

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–6, 12–26

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.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Holy Gospel

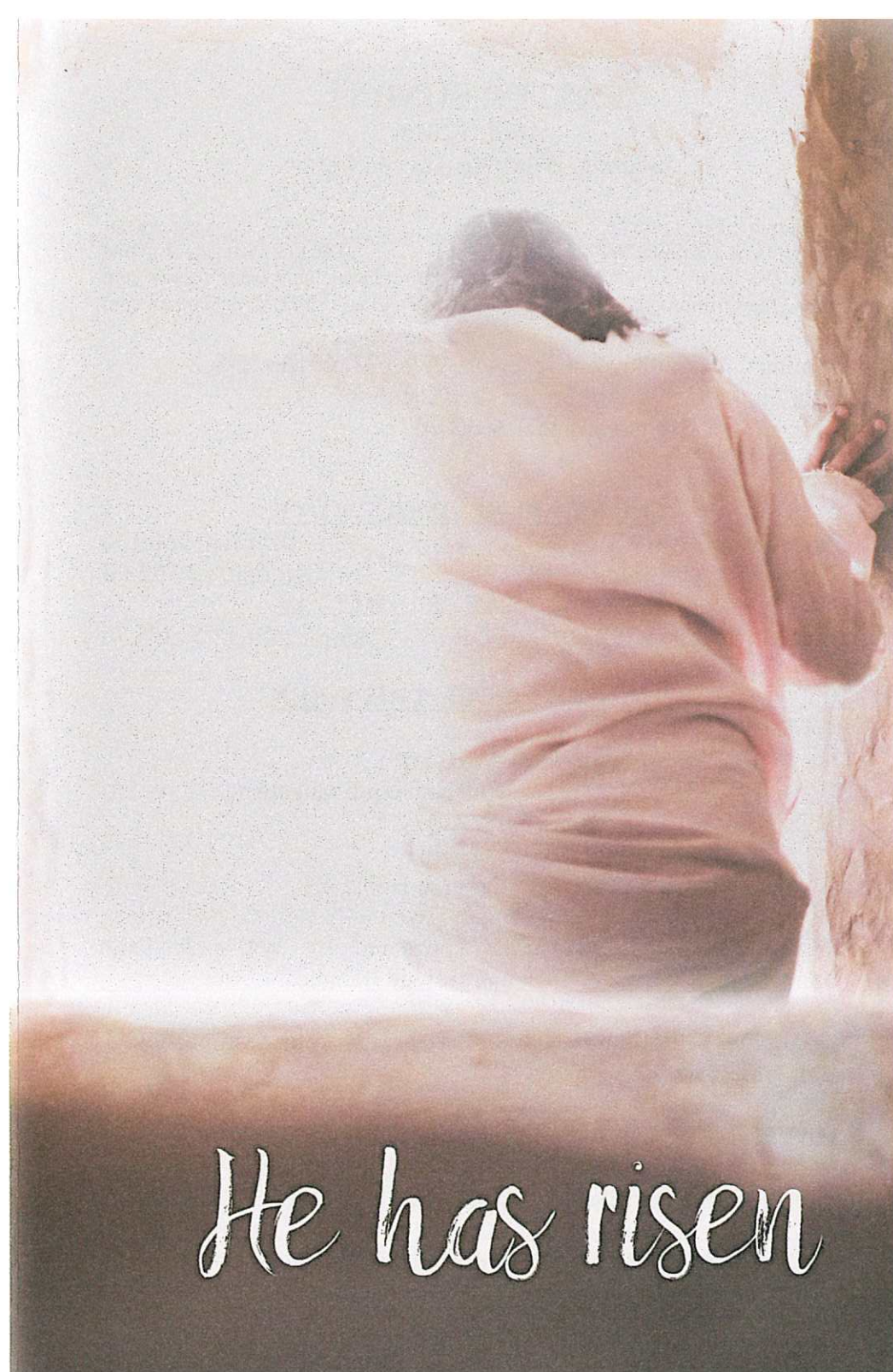
John 20:1–18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.



About the Cover: The women walked to the tomb and fretted about who would roll away the stone. They arrived and saw the stone had been rolled away already. An angel then spoke to them and said, “He has risen” (Mark 16:6). Those were the very words the women needed to hear. Those are the same words we need to hear often to remind us of Jesus’ promise of His resurrection for our salvation. “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”



He has risen

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 457, 486 vs. 1 & 3, 469, 463, 633, 461 vs. 1-5, 8
Sermon: "God's Will for the New Creation"
1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 12-26

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 3/21 (Wed.): 71 Offering: \$605.00
Attendance 3/25 (Sun.): 118 Offering: \$2,792.00
S.S. – 14 Staff – 8 B.C. – 11
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00 Scrip Profit 3/25: \$95.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (4/4) 6:00 p.m. – Choir
 7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
 8:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
SUN (4/8) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
 9:00 a.m. **Worship**
 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Wally & Faith Sonnabend in memory of Alan & Bonnie Behnke.

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS – Today is your last chance to support this mission project.

HAVEN2GO, a group of Concordia University Wisconsin students, will be with us next Sunday to lead our music. A free-will offering will be received to support their ministry.

CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

LAY DELEGATE NEEDED for District Convention, June 10-12, at CUW. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger as soon as possible.

THANK YOU to all those who provided Easter Lilies for the altar and chancel:

Gary & Linda Streck (in memory of our parents)
Wilfred Boldt
Hank & Lori Horn (in memory of Henry, Bev & Heide Horn)
Russ Boldt
Bill & Norma Drumm
Bob Behnke (in memory of Earl Behnke)
Wally & Faith Sonnabend
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Bryan & Jeannine Krepline (in memory of Nathan Krepline & Ken Eichhorst)
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Myron & Jean Peter (in memory of Lilly Wunrow)
Dave & Debbie Kamps
Hugo & Joan Zutz
Gary & Alice Koerth
Simon & Rhonda Geiger
Ron & Nancy Davidson
Norman & Caroline Krahn (in memory of Betty & Meta Krahn)
Diane Zickert

MEN NEEDED to serve on the Board of Elders. Please prayerfully consider serving. If you have any questions or interest, contact Rick Riemer or Pastor Krueger.

FLOAT COMMITTEE – The board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for 3-4 people to organize the church float for the parade on June 8. Contact the church office if interested.