Wednesday** Psalm 16 Why does the psalmist (David) take refuge in the LORD? What are the results of taking refuge in the LORD (make a list)? How does this psalm provide special comfort for an Easter Sunday? How does the Apostle Peter make use of this psalm in his great Pentecost sermon (see Acts 2)? What does this mean for us today?
- Thursday** Acts 5:12-20 Where did the first believers used to meet inside the temple in Jerusalem? Why were the apostles arrested? What directions did the angel of the Lord give them at their release from prison? Why were the temple authorities astounded to find the apostles preaching again in the temple? Which higher authority did they obey in disobeying the instructions of the earthly authorities? How did the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus fit into the proclamation of the gospel? What two spiritual realities were given out in the proclamation of the gospel? Who testifies of these things? How is this done still today among us? What does this mean?
- Friday** Revelation 1:4-18 What does it mean that Jesus is the "firstborn from the dead?" How has He freed us from our sins? What is our new identity in the kingdom of God? What did Jesus look like when He appeared to John on the Lord's Day to John on Patmos? Why does He control death and hell? How is this a comfort to every baptized believer?
- Saturday** John 20:19-31 Why were the doors locked on Easter evening? How did Jesus greet His disciples in His miraculous appearance in their midst? What did He show them? When do we use the same greeting in our church? How do we receive His flesh and blood in our church? What does this mean? For what purpose did the Father send Jesus? For what mission did Jesus send His church? What gift did He give His apostles? What authority did He give them? How is this authority practiced in our church today? What doubts did Thomas have? How were his doubts dispelled? What is the purpose of the written Word? What is the resulting gift of faith? What does this mean?