

WORSHIP FOLDER
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Imperatives: See!
April 18 & 19, 2020

As We Gather

Sometimes the simplest of words carry the greatest of importance. As Jesus speaks with the doubting disciple Thomas gathered in a special room with the disciples a few days after the resurrection, He says simply, “See.” But that is all He needs to say. It confirms the powerful truth that He is indeed arisen from the dead. Today we are faithful people gathered in a different room—but also with those who are disciples of the Lord. And He has promised to be with us and among us in the upper room. As we worship, we will see signs of His abiding presence.

Order of Divine Service *LSB 151*

Opening Hymn “*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*” **LSB 466**

LSB 466

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.
- ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain
- 3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain
- 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C **Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

C **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C **Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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

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

Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

C 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.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading *Acts 5:29–42*

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 148*

C **Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!**

P Praise Him all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

C **Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it**

shall not pass away.

P Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

C **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the Lord!**

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

Epistle 1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

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

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.”²⁶ Eight 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.”²⁷ Then 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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but 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.**

Hymn of the Day “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious” *LSB 548*

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o’er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav’n I shall behold Thee.

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Sermon *Based on 1 Peter 1:3–9*

Title:

“Faith – It’s Important”

Introduction:

If Christ had not risen from the dead, our faith in Christ would be in vain. We would still be dead in our trespasses. We would have no hope for salvation.

Now, because Christ has risen from the dead, our faith in Christ becomes the greatest gift of all time. It is through faith in Christ that salvation comes to us. It is by our faith in Christ that we cling to this promise and our saved. This faith in Christ is important

I. It Guards Us

Now this faith in Christ Jesus is a gift from God. It is not of our doing nor did we create it. God has caused us to be born again. He is the one who created this faith in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit through His Word.

It is a precious gift. One that guards our hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the salvation secured for us in heaven. Our faith in Christ does not make the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead real. Rather, this gift empowers us to grab hold of the truth of this historical event as an assurance that our salvation will not fade away. It will not perish nor be defiled by sin. It is an inheritance prepared and safely guarded for us in heaven. So, that at any time we depart this world, we have a place in heaven to receive us.

This faith in Christ, this belief that Christ’s death and resurrection has brought us our salvation has been under attack. Over forty years ago, our church, the Missouri Synod, held firm against one of the greatest attacks on this truth. It was being taught among Lutherans and liberal churches that it was of no great importance to believe in the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ. One would be saved if they just believed it as a myth with a great meaning for life.

Scriptures clearly denounced this deadly teaching. If Christ had not been raise from the dead our faith would be in vain. There would be no salvation.

An older attack on this faith in Christ is the teaching that Christ did not rise from the dead physically. He was just a spirit.

Scriptures clearly teaches that Christ physically rose. He showed to the disciples His hands and His side. A week later, He told Thomas to put His finger in the nail marks in His hands and the spear mark in His side. To deny the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ is to rob the person of salvation. It leads a person away from the truth of Scriptures. It leads a person to rely on their own understand. There is no salvation in one’s own understanding. It is a rejection of God’s grace and gift.

Peter writes this letter to those being persecuted for their faith in Christ Jesus. He is encouraging them to remain faithful. Their faith is being tested, refined like gold in a refinery.

This faith is more precious than gold. Their faith in Christ is what is guarding their hope in the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of all believers to life everlasting. One may lose their life here on earth but still have life everlasting in heaven.

Today, our faith in Christ's resurrection is being tested. The coronavirus, COVID-19, is definitely a trial. It is not a persecution against our faith in Christ. Some may use it to denounce the Christian faith and ridicule those who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The disease itself is a part of the trials and difficulties of living in a fallen world.

Our faith is being tested in this way. The troubles and difficulties undermine our trust in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we fear the possibilities of our economy crumbling, the ways of life changing, becoming sick or even dying, we begin to lose hope. All is lost. What will become of me? We have forgotten the hope that is guard for us by faith in Christ.

