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**HIE IS
RISEN!**



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Easter Sunday

Welcome to all in the name of our Risen Savior!

Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! He is alive! We have complete forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! If you are looking for a church home, we would invite you to join us as we gather to worship our ever-living Savior Jesus every Sunday morning! Please sign our Guest Book at the entry of the church, and if you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Tom Naumann. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today's Worship!

"Christ is Arisen" Solo

Invocation and Responsive Greeting

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.

C The Lord is risen!

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Christ was delivered for our offenses;

C He was raised again for our justification.

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn 461:1-2 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

1 *I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.*

2 *He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God, on this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His Only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

Hymn 461:3-4 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

*3 He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.*

*4 He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives forevermore and reigns as our glorious King.

C **Amen.**

The Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-10*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but

the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Hymn 480:1-3 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

*1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the 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.*

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Hymn 480:4-5 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

**4 Oh, where is thy 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,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign!**

Easter Creed

We stand and join in an Easter Confession of Faith based on Job 19:23-27.

☑ Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God; Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Because Jesus lives, I shall live also. Amen, Amen, that is: Yes, indeed, it shall be so!

The Baptism of Kyle Rankin

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4

Baptismal Hymn 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

**1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasure many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

**2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

***4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.***

***5 There is nothing worth comparing To this life-long comfort sure!
Open-eyed by grave is staring; Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!***

The Sermon: John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"--and that he had said these things to her.

Theme: EASTER TEARS

I. Weep no more for the dead. II. Weep with joy for the living!

Hymn 461:5-8 (TLH): I Know that My Redeemer Lives

***5 He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.***

***6 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.***

***7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.***

***8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"***

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "Scmctzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

The Easter Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

The petitions of the congregation are gathered and presented to the Lord.

G 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
G Amen!

Closing Hymn 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Worship at Mt. Zion

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God! (Acts 2:11)

The Bible teaches that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God” (Romans 10:17). God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We hope you were able to enjoy this morning's brunch served by the men of the congregation. Thanks to all who helped and to those who brought delicious things to eat!

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Kyle Rankin who has been born again today of water and the Word. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives the gift of saving faith in Jesus Christ, thereby washing away all sins and making Mason a dear child of the heavenly Father, a member of the Holy Christian Church, and an heir of eternal life. Praise be to God!

EASTER LILIES: If you supplied Easter Lilies for our services this morning, we thank you for sharing!

THE Q2 VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday following the service. Those planning to be absent are asked to please inform President Carl Ryan beforehand.

UPCOMING MT. ZION EVENTS

Tue. 4/11	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Thu. 4/13	7pm	Board of Ed Meeting
Sun. 4/16	9am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting
Sun. 4/23	11am	Congregational Meeting: Update from BoE on Christian Day School planning
Sun. 8/6	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Matt and Susan Fobear

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 34; Bible Class/Sunday School = 21

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$27,730.77	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$37,218.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$5184.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3721.88
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$70,602.99

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Wittorps** are expecting a baby girl in April. **The Ryans** are expecting a baby in September. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma (cancer).

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

P What is the First Article?

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

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.**

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life.

He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Chad Seybt of the quad parish of the CLC churches in Onalaska, Fairchild, Millston, and Melrose, WI **has returned the call** from the dual parish of Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension, Tacoma, WA.<> Calvary, Marquette, MI **is requesting** a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor.<> Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA **has returned the call** to serve as the third pastor at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. Messiah **has now called** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith, New Ulm, MN. <> Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI, **has called** Mrs. Chris Gerbitz as teacher. Mrs. Gerbitz is a member at Peace Thru Christ. <> Grace, Valentine, NE **is requesting** a graduate from the ILC Education Department to teach middle grades.

WEEKLY SERMON PODCAST: For nearly 65 years, the CLC's Ministry by Mail has been producing print sermons for distribution. Originally this was done by postal mail, especially for members living at a distance from their home church or serving in the military. With the arrival of the internet, sermons began being sent by email and posted online (www.lutheransermons.org). This past Advent, Ministry by Mail began offering audio versions of their sermons through weekly Podcast services. You can find these sermons on most major podcast platforms such as Google, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify by searching "CLC Ministry by Mail." Hit "subscribe" or "follow" to receive notifications of weekly uploads.