

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran

April 4, 2021

EASTER FESTIVAL:

In Christ the Cornerstone...Living His Word, Sharing His Love



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AS WE GATHER

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it “up close and personal”!

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**
- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**
- P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C **He has put all things under His feet.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have not put seeing You as our Lord in all matters as our life's priority. We have not lived at all times filled with charity in all things and toward all people. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these, our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us to see our Lord more clearly and graciously build Your kingdom among us here in every way.**
- P** God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a blessed life on earth and finally a glorious eternal Easter vision of the Savior and life full and complete with Him in heaven forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so raise us 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.
- C** **Amen.**

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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P A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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.

⁹It 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P A reading from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

The Resurrection of Christ

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Resurrection

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

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 \dagger of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church, that the message of salvation joyfully be told throughout all the world and the Easter victory of Jesus Christ be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the nations of the world, that the governments of all nations be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms be hindered. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for ourselves in this season of our Lord's great victory, that we truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [*including . . .*], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are not known to us at this time. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they have a sense of victory in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this day, we remember those no longer among us on earth who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together eternally at Your Table and in Your mansions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things, O Lord, and whatever else You know we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of the mercies and by the merits of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering/Choir

"Easter Is Here" by J. Paul Williams and Jon Paige

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

LSB 194

- 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 195

- 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.

By His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, He reached the goal of His substitutionary death, that by the offering of His own body and blood on the cross, all who believe in Him may share His triumph over sin and death.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Words of Our Lord

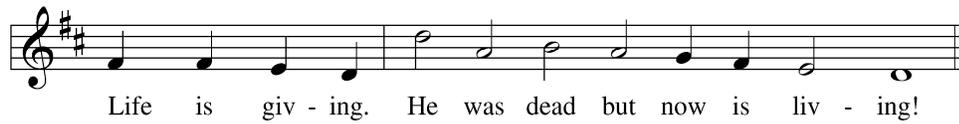
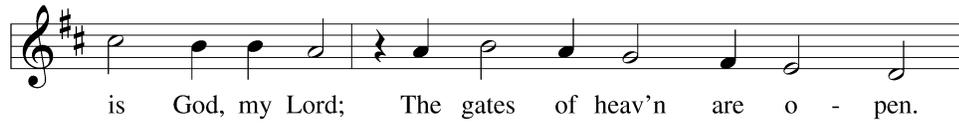
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini

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

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



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461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 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!

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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!

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!

△ 8 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!

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Post-Communion Prayer

P Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us, so that we continue to be Your holy people who share Your love with all people as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- 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

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Service & Stewardship

Worship Services	Apr 4 - 7 am Easter Sunrise	Apr 4 - 9:30 am Easter Festival	Apr 11
Counters	<i>Kent Harnisch Naomi Ward Barb Hansen</i>		
Elders (Com Srvc)	<i>Guy Baumann Alphonso Strubbe</i>		<i>Quint Dooley John Mbanda</i>
Acolytes	<i>Josiah Baumann Luke Ascher *</i>	<i>Kaiden Fjelstad Ben Honkomp *</i>	EARLY: <i>Brody Muchow Zia Pierson</i> LATE: <i>Jesse Bridgins Kendra Saylor</i>
	* Crucifer		
Accompanist	<i>Heather Wald</i>	<i>Heather Wald</i>	

Offering Statistics	28-Mar	YTD
Received	\$ 5,077.50	\$ 58,379.94
Budgeted	\$ 5,807.69	\$ 75,499.97
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (730.19)	\$ (17,120.03)
<i>Above Includes E-Giving thru FEBRUARY</i>		

John 20:1 - “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him - a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter. It’s sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.

Women’s Bible Study

- New Monday Night Women’s Bible Study begins on April 12. “Your Beautiful Purpose” by Susie Larson will be our study - contact Connie Hofer at 759-1270 or email connie.hoefer@midco.net.

Employment Opportunity - His Ark

- Seeking a part time afternoon ‘float’
 - (working when and where needed!).
- If interested, please contact His Ark office at 361-7200.



Cookie Dough is in!



