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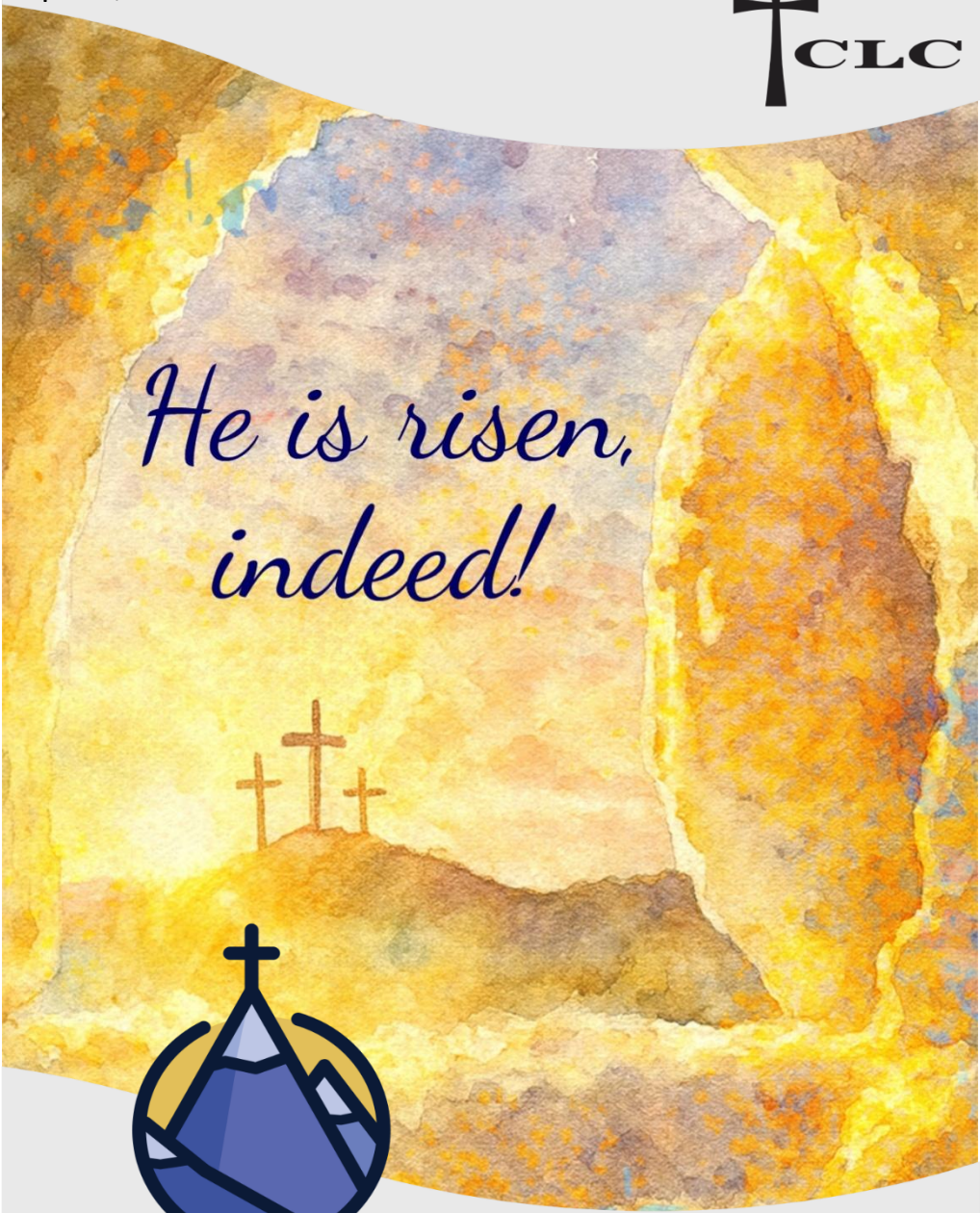

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Easter Sunday

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! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today's Order of Service

"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.

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 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 461:5-8 *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 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 Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 31:1-6*

"At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people." [2] Thus says the LORD: "The people

who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, [3] the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. [4] Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. [5] Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. [6] For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'"

Easter Responsive Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

P Oh, that my words were written!
C Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
P That they were engraved on a rock!
C With an iron pen and lead, forever!
P For I know that my Redeemer lives,
C And He shall stand at last on the earth;
P And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
C That in my flesh I shall see God,
P Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
C How my heart yearns within me!
P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4*

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

Easter Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world.
I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the

hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy. With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the firstfruits of all who sleep Him.

Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal life on the Last Day.

Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.

Hymn 480 *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.

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!

The Sermon: *Matthew 28:1-10*

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. [2] And 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. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4] And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. [7] Then 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." [8] So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

THEME: BEST DAY EVER

I. Come to see Jesus with death on the mind. (1)
II. Hear the good news of life redefined. (2-7)
III. Bask in the truth of fear left behind. (8-10)

Sermon Hymns

Hymn 470:1-2 *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Hymn 490:1-2 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

Hymn 463:1,4 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hymn 469:1,4-5 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hymn 465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

1 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 Oh, 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!

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 $cashtag is "$clcmtzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

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.

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.

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.

C 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!

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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.

- ✝ Restrooms are located to the left after you exit down the main aisle.
- ✝ A Parents Room is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✝ If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book.
- ✝ If you are looking for a church home, ask Pastor Tom about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

EASTER BRUNCH: 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!

EASTER LILIES: If you supplied lilies for our service this morning, we thank you!

NAUMANN'S LAST SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 12. A catered meal will follow the service. All are welcome! Pastor is looking forward to serving you one last time with God's Word and Sacrament before moving to Minnesota. Please come and say goodbye to him, Ashley, and the kids!

DIVINE CALL FOR NEW PASTOR: Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Columbia, South Carolina is considering our divine call to serve as pastor of Mt. Zion. Please keep Pastor Pfeiffer in your prayers as we await the Holy Spirit's will. If you have any questions, please direct them to Elders Matt Fobear, Dave Troyan, or Randy Wittorp.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sun. 4/12	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Sunday Service (Pastor's Farewell)
	11am	Naumann Farewell Meal
Sun. 4/19	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance: Last Sunday=36 Maundy Thursday=28 Good Friday= 31

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: $35,500.00	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: 2,730.77
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: $38,762.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: $1,348.00
Building Fund: $9,817.00	CLC General (10% of GF): $3,876.00
School Fund (Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Fund): $117,018.54	

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Matt Fobear ***Church Cleaners:*** Naumanns

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. **Dave and Peggy Green** remain homebound as Dave continues to suffer from a very debilitating form of Parkinson's disease. **Zaiga Hauserman** remains homebound as she recovers from an illness. We continue to ask the LORD to provide a **new pastor for Mt. Zion** according to His will and timing; **Pastor David Pfeiffer** of Holy Trinity, Columbia, SC, is currently considering the call.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION (CLC) ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL NEWS Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has **returned** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has **received** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

RETIREMENT Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN, has **retired** due to non life-threatening health concerns. His last service was March 29, 2026.

ILC DORM SUPERVISOR NEEDED: Jaqi Bredehoft will be resigning as girls dorm supervisor at the end of this school year. We thank her for her faithful service to the LORD and for being such a positive role model to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. This role is vital to our campus, given how dorm supervisors provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.