

WORSHIP FOLDER
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Imperatives: Tell!

April 25 & 26, 2020

As We Gather

The seven Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories—the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The theme of victory fills each of the Sundays of Easter and radiates out the joy of the first Easter morning week by week. One Easter hymnwriter exhorts: “Let hymns of praise His triumph tell” (*LSB* 464:3). There is so much to be sung and to be told about the victory of Jesus, our Lord—and we are the ones gifted with the opportunity to do the singing and the telling in our generation.

Order of Divine Service / *LSB* 151

Opening Hymn “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” *LSB* 465

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,

To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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.**

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit *Ps. 133; antiphon: Ps. 133:1* ("Singing the Psalms" LSB xxvi Tone E)



Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of |
Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

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

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Psalms Psalm 116:1–14 (antiphon: v. 5)

¹I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
²Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.
⁴Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”
⁵Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous,*
our God is | merciful.

⁶The LORD preserves the | simple; *
 when I was brought low, he | saved me.
⁷Return, O my soul, | to your rest; *
 for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.
⁸For you have delivered my | soul from death, *
 my eyes from tears,
 my feet from | stumbling;
⁹I will walk be- | fore the LORD *
 in the land of the | living.
¹⁰I believed, even | when I spoke, *
 “I am greatly af- | flicted”;
¹¹I said in | my alarm, *
 “All mankind are | liars.”
¹²What shall I render | to the LORD *
 for all his bene- | fits to me?
¹³I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation *
 and call on the name | of the LORD,
¹⁴I will pay my vows | to the LORD *
 in the presence of all his | people.

Epistle *1 Peter 1:17–25*

¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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 *Luke 24:13–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day “Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow” *LSB 476*

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow
Down Emmaus’ barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,
Bent beneath grief’s crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you,
We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding,
Eaten death’s bare, bitter bread.

- 2 Who is this who joins our journey,

Walking with us stride by stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom
Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told You
How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures
Till our hearts within us burned.

3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened
In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor
Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey,
Still surprise us with Your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus;
On our hearts Your image trace!

4 Who are we who travel with You
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!

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Sermon *Based on 1 Peter 1:17–25*

Title:
"The Word of God is Important"

Introduction:

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Luther points out the importance of God's Word in our lives. There is one whole commandment out of ten that is set aside for the Word of God. Ten percent of the Ten Commandments deal with the hearing and learning of God's Word.

When Luther writes, "We should fear and love God so that..," he is speaking about our faith in Christ Jesus. This faith in Christ moves us to grab hold of the importance of God's Word in our lives.

The Apostle Peter led by the Holy Spirit writes about this importance so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we cling to God's Word as something more precious than gold and silver. Or, as in our day, His Word is more important than our debit and credit cards, our 401k's, our stocks and bonds, our economic stimulation and weekly pay checks, and our saving accounts.

I. Through His Word He Gives Us Life

What makes God's Word important is what He is able to do through His Word. He gives us life. There is nothing more important than life. Without it we would remain dead in our sins. We would still be lost and condemn creatures. We would not know the love that God has for us, His creation. We would not have the forgiveness of sin. We would be under the wrath of God. The judgement of our deeds would be a death sentence. But because God has given us a new birth through His Word our deeds are judged according to the forgiveness of sins Christ has won for us and the grace that He has worked in our lives.

The importance of God's Word is that it is the means through which Christ works. It is not our intelligence, our ability to remember or any reason or strength on our part that brings us this life. It is through the Word of God as we hear it, recall it to memory or with our reason ponder the mystery of God's grace and forgiveness. It is still the Word of God that God the Holy Spirit works though we are tempted to believe that we are doing the work by hearing, remembering and pondering.

This is true of us as sinful human beings. We take the glory for something God has done or is doing. Take for instance the talk surrounding COVID-19. Everything points to what man can do to overcome this virus. And it is true people will be involved in winning this battle.

Yet, through the Word of God it has been revealed to us that God is at work. He uses means to accomplish His goals and purposes. He will use government to protect His people. He will reveal to the scientist the cure or preventive measures that are needed to be called upon in the battle. He will direct the spread of the virus to show us what is working and when it is time to

time for us to work toward a normalcy in life.

God the Father uses means to provide for us food and clothing, house and home, wife [spouse] and children, fields, cattle [employment] and all that we need to support this body and life. He uses medicines, medical care and surgeries to correct and help the body fight of infection, injury or failures of the body.

It is His way to use means. In the case of the Means of Grace, He uses His Word and His Word connected to water [Baptism] and to the bread and wine [The Lord's Supper] to bring into our hearts the new birth [life and forgiveness] that we need to be able hold His Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

II. It is the Good News

What God does through His Word makes His Word more precious than gold and silver. Our wealth and income may disappear, but God's Word remains forever. This coronavirus may cause us to loose our health, our wealth, our loved ones and our lives but it cannot take away our faith in Christ. We are like grass and flowers. We are fragile and do wither away. We are dust and to dust we will return. Wealth, health, our loved ones and ourselves cannot stop this.

The gifts of forgiveness and life cannot be taken away from us. God the Holy Spirit secures within our hearts a faith that grabs hold of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He grants us strength to know and believe this Good News and the salvation that it brings us. It empowers us to go forth to do deeds that are in accordance with God's Word. And in the assurance that He judges them according to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are confident that He accepts as our sacrifices of thanksgiving for all that He has done for us.