- If you haven’t already picked up your paid-for-dough – do so today!
- In the fridge
- In the kitchen

Prayer Requests

(Health and Healing will run two-weeks unless you extend)

Health & Healing	Serving in the Military
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For all those who are currently dealing with COVID - For the family of Jay Dooley - Josh Quinn (Lori Bierwagen's nephew) - Carol McKenney - Jesse Neyens - Isaac Baumann - Gloria Baumann - ALS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seth Bolon - Michael Dolly - Caitlyn Glover - Isaiah Sperle
Ministry	His Ark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resurrection Lutheran Church - His Ark CCDC - Come and See - Dayspring - SF Lutheran School 	<p>Nora, Violet, Lucy; parents Jeremy & Andrea Vivianna and Isabel; parents Jordan & Kimberly Caleb and Danielle; parents Patrick & Kimberly</p> <p>STAFF: Tasha Thibodeau</p>

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CALENDAR		
EASTER SUNDAY		
Sunrise	7:00 am	Worship
Breakfast	8:00 am to 9:15 am	Breakfast in Gym
Festival	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday	5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	2 nd Tues: His Ark BOD 1 st Tues: Elders
Wednesday	3:45 pm 6:00 pm	His Ark Chapel, School Age Choir
Sunday	8:00 am LIVE 9:30 am LIVE/ONLINE 10:45 am LIVE/ONLINE	Worship (1 & 3 w/Communion) Adult Bible Class - Leviticus Worship (2 & 4 w/Communion)

- During COVID - if you desire to receive the Lord's Supper, but are uncomfortable being in larger groups, please contact Pastor Ascher or the church office to set up alternate communion options...

Lutheran School

- **SCRIP orders are back in operation at SFLS Association Congregations and Zion Lutheran Church.** Please visit www.siouxfallslutheran.com/scrip.
 - **New to SCRIP:** Get physical gift cards delivered right to your door by shopping through the RaiseRight app! Learn more online. You must call the school 605.335-1923 to obtain a code.
- **Join us July 12-16 for Camp Invention—an action-packed week of STEM fun for grades K-6.** Open to the entire Sioux Falls community, Camp Invention activities are designed by the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Learn more and register online at www.siouxfallslutheran.com/camp-invention.

Use code INNOVATE40 by March 31 to save \$40!

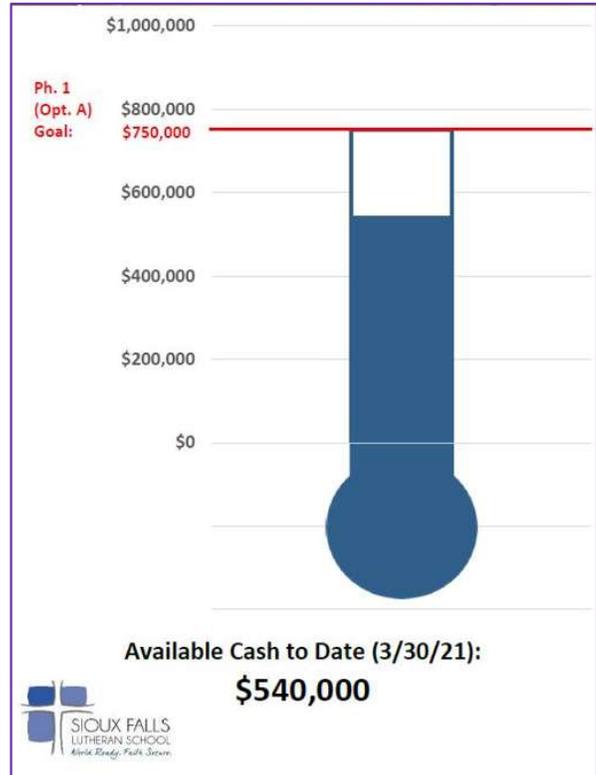
- **Our Highest Gifts for Our High School** capital campaign has **\$422,224** in available cash as of **March 17**. Thanks be to God! Visit website to learn how you can help us reach our **\$750,000** goal by the end of this month.

www.siouxfallslutheran.com/capital-campaign

- **Voters:** The SFLS Association has called a **United Voters' Assembly Vote** via electronic and paper ballot to approve a high school addition of **4,800 square feet** and a bridge loan to cover **outstanding campaign pledges**. Construction bids came in **\$48,300** less than the **\$750,000** construction estimate. Campaign cash and pledges are estimated to fully cover the total project cost of **\$806,000** (includes architecture fees, campaign costs, and furnishings). With the temporary help of an interest-only “bridge” loan from LCEF, which covers expenses until the total pledges become cash, we can finish this project without cost to the Association churches.

Thanks be to God!

Please check your email (or mail if you don't have an email address) for additional details and return your ballot to SFLS by April 12 to help us meet quorum.



