

Second Sunday in Easter – April 7, 2024

Divine Service Setting One *LSB pg. 151*

Confession and Absolution

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King Verses 1-5

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- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

G 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.

G Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name;
make known His deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him;
tell of all His | wondrous works!
Glory in His | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and His strength;
seek His presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | He has done,
His miracles, and the judgments He | uttered.
He remembers His covenant for- | ever,
the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

G Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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**G 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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.

God the Father has crowned Him with glory and | honor,

He has given Him dominion over the works | of His hands;

He has put all things un- | der His feet.

Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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

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- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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Offering

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Offertory

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☩ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P 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

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- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- C** **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.

Pax Domini

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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- C** 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.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.

Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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- ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia!

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482 This Joyful Eastertide

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- 1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain.
- ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!
- 2 Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: Refrain.
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:

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Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

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- C** 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

- A** 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.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

- 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.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.
- 3 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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In Our Prayers

Health concerns:

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett	Theresa Clark	Anita Reinertsen
Mitch Jacobs	Bob Donley	Deb Lescallett	Ethan Meeker
Rodney Koch	Rebecca Smith	Mason Carlson	Owen Wolfe
Brenda Christensen	Janalee Gutierrez	Jim Lipe	Guy Hood
Fern Harding			

Lucille, Deb Thompson's mom	Dave, Mitch Jacobs dad
Aiden Meeker, grandson Mark & Shari	Gabe's nephew
Fred Concepcion, Nelly Clark's father	Sharon, Pastor's friend
Kathy, in a coma, Rose's cousin	Nancy, Rose's sister

Others:

Thankful at the birth of Leah Faye, granddaughter of Kevir & Julie, daughter of Cody & Jordan, born Sat, March 30
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission
Pastor Omolo and Hope for the Destitute
Our Armed Forces: Sgt Kaleb Karssen

*Altar flowers are dedicated by Randy & Kim Noe,
In celebration of their upcoming 10th anniversary*

Stewardship Corner

TIME- ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Worship Services 130

TREASURE Gifts received for budget: Mar 31, 2024 \$2,931.00 (Envelope/plate)

** Monthly amount needed for operating budget: \$18,550- for April that is \$4,637.50 weekly in giving.

** Currently our Building Renovation Fund has \$83,825.36

Announcements

To the best of our ability, all Worship Services and Bible Studies will be recorded and placed online on our Facebook page, our You-tube page and on our website.

Life Quote for April 7 "In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have 'fallen asleep in Him' shall be raised to life eternal." *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on this week- Tuesday, April 9th at 10am. Come and join! It is also posted on our Mt Calvary Facebook page and our website.

Thank you to all who helped throughout Lent- by serving a meal, providing food for a meal, sanctuary cleaning, decorating for Easter, ushering, singing in the choir, or anything else. We are grateful for you and your willingness to serve in the Lord's House.

Portals of Prayer for April-June on entryway table

Preschool fundraiser Our preschool is currently selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits as their spring fundraiser. We receive \$6 from each kit. Flyers are on the entryway table... or talk to Leah in the office. **Orders and payments are due by next Sunday, April 14th!**

Building Committee will meet next Sunday, April 14th after church!

Good luck to our youth as they go battle in our circuit Bible Bowl this afternoon at Holy Cross, Moline. Depending on the outcome from today's Bible Bowl, the CID Bible Bowl is next Sunday at Camp Cilca.

Elders will meet today after church for their monthly meeting.

Council will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 5pm.

If you ordered Easter flowers and would like to take them home, please do so today. They are available in the entryway.

Mark your calendar! Mt Calvary's April Voters Meeting will be on Sunday, April 21st after our church service. Stewardship will be serving a baked potato lunch.

The April Lutheran Witness broaches a difficult and important topic: God's design for sexuality and gender. The article *Speaking Truth to Folly* is available on the entryway table if you would like to read it. The church copy of The Lutheran Witness is available on the gym table. Leah can make magazine article copies if you would like so that we can share the magazine with several people.

