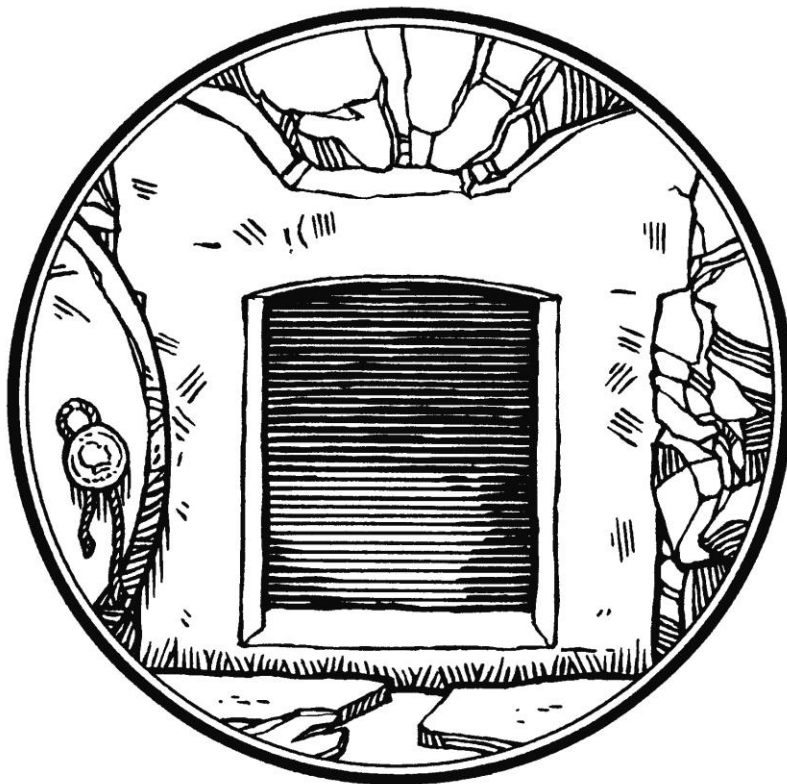


THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION



APRIL 5, 2026

9:00 A.M.

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AS WE GATHER— FOR US HE LIVES ON HIGH TO REIGN

Sin brings separation and death. That sin separates us from God and divides us from one another. But in Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we are united to God once again. As we hear in Jeremiah, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you" (31:3). Nothing will separate you from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord (Romans 8:39). Thanks be to God for the victory in Jesus Christ!

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

PRELUDE "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY" **CINDY BLEVINS**

HYMN "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" **457**
STANZA 1- ALL, 2-WOMEN AND GIRLS, 3-MEN AND BOYS, 4-ALL

INVOCATION *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

EXODUS 15:2A, 6, 13, 17-18; ANTIPHON: V. 15:1B

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

**The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation;**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

**You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

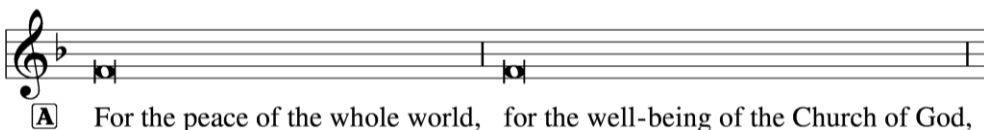
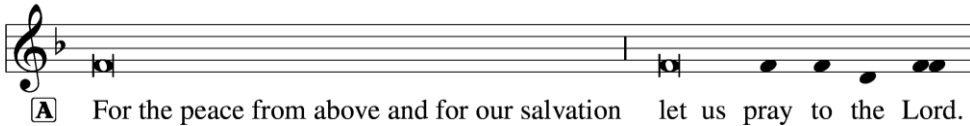
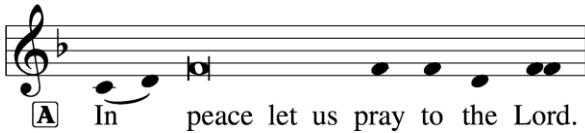
The LORD will reign forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

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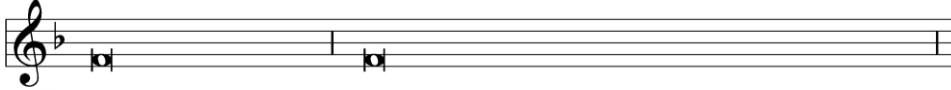




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



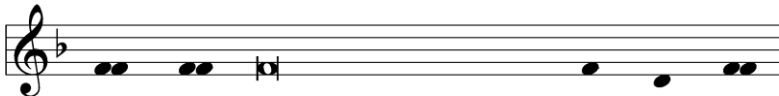
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"THIS IS THE FEAST"

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. 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.