Sanctity of Human Life Raffle Ticket Announcement

- Goal is placing 4 new billboards on I29 and I90
- Raffle Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.
- Winner wins “Life” by local renowned artist Darwin Wolf
- Contact: Jim Geraets (605) 940-5739



CELEBRATIONS: April & May

APRIL BIRTHDAY

First	Last	Birthday
Jillian	Pierson	2-Apr
Roxanne	Swab	4-Apr
Loghan	Ham	5-Apr
Kyle	Muchow	6-Apr
Alyssa	Pierson	6-Apr
Al	Schmuck	6-Apr
Kent	Muller	8-Apr
Randy	Erdman	9-Apr
Brody	Muchow	9-Apr
Darcy	Muller	9-Apr
Hayden	Metz	10-Apr
Kati	Saylor	10-Apr
Jason	Glover	11-Apr
Caleb	Bartel	18-Apr
Joey	Mackey	21-Apr
Katie	Wald	24-Apr
Steven	Remund	26-Apr
Dick	Stempges	26-Apr
Andrew	Christiansen	27-Apr
Albert	Ng'andu Jr.	28-Apr
Ashley	Erdman	29-Apr



May Birthdays

First	Last	Birthday
Connie	Hofer	1-May
Rebecca	Kabeya	2-May
Stephen	Fjelstad	3-May
Marie-Louise	Kabeya	3-May
Lori	Bierwagen	4-May
Kham	Holeton	4-May
Ryker	Swab	4-May
Edna	Bierwagen	8-May
Larry	Sroufe	8-May
Isabel Lee	Barr	11-May
Anthony	Kuhlmann	13-May
Ashley	Geraets	15-May
Doris	VanderHar	17-May
Douglas	Metz	18-May
Emmanuel	Kabeya	20-May
Elizabeth	Ahrendt	21-May
Tasha	Jurrens	21-May
Alvira	Stempges	21-May
Kylie	Brooks	25-May
Inez	Cotton	28-May
Bryson	Metz	31-May

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Celebrating	Date
Jordan and Kimberly Barr	8 years	4-Apr
Richard and Terri Kube	13 years	12-Apr
Kent and Darcy Muller	6 years	18-Apr
Ryan and Carol Buckneberg	8 years	20-Apr
Joe and Celeste Saylor	17 years	24-Apr
Kyle and Steph Muchow	17 years	24-Apr

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Celebrating	Date
Ron Husman and Gloria Haarsma	1 year	May 2, 2020
Allen and Abby Robbenolt	4 years	May 13, 2017
Andrew and Danette Baumann	7 years	May 10, 2014
Josh and Jenna Neugebauer	9 years	May 19, 2012
Tyler and Kayla Bailey	10 years	May 29, 2011
John and Kham Holeton	17 years	May 30, 2004
Stephen and Jade Fjelstad	17 years	May 29, 2004
Christopher and Laurie Ascher	22 years	May 1, 1999
Cory and Elizabeth Ahrendt	24 years	May 10, 1997
Kent and Marlys Harnisch	30 years	May 18, 1991
Dick and Alvira Stempges	50 years	May 22, 1971

~ Return to the Lord ~

“Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster” (Joel 2:13). God’s invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares.

	APR 4 7 am	EASTER SUNRISE “Return to the Church” What was accomplished	
	APR 4 930 am	EASTER FESTIVAL “Return and See” Christ is risen	

Easter Sunrise - “Return to the Church” As Jesus hangs lifeless on the cross, a soldier approaches Him and is prepared to break His legs. But he sees that Jesus is dead, that “it is finished.” As a final, gruesome confirmation, the soldier thrusts his spear into Jesus’ side. At once, a flood of blood and water gushes out. Our salvation has been accomplished, and from a wound in the side of our Lord is born the Church, the very Bride of Christ. Tomorrow, Jesus will rise from the dead, but today we focus our attention on what Christ has accomplished through His death: He has taken your sins—all of them—upon Himself and has endured your punishment to ensure your salvation. And now He has called you into the Church, into the body of believers, to support and encourage one another as we work out our salvation with fear and trembling. God never intended us to go it alone; He gave us brothers and sisters in Christ to walk beside us.

Easter Sunday - “Return and See” Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Throughout this season of Lent, we have heard a drumbeat call from God to return to Him, and today we rejoice that this call was issued so that we might have life in abundance through the One who lived, died, and rose again to secure our salvation. Our journey has led us through some dark places, and we have grappled with the implications of our sin in many different forms, but today the call is especially personal; it is about what it all means for you. We are called to come and see the Christ; to see the salvation won for us; to see the life that He has secured; and to see the Word that we are to share with others. Our prayer is that others, too, would hear God’s call and respond in trust and faith.