II. It Results in Praise and Glory to God

The resurrection of Jesus is solid and sure. We may not have seen Him rise yet He did. We may have never seen the physical form of Christ yet He dwells within us not only spiritually but physically. The same body, that rose from the dead dwells within us. He is physically with us all the time. We are not just a thought or memory on His mind. He dwells securely within us and no one can take Him away from us.

God has granted us the power to believe this truth. He has given us a faith that clings to what is promised rather than what is seen.

And this faith in Christ will bring its rewards. We will see the salvation Christ has prepared for us. God will keep us in the one true faith till we see with our own eyes the salvation He has kept for us in heaven.

Then we will rejoice and give God all the glory and honor. Our faith was not in vain. Christ will have brought us safely to our salvation. This is the outcome God prepared for us.

The earth may pass away but the gift of our salvation will remain. Christ has risen from the dead. He has risen indeed.

Conclusion:

The importance of our faith in Christ lies in what He did. It is important to believe in the resurrection of Jesus and all the benefits that He has provided for us because He rose.

Therefore I encourage you to study the Book of 1 Peter. Read, mark and inwardly digest the message of the resurrection as Peter was led by the Holy Spirit to write down.

And God grant you an increase in your faith in Christ Jesus.

T A M E N T T

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. 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 Christian Church, that the peace of God dwell upon it and
that the Spirit of God work through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

**P We pray for the nations of the world and for the men and women entrusted with
their leadership, that true and lasting tranquility be known around the globe. Lord, in
Your mercy,**

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

**P We pray for this congregation, that all of its members dwell together in unity. Lord,
in Your mercy,**

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

**P We pray for those who actively keep the peace both locally and around the world,
including the armed forces of our nation and our local policemen and women. Lord,
in Your mercy,**

C hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.

P We pray for those whose lives are in need of a special measure of peace and comfort: the sick and the hospitalized, [*including . . .*], and those who are experiencing changes and challenges, including the unemployed, those who are relocating to new situations, and the elderly, as they face each new day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

P For all the saints called now to Your eternal presence, Lord, we give You thanks. Grant that we be blessed by the heritage of faith they have left to us in our time. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Offering Hymn “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” *LSB 782*

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

4 Heav’nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain

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Offertory *LSB 159*

C **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.

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.**

"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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“Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 783

- 1 Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love;
 Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always, only for my King;
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee.

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold;
 Take my intellect and use
 Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” LSB 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
 Your word is now fulfilled.
 These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn,
 This child so long foretold.

- 2 This is the Savior of the world,
 The Gentiles’ promised light,
 God’s glory dwelling in our midst,
 The joy of Israel.

- 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 165*

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry
people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *"The Day of Resurrection" LSB 478*

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,

Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (*Located in the church basement*)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; (*12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch*)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

“SHARING WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST”

April 18 & 19, 2020

+WORSHIP+

PRAYER LIST: Please add Debbie Prehn and Jim Muir to your ongoing prayer list at this time.

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Mike Seeley; Bonnie Hornbeck; Bill & Sharon Matthews; Lyle Reller, Paul Hartig, and Teresa Burdick

NON-MEMBER CONCERNS: Prayers for Rocky Moore, by his friends that work at the city departments; Prayers for Julie Eson, has issues with chronic vertigo by April; A friend of Debbie Prehn – Chuck Hendricks; Darla Gatton (stroke) prayers have been asked for her; Denis Corso’s sister, Brenda, Barb Beck’s brother-in-law’s sister; Patti Esswein’s daughter; Norvella Arkebauer’s mother; Those suffering from natural and manmade disasters, especially friends and family members of our congregation; Regina Wilderman; Chris Owens, a stroke; Lillian Reller’s nephew, Lonnie, with health concerns; Barb Beck’s brother, Gary; Bill Schroyer; Lyle & Lillian’s grandson, Londyn Kleimola- daughter of Leroy & Christy Kleimola and Donna Lucas –friend of the Matthews.