C A - men.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“HIS BATTLE ENDED THERE”

OLD TESTAMENT

JEREMIAH 31:1-6

¹“At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be My people.” ²Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you. ⁴Again 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. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For 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.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

MATTHEW 28:7; HEBREWS 2:7; PSALM 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:38-39

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL “ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS”

CHORAL ANTHEM

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL “GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING”

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NICENE CREED

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SERMON HYMN

“THE STRIFE IS O’ER, THE BATTLE DONE”

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OFFERTORY HYMN

“HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P ...Lord, in your Mercy:

C Hear our Prayer.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PAGES 160-165

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

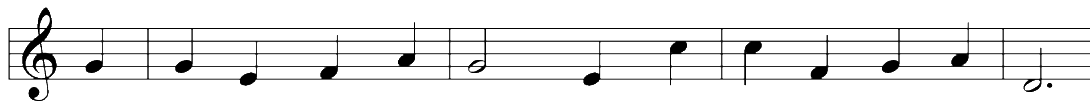
We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

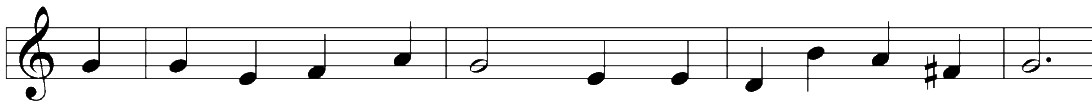
Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

PREFACE

(TUNE: 478)



P The Lord is with His peo - ple; The Lord God be with you.



G The Lord is with His ser - vants The Lord be with you too.



P Your thank-ful hearts now raise him. **G** To God we lift them high.



G 'Tis right to thank and praise Him Who to His world draws nigh.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

(TUNE: 457)



C 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 So we shout ho - san - nas high.



1 God of pow - er, might, and sword, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Blest is He who now draws nigh.



1 Earth and heav - en both a - bound, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For He comes in God's own name,



1 With your glo - ry and re - known. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 To un - do our guilt and shame.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, blessed are You, for You loved the world so much that You gave your only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for His entire obedient life of service, His sacrificial death, and His glorious resurrection. Gathered in His name, we ask You to bless us as we partake of His body and His blood. Strengthen us thereby to witness to His rising; and grant us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation which come to us in this sacrament. To you, O Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(TUNE: 465)

Christ, Lamb of God, You take a - way The
sins of all this Eas - ter Day. Lord, have mer - cy!
Al - le - lu - ia! Grant peace to all who hear Your
Word That they may praise You, ris - en
Lord. Lord, have mer - cy! Lord, have mer - cy!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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“THE DAY OF RESURRECTION” 478

“O LOVE, HOW DEEP” 544

NUNC DIMITTIS

(TUNE: 461)



C 1 Oh, thank the Lord, whose good - ness sure And stead-fast
 2 As His own ser - vants we de - part With His sal -
 3 Lord, let us show the world Your light; Let us de -
 4 Glo - ry to God, the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



love for - e'er en - dure! Our eyes have seen, our
 va - tion in our heart. His sav - ing power He
 clare Your glo - ry bright, Pro - claim Your death un -
 Spir - it, Three in One! Oh, thank the Lord, whose



ears have heard, And we have tast - ed of His word.
 has made known; His love through all the earth is shown.
 til You come To take Your ran - somed ser - vants home.
 good - ness sure And stead-fast love for - e'er en - dure!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and † gives you peace.



CLOSING HYMN “NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS” 465

STANZA 1- ALL, 2-MEN AND BOYS, 3-WOMEN AND GIRLS, 4-ALL

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Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 167

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

Thank you to the following for providing special music for this morning's service:

Children's Choir:

Miriam, Naomi, Anna and Martha Barlau

Men's Choir

Chuck Thiel, Jim Hlavka, Wayne Hasz, Dan Heiraas, Lynn Mueller

Instrumentalists

Flute- Amanda Barlau, Evelyn Dial, Jane Holasek, Tracy Peterson

Alto Saxophone: Ava LaMott, Eli LaMott, Kiley Mallak

Trumpet: Brielle Christen, Adam Posselt

Trombone: Levi Lee

In Our Prayers

+ Scott Christenson

+ Andy Birkholz

+ Dan Gueningsman

+ Maya Radtke

+ Sonya Clausen

+ Bonnie Rehmann

+ Darian Litzau

+ Merlin Mathews

+ Danny Barlau

+ Hillard Klaustermeier

+ Angela Litzau

+ Call Process for Associate Pastor

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS- The Board of Education is seeking donations for our end of year Sunday School party. Prize donations are requested for a variety of age ranges. Donations may be dropped off in the bin in the north education wing.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL- Our Sunday School students will be singing for the last time this school year ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH: Sunday school grades 1-6 will sing for the 8:00 am service and also open the 10:30 am service with the song "Awesome God." Nursery 3,4, and Kindergarten will also sing for the 10:30 service with "This Little Light of Mine."

