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#### The Resurrection of our Lord

March 31, 2024

**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave.* Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.

The Lord's Supper: As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today.

For those desiring to receive the sacrament using the common cup (large chalice), it is offered at the 8:00 a.m. service in addition to the individual cups. Those with special dietary needs such as gluten free or alcohol free are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud "that is spread over all nations" and "cast over all peoples" (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to "be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast "of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined" (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, "dressed in a white robe" of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received "by the grace of God" is also "delivered to you" by the preaching of Christ, "in which you stand, and by which you are being saved" (1 Cor. 15:1–11).



# Order of Worship For The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day

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#### PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

JOPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- Δ4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
   Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
   Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** He was delivered over to death for our sins.
- **C** And was raised to life for our justification.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

**□**ENTRANCE HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB 477 sts. 1, 3

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled— Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
  Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
  Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
  Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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KYRIE LSB 152

- **□P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **IC** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **IC** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **IC** Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **IC** Lord, have mercy.
- FP Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- IC Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast"** 

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **▶** The Lord be with you.
- **IC** And also with you.
  - P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IC Amen.

Sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" 7:00 A.M.

#### CHOIR ANTHEM: "Easter Bells with Joy Are Ringing" 10:30 a.m.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

#### JC Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- JC Praise to You, O Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JSERMON HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
  - Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia!
- Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
   Now still He comes to give us life And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above That we conquer through Your triumph;

Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia!

Stand

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavn'ly blessèd sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father and our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia!

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**SERMON: "Who Will Roll Away the Stone?"** 

**Pastor Buchhorn** 

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Preface LSB 160

- **IP** The Lord be with you.
- **IC** And also with you.
- **I P** Lift up your hearts.
- **IC** We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
  - It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.

Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table.

It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.

Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **♬**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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#### **☐** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- Δ8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IC Amen.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.

IC Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia! When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week. **BIRTHDAYS:** Denise Fredrickson, Bonnie Hansen, Madelyn Latham, Andrea Trautman, Kari Woehler, Matthew Schaefer, Amanda Broberg, Landen Ekberg & Larsyn Ekberg

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Eric & Michelle Ekberg, Jacob & Katie Mathieson and Alan & Brenda Pippitt

**NURSERY**: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

<u>PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN</u>: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

#### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE** \$6,206.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Today our Adult Bible Class will meet in the sanctuary beginning at 9:15 a.m. On this joyous day we will have a hymn sing and study of how the message of the resurrection has been set to song through the centuries. Join us.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**: This week we will resume our study of the book of Genesis on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs. New faces are always welcome.

MIDWEEK MOVIE NIGHT: Our midweek classes by grade have wrapped up for the year, but in April we will have a series of large group movie nights (April 3, 10, & 17) beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will be watching the movie version of "The Gospel of John" in three one hour installments with a brief discussion at the conclusion of each section. There will be snacks. Join together for this time to fix our eyes on Jesus and remember what He did and taught.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**: There will be no Sunday School classes by grade today but students are welcome to join in the hymn sing activity in the sanctuary.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**: Our twice monthly Men's Bible study will meet this Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 a.m. The group meets at Cup of Grace. Join us for breakfast, Bible study and a time of encouragement.

<u>LUTHERAN HOUR:</u> "Raise the Flag" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Michael</u> <u>Zeigler</u> -- Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

<u>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> will be Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. at Teresa Tiedtke's home. We plan to make door hangers (cost \$40) and porch signs (cost \$60); all supplies will be provided. There will be stencils and designs available. If you want a custom design made, contact Teresa (402-369-2653) before Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to bring an appetizer. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and devotion, even if you don't want to make a project. If you have questions, contact Teresa Tiedtke or Julie Bose.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Here are bold and true words for you to remember today or any day when you are worried or overwhelmed with life's challenges and temptations: "Know ye then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (from Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed and happy celebration of Easter to you and your family from the Board of Directors and staff of Lutheran Family Service! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND: The Youth Group is planning a lock-in at the church on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for more details to come!

#### PARTCIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**PASTORS**: Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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**ELDER ON DUTY**: Payton Janke (7:00) Doug Heithold (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Reagan Heithold & Lauren Ekberg (7:00)

Grant Reeg & Chase Rethwisch (10:30)

**READERS:** Louise Green (7:00) Brian Reeg (10:30)

**GREETERS**: Gene & Janet Casey (7:00)

Brian & Rachelle Reeg (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Beverly Hansen

THIS	WEEK	$\mathbf{AT}$	GRA	CE
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TODAY	7:00 am.	Easter Sunrise Worship/Communion
	8:00 am.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 am.	Easter Worship/Communion
MONDAY	3:30 pm.	Kinship Communion
	7:30 pm	Elders
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek Movie
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	7:30 am.	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

### THANK YOU TO FOLLOWING FOR ADORNING OUR CHANCEL WITH EASTER LILIES:

- Bea Kinslow in memory of Skip Kinslow
- Gene & Jan Casey in honor of family
- Carol & LeRoy Robbert in honor of blessings received.
- John & Dee Rebensdorf in memory of Rose & Henry Bush, Vernon Rebensdorf and Elenora Carter
- Londa & Troy Stowater in memory of Clint, Liam & Noah
- Dana Tompkins Family in memory of Robert Bauer
- Dave & Diane Zach in memory of loved ones
- Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp in memory of loved ones
- Dennis & Pam Ekberg in honor of our anniversary
- Dan, Laura & Abbie Mitchell and Cheryl Lessmann in memory of Merlound & Leoma Lessmann and George & Amelia Lessmann

- Doris & Terry Meyer
- Shelly Meyer in memory of Hazen & Georgie Boling and Louis & Amanda Meyer. In honor of Ferris & Margie Meyer
- Lowell & Kathy Johnson in memory of Colter Ridge Johnson infant son of Couy & Taylor Johnson
- Deb & Den Dannelly in memory of Rodger Allemann, Ed & Lorine Carroll and Bill & Filene Dannelly
- Doug & Mary Temme in memory of loved ones
- Alan & Brenda Pippitt in memory of Cliff Stalling, Dean & Norma Pippitt
- Ray & Theresa Jensen in memory of Matt Jensen, Delbert & Elinor Jensen and Ed & LaVerne Heithold
- Dwight & Irene Mock in memory of Evelyn Mock, Mary Meyer and Shirley Fletcher
- Donavon & Nadine Bjorklund in memory of Dwaine & Fern Bjorklund, August & Elsie Hintz
- Kathleen Frevert in memory of Merlin Frevert
- David & Connie Stuthmann in memory of Gus & Bertha Stuthmann
- Eldon & Ellen Heinemann
- Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid
- Sally Lubberstedt in memory of Larry Lubberstedt
- Beverly Hansen in memory of Cyril Hansen and our parents
- Keith & RoNelle Woodward in memory of loved ones, Pastor Carl and in honor of Pastor Buchhorn
- Mike Anderson & Family in memory of Jana Anderson, Louis Radtke and Janet Anderson





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## If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was

buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, He proved it! By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"





Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!

