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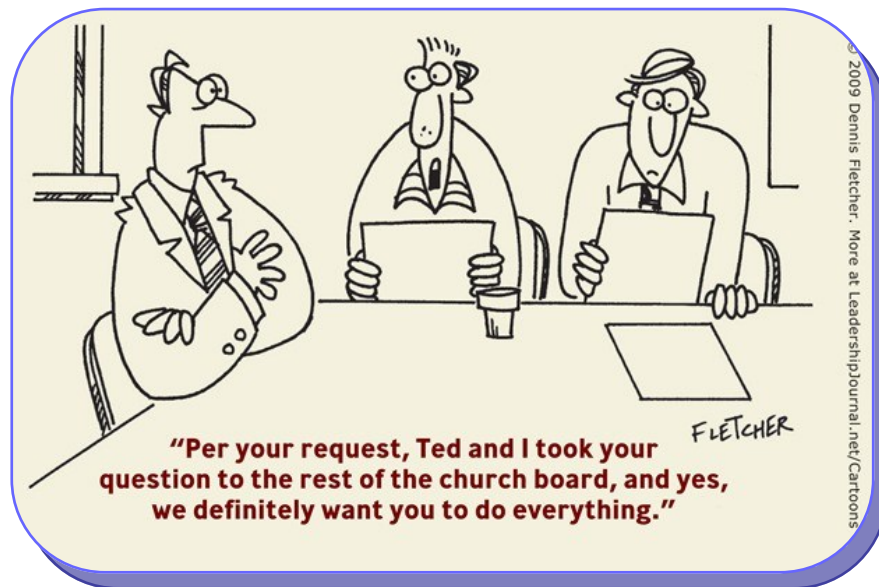
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LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 12, 2020

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Announcements

Sunday, 4/12 The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

8:00am Choir Practice-*Not Gathering at this time*
9:00am Divine Service-*Not Gathering at this time*
10:45am Adult Class-*Not Gathering at this time*

Sunday, 4/19 The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00am Choir Practice-*Not Gathering at this time*
9:00am Divine Service-*Not Gathering at this time*
10:45am Adult Class-*Not Gathering at this time*

Welcome to Guests and Visitors!

We are so glad you joined us for worship this morning! If you are not familiar with Lutheran Worship it may help to know that page numbers in the bulletin’s order of worship are found at the bottom of the page in the hymnal, while hymn numbers are found at the top.

Concerning Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Anyone else wishing to receive a blessing may also come forward during this time. Simply cross your arms over your chest (heart) as the Pastor and Servers come near you and the Pastor will pronounce a blessing over you.

Our Plans for Holy Week Observances

Pastor Tim intends to provide bulletins and sermons for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course, Easter Sunday. It is hoped that each home does as much of the services as possible. If you feel you are unable to chant and sing the liturgy and hymns, then read them. Certainly read the lessons. And have someone check out our web site to play the sermon.

The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

Take full advantage of the prayer resource we send you each week. Do it with someone else as much as possible. Give the daily Psalms and readings a good workout.

Today's Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Naomi Rislow
Reader	Jeremy Schoonvoer
Crucifer	Sam Schoonover
Acolyte	Elyse Schoonover
Ushers	Mary Bartos
Counters	Naomi Rislow/Hannah Scholze
Communion Assistant	Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist	Tom Rislow
Fellowship	tba

April 19, 2020 Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Tom Rislow
Reader	Jarrod Roll
Crucifer	Dawson Staff
Acolyte	Drew Staff
Ushers	Wendell Halderson
Counters	Heather Roll/Connie Meunier
Communion Assistant	Jarrod Roll
Accompanist	Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship	tba

Last Month's Income

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
February	\$7,714.00	\$7,780.80

March Attendance And Giving

	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Gen Giving</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Building</u>
Mar 01	31	\$1,698.20	\$1,945.20	\$345.00
Mar 08	35	\$1,735.00	\$1,945.20	\$7,330.00
Mar 15	22	\$2,553.00	\$1,945.20	\$300.00
Mar 22	0	\$1,470.00	\$1,945.20	\$60.00
Mar 29	0	\$2,305.00	\$1,945.20	\$210.00
Running Total		\$9,761.20	\$9,726.00	\$8,245.00
YTD Total		\$24,825.55	\$25,287.60	\$10,915.81
				\$96,823.26

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter affirms for devout Cornelius that Jesus is truly the Christ; the Spirit affirms for Peter that the Gospel applies to all people without partiality.

The First Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts...

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 16 (Page 220)

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

The truly good life is the life we receive from Jesus! It is not temporal prosperity, popularity, or pleasure. Instead it is the incomparable rewards that belong to eternal life.

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Colossians...

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The women see the empty tomb and the angel, who proclaims that Christ is risen. Later Jesus himself appears to the women as they were on their way to tell his disciples.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Prayers of the Faithful

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

A brief silence

Dear Father of our risen Lord Jesus, adorn your Church with the festal garland of faith, hope, and love. Look kindly upon its worship of your risen Son. Give it concord within its house, and peace within the world. Make it radiant in faith, lovely in holiness, and beautiful in charity. By its words and deeds, bring many to know and adore Jesus as Savior and Lord. We ask this especially for the Roman Catholic Church and Pope Francis. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill our persecuted sisters and brothers with faith, courage, and joy. Let that light shine on their enemies, so they see the truth of Jesus' Lordship, and turn to him in repentant faith. We especially pray for Didi Panzo and the recovery of his sight. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed the people of this congregation with the milk and honey of sincerity and truth. Make us lovely with your mercy, forgiveness, and goodness. Use us to draw many who are afar off into your welcoming embrace, so together we sing: "Christ is risen! Alleluia!" Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We plead on behalf of the many people who are quarantined and isolated because of exposure to the Covid-19, Corona virus; for everyone who is already ill; and for those who are at the greatest risk of severe illness or death. Hide them under the shadow of your wings, and grant them healing and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow your peace upon this weary and war-sick world. Teach all who wield authority and power, in any field or enterprise, to use those gifts wisely and humbly. And give to all – especially those who are poor, forgotten, grieving, or despairing – a foretaste of the joys you have prepared for all who love you. We especially pray for our President, Donald Trump and our Governor, Tony Evers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the good men and women that risk their lives to protect others and stand against the forces of chaos and hatred. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that Jesus' triumph over sin and death may bring healing to all who are bowed down in suffering of any kind. We especially pray for Birger Eklov, Cynthia Granger, Carol Halderson, Janet Sisul, Doris Stanke, Marge Wangen, Phil Webber, and those we now name before you... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Moment of silence for individual petitions and intercessions

We thank you for the lives and the faithful witness of those who have already gone ahead of us into your glorious Kingdom of light. Let your Son accompany us along our pilgrimage, to lighten our load and illuminate our path. And let us, with all the redeemed of every time and place; every race, nation and tongue, stand before your throne and sing your praise in strains of triumphant gladness for ever and ever and to the ages of ages. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, Merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**