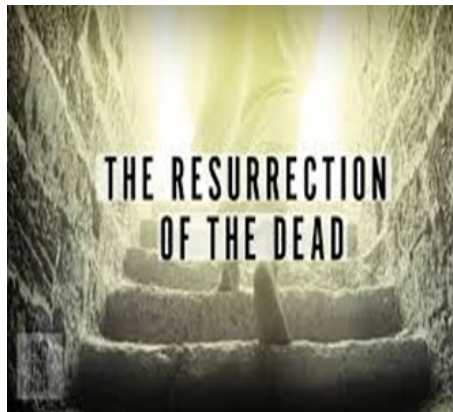


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Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing within and throughout our community within and throughout our community



What does the Resurrection look like?

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." (Matt. 28:1-10 ESV)

This Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and thanks to our Lord the resurrection of all who put their trust in Him. But what does the resurrection look like?

Several places in scripture talk about the resurrection of the dead, that will take place one day. Some of these include: Job 19:25-27, Romans 8:22-24, 1 Corinthians 15, John 5, 1 Corinthians 13:7-13.

On several occasions Jesus addressed Jewish religious leaders on this subject. Some of them believed in the resurrection of the dead and life beyond this one, and others did not. Jesus clearly tells these leaders and His disciples that there is indeed a resurrection. More than that Jesus clearly indicated that eternal life with God comes through Jesus alone and that despite the attempts to destroy the temple of his body on the cross, through his death Jesus would defeat humanity's sin and the death, and that He would rise to life again. Then Jesus did just that!

Far from being a disembodied Spirit, when Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples and numerous other witnesses, he made a point on one occasion of saying to one of them, "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39). Other times he sat down with His disciples and ate. Among other things this helped to show he was truly present with them and not some ghost or figment of their imagination.

So what does this mean for us? Scripture tells us that *"our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."* (Philippians 3:20-21). While we don't yet know exactly what this means, "We know in part," what God has shown and told us. Based on Jesus' resurrection, our bodies will have a physical aspect. They will be imperishable. Though my body may be destroyed, "my flesh and I will see God". The time leading up that resurrection and the new creation that is to come will not be easy for us or creation, but when our Lord returns in power and brings about the resurrection, this will be a blessed and wonderful moment for all who have put their trust in Him.

Belief in the resurrection is foundational to the Christian Faith. The Apostles creed which expresses the foundational beliefs of the Christian based on scripture talks about, "the resurrection of the body. The Large Catechism's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed makes the bold confession: "I believe that the Holy Spirit makes me holy. . ." and that this work of the Holy Spirit is seen in "the Christian Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

Every day of our lives in this world, the Holy Spirit crucifies the Old Adam and the body of sin by daily contrition and repentance, and raises up the new man in us by the Word of the Gospel. However, at our death, we as God's redeemed children will fully know what it is to be free from sin and we experience the full victory and relationship with the Lord accomplished in His resurrection. As we look forward to that day, let us live as those who will not only will be raised to new life, but as those who indeed have already experienced the resurrection of our Lord and his Spirit at work in us as we proclaim the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the hope and joy that goes with it.

Pastor Eric Schoeck

Celebrating
APRIL
Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Carol Ballard	April 2
Anne Lyons	April 13
Max Dunlap	April 16
Roxanne Gottleber	April 19
Sean Allwardt	April 27
Heather Brandt	April 28
Dean Gengnagel	April 29

Call the office and let us know if we have left out someone's birthday.
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SMALL GROUPS AT FAITH

Micro Brew Crew will meet on Monday, April 14 and 28 at 2:00pm at church.

Disciples of Light will meet on Friday, April 11, at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall for a supper and discussion of *The Chosen*.

Brew Crew will be on hiatus until after Easter.

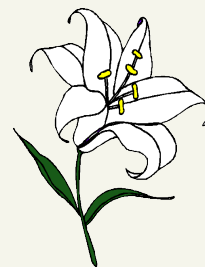
Sewing Seeds of Love meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, at 9:00am in the Sewing Room. All are welcome!

In March, the ladies of Faith sponsored a baby shower to welcome Charity and Jason Grubb's new little blessing! Congratulations to the Grubb family and their new addition!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13	Passion Sunday	9:00am Holy Communion
Thursday, April 17	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm Holy Communion
Friday, April 18	Good Friday	3:00pm Liturgy of the Cross
		7:00pm Tenebrae
Sunday, April 20	Resurrection of Our Lord	9:00am Holy Communion



EASTER BREAKFAST

An Easter Breakfast will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday beginning at 10:15. As always this event will be hosted by John and Loretta Frank and family. Thank you to the Franks!

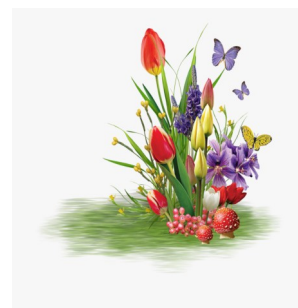
If you would like to bring a dish to share watch for a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Please check the weekly bulletin announcements for details on our Easter Egg Hunt, or call the church office at (219) 462-7684.

If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, please purchase either an Easter Lily or a tulip plant and bring to church no sooner than Friday, April 18 (Good Friday).

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



This year Lutheran World Relief celebrates 80 years of service!

Founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the U.S., Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. In 2019, Lutheran World Relief joined the Corus International family, an ensemble of global leaders united in a commitment to ending poverty, suffering and injustice once and for all.



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FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fourth Wednesday in Lent, April 2, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 6, 9:00am Holy Communion
Fifth Wednesday in Lent, April 9, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
The Sunday of the Passion, April 13, 9:00am Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm Holy Communion
Good Friday, April 18, 3:00 Liturgy of the Cross, 7:00 Tenebrae
The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 20, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 9:00am Word & Prayer
The Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 9:00am Word & Prayer
The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 9:00am Word & Prayer



*He is not here;
he has*

Risen!

Luke 24:6