Sunday School Memory Verse: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7



News You Can Use April 2024

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! We have longed to hear and to speak these victorious words in celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

In our synodical catechism the question is asked: *"Why is Christ's resurrection so important and comforting?"* The answer given is that it proves that Christ is the Son of God, that His doctrine is the truth, that God the Father accepted Christ's sacrifice for the reconciliation of the world, and that all believers in Christ will rise to eternal life.

In his letter to the Romans the apostle adds another dimension to what it means to share in Christ's resurrection, writing, ***"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*** (Romans 6:4) Let us celebrate the present victory we have been given over our slavery to sin, and our Spirit enabled opportunity to live new lives. Our lives have been redeemed for God's great purpose. We are saved by grace, through faith, and ***"[re] created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*** (Eph. 2:10) God grant this resurrection victory to us all.

Pastor Ken Umbarger St. John-East Moline

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."

Please remember in your prayers the outreach of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf and Pastor Tom Phillips. Pastor Phillips is our CID missionary to the deaf. He serves in Jacksonville but also spans the District to bring the Good News about Jesus to the hearing-impaired.

Items of Interest to Share

The 2024 Illinois March for Life will be in Springfield on Wednesday, April 17. Southern Illinois District President Timothy Scharr will preach at a Matins service at Trinity Lutheran Church (220 South Second St., Springfield, 62701) at 10:00; a light lunch will be available at the State House Inn ballroom (101 East Adams St.) at 11:00 (**recommended donation: \$5; please bring a \$5 bill**); rally commences at noon on capitol front lawn; actual march steps off at 1:00 p.m. Free parking for those attending Matins and the following activities is available in State House Inn's parking lot, in the block west of the hotel building, across First Street. We have limited parking spaces so, **please carpool.**

Dollar for Missions (DFM) Update: After three months of 2024, CID has completed its first two DFM projects this year: 1) mileage money to support Pastor David Dunlop's Prison Ministry visits to Lincoln, Illinois every week (\$1,800) 2) funding for St. John, Beardstown to purchase a few Spanish language hymnals (\$300) and 3) funding \$2,100 to provide Pastor Pablo Dominguez of Cristo Rey, East Moline honoraria as he conducts Spanish languages services and Bible classes in Beardstown twice a month for the second half of this year. Thanks to all CID churches participating in DFM!

The current DFM project is to make sure new prison ministries that are beginning in 2024 can continue being funded as described above into 2025, or if possible, to start wholly new prison ministries during 2025. Congregations make a big difference for this and other projects when they gather from their members one dollar a week over and above regular church giving.

Many small contributions add up and enable important mission work. This is happening right now!

For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

Assimilation Study Dr. Ken Schurb of CID office will teach a four-session study on Assimilation (better: Incorporation) of New Church Members at Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur, Springfield, IL 62704. The study will be held on Wednesday evenings, April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. All are invited!

**2024 Institute on Liturgy Preaching and Church Music Scholarships
July 9-12, 2024**

Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska

Thanks to a generous grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, 35 full scholarships (early bird registration fee) are available for church musicians. For more information on the conference and application, see the CID website News and Events tab or visit the following link; <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/gatepost/2024.GatePost.1.pdf>

Prison Ministry materials reimbursement extended: central Illinois LWML has extended the time in which CID can use funds it granted to provide reimbursements to congregations or individuals who provide Bibles, devotional books, catechisms, etc. to nearby prisons or county jails. If you have been meaning to do this, it is not too late to receive a \$400 reimbursement! For details, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html>

National Youth Gathering – Summer 2025 – New Orleans

Plans are already underway to bring your youth and adults a fantastic experience. The theme for this upcoming Gathering is Endure, based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Jonathan Guse is the DCE from Bethel Morton, and Christy Malinowski is the DCE from Trinity Bloomington, and they will be the District Coordinators for CID! Both have had many years' experience in not only leading a group, but each has also had experience as District Coordinators!

We wanted to make sure you are connected to the LCMS Youth Gathering website: <https://www.lcmsgathering.com>. There you can find information, FAQ, resources, zoom link sign-up for monthly meetings, and more.