

**Printed Sermon Copies and Large Print Hymns Available in Entryway** –

Printed copies of the sermon and large print versions of the hymns are available each week on the entryway table in the front of church.

**Board of Ed** - Will meet briefly after the Easter Brunch today to do some more discussing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher call.

**Call Meeting - Sun. April 23<sup>rd</sup> – After Worship Service** – We are setting the tentative date for our call meeting for **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** after our worship service.

**Mission Outreach Meeting – Sun. April 30<sup>th</sup> – After Worship** – Our Mission Board met on Thursday night to discuss plans going forward for “inreach” and “outreach” (sharing the Gospel and giving encouragement both inside and outside our congregation). We are planning on having a meeting and a light lunch after our worship service on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** for anyone who would like to learn more about our plans and how you can join our mission efforts. Please make plans to join us!

**CLC News** – Pastor Neal Radichel of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN. <> Immanuel has called Mr. Benjamin Hanel as high school Social Studies teacher. <> Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac, MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III has returned the call to open the school at Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Ann Sprengeler, Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

**Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat** – Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat at Camp JIM in **Pillager, MN, June 15–18 (Thurs. - Sun.)**. The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 1st, 2017), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is **\$140.00 per adult** (ages 12 and up), **\$100 per child** (ages 0-11). This year's theme is “Jars of Clay”. Our theme is based on 2 Corinthians 4:7 *“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”* If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! You can find more information and register on our web site: [www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com](http://www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com). For more info, please contact: Sam Rodebaugh (414) 534-7279 [sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com) or Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 [joshohlmann@swbell.net](mailto:joshohlmann@swbell.net).

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**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 118 ✠  
(Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible)

**Opening Hymn: 480 He's Risen, He's Risen** (please stand for the last verse) LSB 480

### Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

- P** Alleluia, Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**
  
- P** We celebrate this Resurrection day in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
  
- P** Upon the hill the cross stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the empty tomb!
- C** **Christ is risen, Alleluia!**
  
- P** New life is awakened! Our own resurrection is assured!  
God has given a living hope—an eternal hope—to a dying world!
- C** **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Amen!**

### Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** O Lord, prepare us for worship as we confess our sins.
- C** **Dear Heavenly Father, we have come together to stand in Your presence, to hear Your Word, and to worship You by celebrating the resurrection of Your Son.**
  
- P** O holy and righteous God, You alone can make us clean. Your mercies never end; they are new every morning. You have told us in Your Word, **"We were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).** With Your command and promise in mind, therefore, we come to You to confess our sins.



**Closing Hymn: 461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives** (please stand for last 2 verses)

(v. 1-2 ALL; v. 3 Women; v. 4 Men; v. 5 Women; v. 6 Men; v. 7-8 ALL)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today:

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt** – After Worship Service  
**Easter Brunch** – (after Easter Egg Hunt) in Fellowship Hall  
**Board of Ed Meeting** – after brunch

This Week:

Tuesday – **St. Stephen School Resumes – 8am**  
Wednesday – **Elders – 6:30pm / Church Council – 7pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 8:45am / Worship – 10am**  
4/23/17

**St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm / Bible Class – 2pm**

**April Elder & Usher:** Paul Pelzl (Elder) & Shaun Levandoski (Usher)



**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel message of our Risen Savior Jesus at our Easter worship service. We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry. If you would like more information about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Luke.

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch** – Please join us for a children's Easter Egg Hunt (outside) and an Easter Brunch in the fellowship hall following our worship service.

## Offertory

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Sermon Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

LSB 465

**Easter Prayer / Prayer Requests** *We bring our prayers to God.*

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 209

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

☐ **O holy and merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth.**

**In countless ways I have sinned against You  
and do not deserve to be called Your child.**

**But at Your gracious invitation I come to You,  
and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ and His suffering and death, I plead:  
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

☐ Having heard your confession, I as a called servant of Christ assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☐ **Amen.**

**490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

LSB 490 v. 1-2



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.

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## The Easter Accounts

(A Compilation of some of the events of Jesus' Resurrection Day from the Four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

### Jesus' Resurrection From the Dead

**Narrator:** Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And now, as the first day of the week began to dawn, while it was still dark, they came to see the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves,

**WOMEN: "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"**

**Narrator:** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, for it was very large.

When Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb, she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

**WOMEN: "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."**

**Narrator:** The other women entered the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments, one young man clothed in a long white robe, sitting on the right side. And the women were alarmed and afraid and bowed their faces to the earth. And the angel answered and said to the women,

**MEN: "Do not be afraid or alarmed; for I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you seek the Living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen, as He said. Behold, here is the place where they laid Him. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.""**

## Confession of Faith: 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed (Luther's Catechism, Sydow p. 87)

**☒ "I believe 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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

**This is most certainly true!"**

**Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns** (please stand for the last verse) *LSB 525*

### **Sermon: "The Actions of Christ's Passion" – Raised!**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 15:13-20 (NKJV)**

**<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. <sup>15</sup> Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up -- if in fact the dead do not rise. <sup>16</sup> For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup> Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. <sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**MEN:** "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

**Chris:** When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. But while they still did not believe for joy and marveled, He said to them,

**MEN:** "Have you any food here?"

**Chris:** So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb, and He took it and ate in their presence.

And He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. Then He said to them,

**MEN:** "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms concerning Me."

**Chris:** And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them,

**ALL:** "Thus it is written and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."

**Chris:** So Jesus said to them again,

**ALL:** "Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

**Chris:** And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them,

**ALL:** "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**Narrator:** And they remembered His words. And he said to them,

**MEN:** "But go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and indeed, He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. Behold, I have told you."

**Narrator:** So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, for they trembled and were amazed; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And they ran to report it to His disciples.

#### 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469 v. 1-4



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

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#### The Visit of Peter and John

**Paul:** Peter therefore arose and went out, and the other disciple, and they ran to the tomb. So they both ran together; and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. Stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and the handkerchief, that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes, and Peter marveled to himself at what had happened.

## Jesus' Appearance to Mary Magdalene

**Paul:** Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping; and, as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her,

**MEN:** "Woman, why are you weeping?"

**WOMEN:** She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

**Paul:** Now when she had said this, she turned around, and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

**MEN:** "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

**Paul:** She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him,

**WOMEN:** "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

**Paul:** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him,

**WOMEN:** "Rabboni," which is to say, Teacher.

**MEN:** Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me; for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

**Paul:** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept, that she had seen the Lord, and He had spoken these things to her. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

## Hymn: "Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb"

Hymn 203 – TLH

♪ **Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.  
Day of triumph through the skies, See the glorious Savior rise.**

**You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade.  
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.**

**Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears.  
Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.**

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## Jesus' Appearance to the Other Women

**Chris:** And as the other women went to tell the disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying,

**MEN:** "Rejoice."

**Chris:** So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them,

**MEN:** "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

**Chris:** And they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

## Jesus' Appearance to the Disciples Behind Closed Doors

**Chris:** Now as they said these things, when it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus Himself came and stood in the midst of them, and said to them,

**MEN:** "Peace be with you."

**Chris:** He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table. But they were terrified and frightened and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said to them,