Conclusion:

The importance of God's Word is that it remains forever and the work God does through His Word will accomplish His purpose. In Latin, the phrase, "God's Word Endures Forever" is located on the middle stain glass window on the east side of the nave. It stands between the stain glass windows which symbolizes Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

I call the east wall windows, "The Means of Grace." When we gather again in public worship, look to those windows as a reminder of the importance of the Word of God in our lives. Look for other symbols in the church which impresses this message into our hearts through our eyes.

And know and be assured, God is still working through His Word to keep us in the one true faith till life everlasting.

T AMEN T

Nicene Creed

**C 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 T 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. Amen.

Offering

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.**

“ Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *LSB 919*

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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“Abide with Me” **LSB 878**

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev’ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4 Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” **LSB 908**

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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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 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" *LSB 477*

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

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

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior

Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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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 25 & 26, 2020

► **OUR CONDOLENCES TO** Marge Griffiths and families in the loss of her brother Rev. Robert (Bob) Hofener who passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

► **HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK** Jim Muir at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield

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

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 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: Marie Fourts, 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.

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This week on KFUE.org, continue in “The Righteousness of God for You” in the book of Romans on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear God’s word for you in daily chapel (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT), and find the comfort found only in Christ on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT / weekends at 7:45 a.m. CT). Find programs on demand at kfue.org.

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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.)

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

(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLUI. 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

► **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Easter 3*

Luke 24:13-35: Once again, today, we celebrate the blessings of Easter with one another, focusing on Jesus’ resurrection appearances. Did you notice that none of the resurrection appearances were marked by dramatic settings? Jesus was mistaken for a gardener. He showed up on a dusty road. He walked along the shoreline watching His disciples’ fish. We notice the common, every day sights and sounds of Jesus’ appearances and the ordinary routines which He blessed with His abiding presence. The resurrected Jesus comes to us in Word and Sacrament, ordinary means, and He appears to us at meal times, in fun times, amid our work and in the face of our worries. He comes to people of faith and to those plagued by doubt and worry. Did you miss Christ’s presence

with you today? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the eyes to see Jesus' abiding presence on your walk of life today, and then celebrate it, but also boldly share this truth with others. Jesus is alive! He is present with and for you. And He is alive for the world around you.

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR –Easter III** – Forgiveness, salvation, everlasting life: the promise is for you and your children (Acts 2:38-39). However these children come to exist; however long they are with us; however little, invisible, incapable, the Lord of Life makes no distinction about durations or locations. He who calls you also calls all the children His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever.

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 RELIEF 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 18& 19, 2020:** No Money Counters this past week

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

The Holy Spirit Equips and Powers Us

“When He rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ‘Why are you sleeping?’ He asked them” (Luke 22:45-46). Jesus was exhausted too. After all, He was human. He got hungry and tired, just as His disciples did. We are prone to shake our heads at those lazy, disloyal disciples, but how often do we say we’re too tired to serve, too poor to give, too inadequate to help? Like the disciples who were transformed on Pentecost, we have received the Holy Spirit Who equips, enables, and energizes us to be God’s stewards.

1 Peter 1:18-19 – “Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” We have been ransomed – bought back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom but in line with God’s Word.

Prayer: Our gracious Heavenly Father, You have given us the message and the power to proclaim the Gospel. Give us joy and courage in our task. Forgive us when we fail our responsibility. Thank You for Your Son Who has lived the perfect life of stewardship for us. Through Him we ask these things. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

+LIFE TOGETHER+

► April 26, 2020 –May 3, 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.)

► PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

Concordia Publishing House
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From Pastor: Dr. Schurb does a great job. Take a look at this.

May 4—June 12, 2020

A Daily Walk through Paul’s Missionary Journeys

A Daily Video–Based or Podcasted Bible Study

OVERVIEW

The Book of Acts is a real-life look at the apostles’ work to spread the Good News that they had witnessed. Paul’s mission to spread the Gospel was monumental, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide him to lands that had never witnessed Christianity. He knew that God would lead him to those who needed to hear His Word and Truth the most.

Right now, people everywhere need to hear the Good News as much as they did during Paul's time. That's why Concordia Publishing House is offering this CPH FaithCourse®, *Bringing the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth: Paul's Missionary Journeys*, for free. We want to provide everyone with a resource that is planned out and easy for you to enjoy.

Join Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb and all of us at CPH for this first-ever synchronous Bible study, starting May 4 through Friday, June 12, with this free CPH FaithCourse. With animated maps that truly encompass the geographical and historical context of Paul's journeys, Rev. Dr. Schurb will take everyone in this Bible study through the Book of Acts, following Paul to the ends of the earth in his proclamation of the Good News. This distinctly Lutheran study of Paul's missionary journeys is easy to use, understand, and study as an individual or as a group. There are discussions guides for pastors and Bible study leaders to use during your weekly gatherings to guide your online study.

This synchronous Bible study will be delivered to your inbox or preferred podcast player every day, Monday through Friday, during the duration of the study for you to join in. From everyone at Concordia Publishing House, we pray that this study is a blessing for you during this difficult time.

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb served as professor of theology at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, before becoming the assistant to the LCMS president. He earned a degree in systematic theology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a PhD in history from The Ohio State University. He currently serves on the Central Illinois District staff for evangelism, missions, and stewardship.

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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.]