

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

## Service Notes:

Hymns: 457, 459, 458, 461, 633, 478, 482, 463, 467  
 Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8  
 Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8  
 Sermon: "He Is Risen" Mark 16:1-8

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Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Lenten Service	03/24	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	95 17
Thursday	03/25	7:00 p.m.	33
Palm Sunday	03/28	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	83 96

**FLOWERS** are given by the Altar Guild.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** for the birth of a baby girl to Danny and Jamie Rawson. May the Lord bring her safely to this font for the rebirth of Holy Baptism.

**NEW MEMBERS** We welcome Octavio Perez who joined by adult confirmation last week and Sarah Perez who joined by affirmation of faith. May our Lord continue to strengthen their faith throughout their lives.

**THANK YOU** to the Heritage Funeral Home for the donation of palms for the Palm Sunday and Easter Services.

**SWD STUDENT FINANCIAL AID** Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information and the two applications required to be considered for Financial Aid, visit the SWD website – [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org) – under Resources. The deadline is May 15.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 04/04 **EASTER SERVICES** 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
 No Sunday School/Adult Bible Class  
 Monday 04/05 No School - Easter Monday  
 Wednesday 04/07 H.O.N.E.Y. Box Donation  
 Thursday 04/08 **DIVINE SERVICE** 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 04/11 **DIVINE SERVICES** 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
 Scrip Orders Due

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Barbara Blue, Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Delrose Krueger, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Dave Sievert.

**CHURCH/SCHOOL OFFICE** will be closed Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5. For emergencies, please call Pastor Fabrizio for church and Nathan Wingfield for school issues.

**SCRIP** Orders are due next Sunday, **April 11**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**CHURCH PROCEDURES** Starting April 11 the hymnals, Bibles, Communion cards and pencils will be back in the pews. We will still use every other row for seating. We will continue to take the offering in the narthex.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-3/31/20)	\$416,527.70
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-3/29/21)	\$436,348.24
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$445,424.86
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$9,076.62)

**ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM** list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

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**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR  
EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 12, 2020**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Job 19:23-27 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup> Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALMODY

### Psalm 118:15-29 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, <sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## INTROIT

He is risen! Alle- | luia!\*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia, \*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\*  
you have put all things under | his feet.

O | Lord, our Lord, \*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**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.**

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*Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b*

# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

*“He Is Risen”*

April 4 through April 10, 2021

*Every funeral in church is a service that mirrors this day. Funerals for the faithful Christian are the culmination of all the Easters they have celebrated on this earth as they anticipate their own resurrection. Those who have died in the faith are brought to this nave where they have so often sung of Christ’s resurrection and their own. Their fellow members of the congregation come to sing hymns proclaiming the resurrection of Christ. The liturgy of the funeral always includes the Apostles’ Creed, that is the baptismal creed. The casket is draped in a white pall with a gold cross banding to proclaim the crown of life granted to those who have died in this most holy faith as saints of God. The readings often include the Easter Gospel accounts. So let us feast on Christ this day that we may be ready for the day of our own death and resurrection. Let us also not forget the Easter reality at each Christian funeral held in this place.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

## **THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>8</sup> We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK:**

68:20-35

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O You who have ascended upon the clouds, be a father to the fatherless and defend all widows. Watch over the families of this congregation even as you watched over the families of Israel in the wilderness according to Your Word. Blessed be the ascended Lord. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	Luke 24:13-27
Wednesday	Luke 24:28-35
Thursday	Luke 24:33-49
Friday	John 20:19-31
Saturday	John 20:19-31

## **CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties**

### **Of Citizens**

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. *Matthew 22:21*

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. *Romans 13:5-7*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior. *1 Timothy 2:1-3*

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. *Titus 3:1*

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

*1 Peter 2:13-14*

**Luther, Sermon for Holy Easter (1533):** Therefore, we must not only believe that Christ died and rose from the dead in his own person, but also that we partake of this suffering and resurrection as a treasured gift and derive genuine comfort from the same, even as we sing in the Easter hymn: “Christ is arisen from the grave’s dark prison; We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness.” Clearly, Christ wishes to comfort us with his resurrection. That is a great hymn and very comforting, yes, with truly inspiring text, teaching us that the victory and the glorious resurrection of this most noble person is a gift to all believers, for each one to have against his own death; I against mine, you against yours, for Christ’s resurrection is greater than heaven and earth. By it, the sins and death of all mankind have been swallowed up. My righteousness cannot redeem me from a single sin, let alone the entire burden of sin and death. But because this person is true God and man, he accomplishes it, gaining an eternal, glorious victory over sin, death, and the devil. The same victory is mine if only I believe in him and confess him to be the person who has accomplished all this for me and all believers. If a person does not wish to believe this, let him be. We preach to those who gladly hear and who have need of this message. These are the ones who live in mortal fear and despair of death and say, I have sinned; I

have neither peace nor rest. When the devil attacks an individual, he makes heaven and earth too narrow for the person. The devil plagues me at times, too, creating such a tempest and fire over a forgivable sin that I find that I do not know what to do. Those are his tactics with sin. He does the same with death also. He can intimidate a person in such a frightful, horrible, heinous manner that the individual forgets entirely about God and His Word.

He is a virtuoso and a champion when it comes to sin and death, reproaching a person in a very masterful manner . . . Against such an enemy it is necessary and needful that we arm and compose ourselves with a correct understanding of the power and fruit of Christ's resurrection, . . . that he shares his estate and inheritance with us. He did not come for his own sake to earth; for his own sake, he did not permit himself to be crucified; he had no need of this for himself, but rather bore our sin and by his death devoured and swallowed up our death. Hell, to which we were destined, he has destroyed, as the prophet Hosea writes (13:14) . . . He is speaking of our death and of hell which held us captive, stating that he will exterminate the sin which accuses me, and he will annihilate death and hell which would devour and swallow me up. (*Sermons of Martin Luther, The House Postils*, 2:14-15, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB 483 "*With High Delight Let Us Unite*" (stanza 2)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER QUASIMODO GENITI

*April 11, 2021*  
"Hearing Is Seeing"

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 468, 470, 483, 741, 477, 480, 487

### READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
1 John 5:4-10  
John 20:19-31

How often have you heard the pastor say "Peace be with you"? These are the words of the Risen Christ spoken to you by His called and ordained servants. They have their power and authority in the death and resurrection of Christ. It is from His death and resurrection that your peace comes. It is not death alone or resurrection alone, but the two together. The peace Christ offers is seen in the wounded hands, feet, and side. Are these not the five wounds that remind us of the Law that condemns us in the five books of the Law? He bore the curse of the Law that you might receive the gift of peace from His Father, instead of the punishment from the Father that you rightly earn. The wounds remain on His hands as a continual reminder of the price He paid for your salvation. Yet the One who holds out those wounded hands is alive. He is not a bodiless spirit or ghost. He is a living, breathing, eating man in the flesh. This is the life that He gives to you in the sacrament of baptism – the very victory over death itself. Do not fear that your bodies are nothing for they have been adopted as sons of the Father and will share fully in the resurrection of Christ. The pastor gives you peace and then reads the Word of the Risen Christ to you. The pastor gives you peace as you eat and drink the Risen Lord's body and blood that prepares your body for the resurrection of all flesh. Your bodies become witnesses of this peace as you daily share in the sufferings of Christ and finally in His resurrection to eternal life. Believe these words of peace for they are not a wish, but a promise.