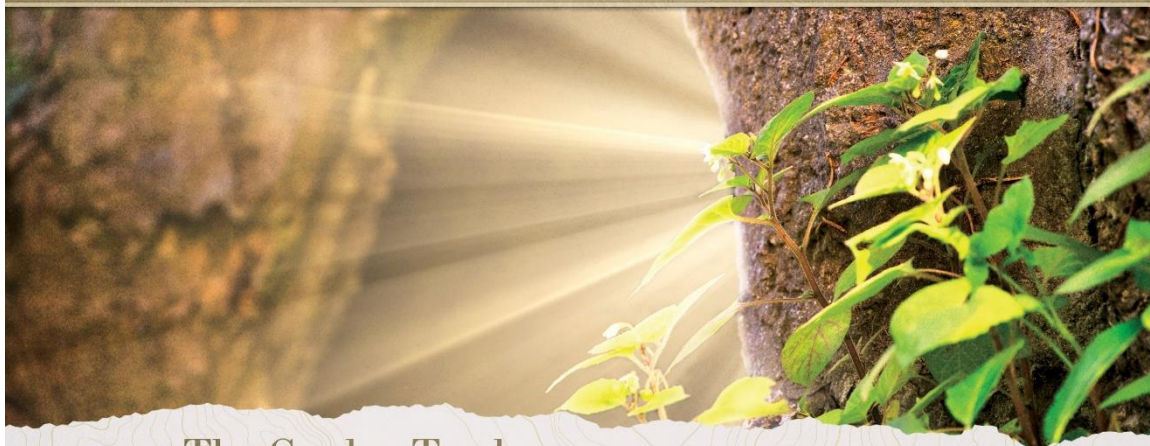


Sunday, April 4th 2021

Easter Sunrise at Saint Michael's Park

PLACES *of the* PASSION



The Garden Tomb - EASTER SUNDAY

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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Our Sunrise Service today is taking place at Saint Michael's Lutheran Church Park. Gathering together here outside reminds us of the events that took place on that first Easter Sunday as Jesus' tomb was found empty! Since we are outdoors, masks are not mandatory, however we ask that you respect one another's social distance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Places of the Passion A Series of Services for Holy Week

Easter Sunday: The Garden Tomb

ORDER OF SERVICE

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:41-42

Invocation and Call to Worship

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Let us ever walk with Jesus!
- C** To see the depths of his love!
- P** To behold the gift of his forgiveness!
- C** To gaze upon the heights of his grace!

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy!

C **We travel to the garden tomb.**

P And we need not be afraid.

C **For Christ is risen!**

P He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

C **Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB #457



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 en - dured, 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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Confession and Forgiveness

P Forgive me, O Lord, when my persistent sins entangle me and completely surround me.

C **Who will rescue?**

P Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get, but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts, but so unwilling to bear the cross.

C Who will rescue me?

P Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to you; when I doubt that you really see my sin; when I disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

C Who will rescue me from this body?

P Forgive me, O God, when I am quick to find fault, but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play, but so late in prayer.

C Who will rescue me from this body of death?

P Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

P Hear the good news! Jesus went to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. And Jesus lives for you! That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C I shall follow where you guide!

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God and Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. 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. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23–27

²³“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:15–18

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1–11

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.”

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB #461



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!

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Sermon

Prayers

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray:
Living Lord Jesus, on the first day of the week, you rolled away the stone from the tomb and opened up life for all who believe. Roll away the stones of fear in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Living Lord Jesus, replace our fear with bold faith—a faith that looks at challenges, pain, setbacks and heartaches and gives it all to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Living Lord Jesus, release us from the prisons of fear that we might be free. Set free all who live in bondage to anxiety, chained to addiction, and enslaved to evil. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Living Lord Jesus, you set your table before us, the remembrance of the Passover fulfilled and the anticipation of the future prepared for us; give us faith that we may receive this Holy Communion for our benefit and show forth love for you and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Living Lord Jesus, you address the sick and the suffering with your grace to heal, relieve, and restore—give to all the sick, the wounded, the grieving, and the dying the full measure of your healing grace to support them in their need. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Living Lord Jesus, you bid us to go forth confidently with Easter faith and a deathless and endless hallelujah; we will do just that, in the power of your Holy Spirit and as a witness to the world.

C Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. 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.**

Benediction

P Jesus invites us to walk with him to the garden tomb, a place of great joy and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all our days to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

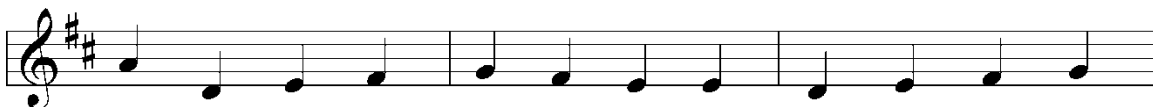
C **Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB #685

Those participating in the service from their vehicles will have an usher approach their vehicle during the closing hymn to collect the offering and attendance sheet.




1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en




am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,




sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



 Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



 hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

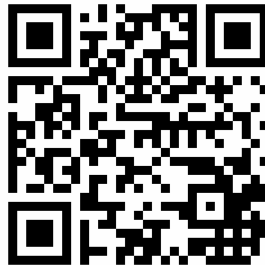


 Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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The Offering

The offering will be collected today as you depart from the service. An offering basket is located near the podium. Please consider transitioning to making your regular tithe or offering online at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give



Please also fill out the attendance register on the back page of your bulletin, tear it off and place it into the offering basket.

Easter Sunday Events

8:00am

Easter Breakfast at the Park Building

9:00am

Easter Worship Service with Communion at the Sanctuary and Parking Lot

10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt outside the Education Building

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Marie Ashutabi
- Briana Beasley
- Kristina Bertrand
- Megan Hart Burch
- Sherry Cook
- James Durham
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Kathy Griffin
- Anna Jakobeit
- Delores Karisch
- Gladys Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Maclyn Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson
- Leann McClain
- Roy Medack
- Jodi Miller
- James Nawara
- Lillian Pietsch
- Michelle Smith
- Barbara Spence
- Sandy Zoch

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Jose Chavira – US Army Reserve National Guard – Kuwait
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Kevin Gonzalez – US Marines – San Francisco, California
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Damien Hernandez – US Marines – San Diego, California
- Seth Lopez – US Army Reserve National Guard – Kuwait
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Erik Vallejo – US Army Reserve National Guard – Kuwait

MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- John & Jenn Wolf – LCMS Missionaries – Kenya

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, April 4th (Easter Sunday)

- 7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service – *Saint Michael's Park*
- 8:00am – Easter Breakfast – *Saint Michael's Park*
- 9:00am – Easter Worship Service w/ Communion – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt – *Education Building*

Monday, April 5th

- 7:00pm – Board of Elders – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – WACA – *Zilss Hall*

Tuesday, April 6th

- 9:00am – Quilting – *Education Building*
- 6:30pm – Park Board – *Saint Michael's Park*
- 7:00pm – Board of Trustees – *Education Building*

Wednesday, April 7th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*

Thursday, April 8th

- 6:30pm – Board of Missions – *Education Building*

Sunday, April 11th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*

Interested in Reading in Church? If you are interested in serving as a reader in our church services, please contact Amanda Behrens in the church office at secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org. A list of readers is being compiled and a brief lay reader training will take place on April 18th at 11:15am in the Sanctuary.

Mother's Day BBQ Chickens: We will sell Mother's Day chickens on Sunday May 9th from 10:30am to 12 noon. Pre-order form is available in the Narthex of the Church. Chickens will sell for \$10.00 and BBQ Sauce for \$2.00. We will be taking orders until May 2nd.

Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available: Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children of our church members to attend a week of camp this summer at Camp Lone Star. For more information, contact Pastor Nate. Please visit <http://www.lomt.com/summercamp.html> to look at the summer schedule and activities.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

DATE: April 4, 2021, Sunrise Service

NAME(S) AND CONTACT INFORMATION*		MEMBER	VISITOR	DESIRES A CALL	COMMUNING TODAY?
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