MILITARY MEMBERS: Marjorie Evans; Justin & Jared Misiorek; Andy Noblet; Richie Holmes, Brandon Mills; Peter Knope II, Shawn Durbin; Clayton Hays; and Andrew Soulsby

MILITARY PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY: Nephews of Pastor & Tammy Blomquist; Lyle & Lillian Reller’s 3 grandsons (Kyle, Josh, and Jake; Patti Esswein’s sons, Gene & Billy Esswein; Ken Gatton’s grandson, Josh; Barb McMahon’s son, Peter Koepp; Joshua, the husband of Annie Plant; Lyle & Lillian Reller’s grandsons (Drake and Blake; Cory Bonacorsi – grandsons of Ella & Julius; and Natalie Durbin, wife of Shawn Durbin;

CARDS AND NOTES FROM HOME NEEDED FOR New Address–Peter Knope, 1376 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-4541; Brandon Mills, PSC 94 Box 2416, APO AE 09824 and J.T & Marjorie Evans, 24847 Sanford Corners Road, Calcium, NY 13616-2258; Josh & Annie Plant, 13180 East Mesquite Flat Spring Drive, Vail, AZ 85641-2503; If your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter is in the service and would like to hear from us, submit their addresses to the Church.

THOSE LIVING OR CONVALESCING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES OR AT HOME: Taylorville Skill Nursing and Rehab (*Meadow Manor*): Marie Fouts; Taylorville Care: Bonnie Hornbeck, & Carrie Rhodes; Nokomis Rehabilitation & Health Care: Roberta Trelz; Springfield Mill Creek Alzheimer’s Special Care Center: Lou Silotto; Eastview Terrace, Sullivan: Rose Marie Smith; at their homes: Eilene Everlen, Jim & Margaret Muir

LEARN/REVIEW the teachings of the Bible by attending the Adult Confirmation Class. Just let Pastor know if you wish to attend.

► **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfue), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfue), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfue).

This week on KFUE.org, dig into the book of Romans on Sharper Iron with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the book of Revelation with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear curious theological discussion with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (4/20 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org!

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

(If you wish to support the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour on our local radio station, you can write out a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo line write: “Lutheran Hour on WTIM.” It costs \$30.00 a week. You can place the check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office during the week.)

WLUJ 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLUJ. If you can contribute to this ministry, send your donations to Rev. Rich Harre, 5258 Golf Club Drive, Auburn, Illinois 62615)

WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES – “*Worship Anew*” on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

GO TO cidlcms.org and check out *The GatePost*. There is a special addition for Holy Week including something for the children

CID FACEBOOK PAGE

Good Afternoon All!

We are excited to share with you that the CID Facebook page has officially launched! Please "like" the page if you are on Facebook and share with your congregations! We currently have Holy Week devotions going up twice per day but are excited about other content we will be bringing to you in the coming weeks!

https://www.facebook.com/cidlcms/?modal=admin_todo_tour

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► **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Easter 2*

John 20:19-31: On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to His disciples when Thomas was absent. In joy, the disciples told Thomas, “We have seen the Lord!” Their witness was true even though Thomas at first doubted. Just because someone does not believe our witness to Jesus as our Lord and Savior should not discourage us from sharing our faith openly and boldly. Sharing is our challenge! Changing hearts is God’s work! And thanks be to God, we have a patient and compassionate Savior who welcomes and encourages us in our doubts to “poke and prod” and says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!” Pray for the opportunity to share your faith with someone who is doubting and ask the Holy Spirit to work mightily to change their heart. God is faithful and His Word works miracles of faith every day.

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR –Easter II** – Conditions like cancer and dementia pose significant struggle. Pregnancies affected by poverty, disability, or sexual assault involve real difficulties. Abortion or physician-assisted suicide may seem like resolutions. Yet intentionally ending innocent life opposes God and will fail (Acts 5:38-39) to secure any ultimate peace or comfort. Instead trust, wait, and rejoice (1 Peter 1:5-6): God’s gifts and His works—even amid suffering—no one and nothing can overthrow.

TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES - Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159
Donations can be made payable to: “Missions for Taylorville” and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEFE AND HUMAN CARE

Give to Disaster Relief: Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#)
[Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)

Call 888-930-4438 To make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

Mail On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.) **Make check payable and mail to:**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL: *Trinity Needs Fund (These funds help and assist fellow church members and other in time of need.)*

► **OFFERINGS: April 11 & 12, 2020: \$10,487.00** (Regular Envelopes, Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter) No Church Services

Weekly Budget Needs: \$3,605.80

► March Income: \$11,492.90

► March Expense: \$13,952.97

► Year to date receipts thru March: \$45,583.42

► Year to date expense thru March: \$51,587.99

► Difference between Yearly Income and Yearly Expense: \$6,004.57

If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to use envelopes this year, contact pastor or write, "Envelopes Please," by your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" register located at the end of the pews. You may mail your offering to, drop off at or bring it when we gather again at the church.)

PRESCHOOL NEWS – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148. TIMES March 2020 Newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

► **Mid-Week Stewardship Thought**

God's Almighty Power

Jesus hangs on the cross. People stand watching and jeering: *"He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One"* (Luke 23:35). They didn't know that God's power in Christ was working their salvation and ours. *"He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in Him, yet by God's power we will live with Him to serve you"* (2 Corinthians 13:4).

1 Peter 1:3b-4 – "He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." We have waiting for us an inheritance – a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting; they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.

Prayer: Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for the atoning blood of Jesus so that we can enjoy peace with You. Help us to be the ambassadors that You want us to be. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

+LIFE TOGETHER+

► **April 20, 2020 – April 26, 2020**

(All Divine services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled till the end of April. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close till further notice.)

► **April, May, June 2020 Archivist** is available in the Magazine Rack in the Narthex or call the church (824-8148) and will can send you a copy.

► **PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK**

Concordia Publishing House

cph.org 1-800-325-3040

If refocusing on catechetical teaching is a part of your church's goals or your personal goals, here are some titles that highlight the topic of Baptism. You'll find these and many more on cph.org.

A Simple Explanation of Baptism How can simple water transform a person into a child of God? How can this same water bring forgiveness and eternal salvation to those who believe? This small booklet guides those who are

wondering about Baptism through what the Bible states about its blessings and power. Perfect for sponsors, parents, or those considering Baptism, this booklet supplies answers to the most common questions about the Sacrament. *Item No. 142179/\$10.99 (Pack of 20)*

Lutheranism 101: Holy Baptism Baptism is not a mere symbol of rebirth. It is not a choice or a prize for attaining a certain amount of faith. Lutheranism 101: Holy Baptism gives an overview of what Baptism is, what it does, how it does it, and what it means for our lives now and into the future. Throughout, it emphasizes that the One doing the baptizing makes all the difference. Like the original book, Lutheranism 101: Baptism will never get too far away from the reality that it is all about Jesus. *Item No. 124398/\$10.99*

Martin Luther on Holy Baptism: Sermons to the People (1525–39) In a country where Baptist theology is the default for American Christianity, Martin Luther’s teaching on Baptism is critically needed by pastors, seminary students, and small-group leaders. While Luther’s catechisms address the topic of Baptism, his sermons on the subject are more comprehensive, and readers will be immersed repeatedly in Scripture’s clear word that God is truly present in Baptism. *Item No. 124540/\$19.99*

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

THE CAMP CILCA LOWDOWN

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

Part-Time Cook/Kitchen Assistant: CILCA is still in need of a part-time cook to help with Outdoor Education and the Summer Camp program. 10-30 hours per week. \$12-\$14 per hour. Contact the camp office to apply.

Summer Camp Registrations are available on the table in the narthex. And online

(► Indicates new announcements.) [You may also read our announcements online at www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the “Ritual of Friendship” located at the end of the pew.]