3. SANDWICH MINISTRY- Join us for our monthly sandwich making event on Thursday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m.

4. CARDS- Confirmation greeting cards are available for \$1.00 each on the LWML table. Proceeds go to support the Mission projects. Thank you.

5. NEW FREEDOM STORE COLLECTION: LWML will be collecting cash for VISA gift cards to support the Homeless Ministry at the Pigs Eye Encampment in St. Paul. This is a mission sponsored by the LWML MN. South District as part of the district convention held June 18-20th. A collection box is in the lower narthex. Deadline is May 15th. Thank you for your support.

6. VOTERS MEETING-Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Quarterly Voters Meeting. Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 9:15 AM.

7. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Our next Adopt-a-Highway Ditch clean-up will take place on Sunday, May 17th. ANYONE THAT is 12 years of age or older is invited to help with this service project. We will meet at church at Noon that day to watch the safety video, then drive out to our clean-up site. There is a permission slip that needs to be filled out if volunteers are between 12 and 17. These will be available for you that day. Per MN Department of Transportation rules, children under 12 are not allowed to help with ditch clean-up.

8. SCHEDULE- *April 12:* Ushers: 1st Service-Ethan Schultz, Troy Lueck, Chip Hentges 2nd Service: Jeff Engen, Harrison Engen, Wayne Mathews; Acolytes: 1st Service- A. Lind, E. Novotny; 2nd Service: T. Herrmann, L. Dressler; Greeters- 1st Service: Gaylen Schoenfeld; 2nd Service: Chuck & Kim Reed; Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Altar Guild: Tracy Jackson, LaJean Hoof, Terri Novotny; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

9. MCLEOD FOOD SHELF MARCH CAMPAIGN is happening now! This is a wonderful time to support the food shelf, as every donation until tomorrow, April 6, will be matched through the GMCC Grant—doubling the impact of your gift for neighbors in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Making a donation is easy. You can give online at <https://mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate>, mail a check to 719 13th Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336, or stop by one of the food shelf locations in Hutchinson or Glencoe to see your support in action. Financial gifts help provide additional food purchases and support program expenses, allowing the food shelf to serve more families in need. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Calendar of Events

Sun. April 5	6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION Easter Breakfast (until 8:45 a.m.) Easter Egg Hunt FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION SERVICE WITH COMMUNION
Wed. April 8	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Release Time Class Confirmation Class
Thurs. April 9	6:00 p.m.	Anchor Point (Grades 7-12)
Fri. April 10		Amanda out of Office
Sun. April 12	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Sing WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Sunday School Sing WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.

THANK YOU to the following congregation members who purchased Easter Lilies:

- ~ Debbie Bahr and family in memory of David Bahr
- ~ Lisa and Rick Baumann family in memory of Ron Baumann, David Kirking and grandparents
- ~ Amy, Bethany, Nick, Katie and Thea Bettcher in memory of Joel Bettcher
- ~ Elaine Briesemeister, Don Hoof Family, Gary Briesemeister Family, Jerome Herrmann Family, Kathy and Brad in memory of Vernon and Scott Briesemeister and Margie Herrmann
- ~ Joyce Burandt and Family in memory of Larry Burandt
- ~ Dave and Rita Hoernemann Family in memory of Bev Hoernemann and Keith Peterson
- ~ Dave & Rita Hoernemann in memory of Karl and Helma Hoernemann and Richard and Margaret Chap
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- ~ Larry & Jeanette Hoof Family in memory of Daryl Hoof
- ~ Craig, Tracy, Drew and Zach Jackson in memory of Lawrence and Gaynelle Jackson
- ~ Yvonne Jerde in memory of Lorence & Edna Schubert, Clifford, Kevin, and Elizabeth Jerde
- ~ Stacey Larson in memory of Owen Fuglseth and Rosella Neumann
- ~ Stacey Larson to beautify the church
- ~ Audrey Litzau in memory of Donald Litzau
- ~ Audrey Litzau in thanksgiving for family and friends
- ~ Audrey Litzau to beautify the church
- ~ Kori Machemehl in memory of family
- ~ Ralph & Donna Machemehl in memory of family members
- ~ Dale and Linda Mensing in memory of son Nathan and our parents
- ~ Monroe family in memory of DeRoyce Monroe
- ~ Lynn & Bonnie Mueller in memory of faithfully departed loved ones
- ~ Barb, Patti, Sherri and Kelli in memory of Willie Parpart
- ~ Chuck and Barb in memory of Al, Erna and Jeremy Thiel
- ~ Family of Erland Raduenz in his memory
- ~ Norman Venske in memory of LaVon Venske
- ~ Kim Walter in memory of Lewis Heigl, Roland Bruckschen
- ~ Children of Lila Winter in her memory

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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
+ + +

**If all Jesus had to do was die,
then why is Easter such a big deal?**

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

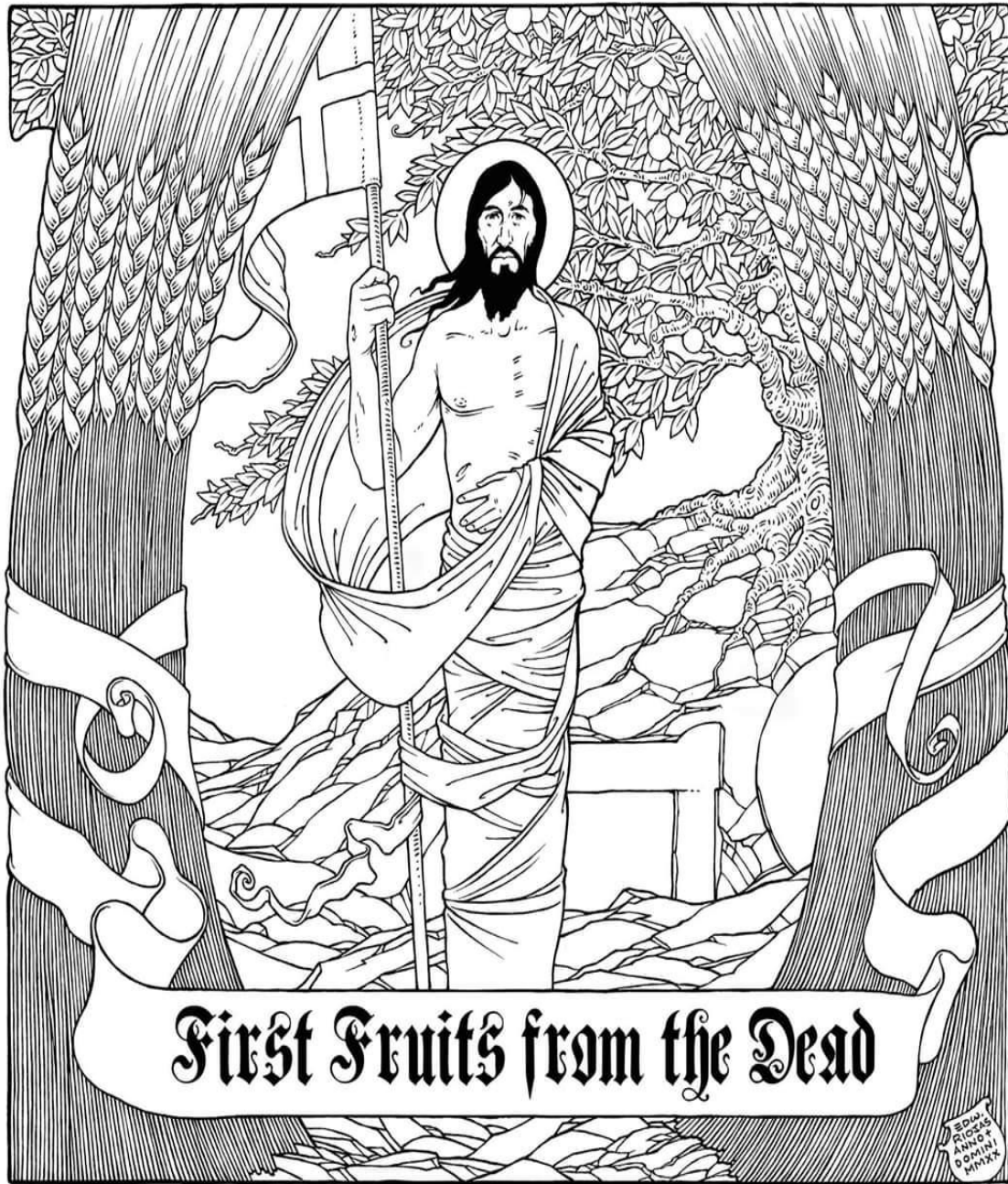
Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



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