



The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday

Immanuel Lutheran Church - LCMS
Lakefield, Minnesota
April 5, 2026

As We Gather

Resurrection Joy

The old Sabbath is past. The first day of the week has become the eighth day, the eternal day, the first day of the promised resurrection of the new heavens and earth. The angel knows why we are here. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen" (Mark 16:6). His body was in the tomb of death no longer. He is now glorified, body and soul. Now when He says, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20), we know what He means. So we come here "very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen" (Mark 16:2) not looking for a closed entrance to a tomb but for the risen Lord speaking in His Word and touching us with forgiveness and peace "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35), His body and blood given and shed for us Christians to eat and to drink. We gather on Easter in excited yet sometimes silent joy.

Preparation

Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



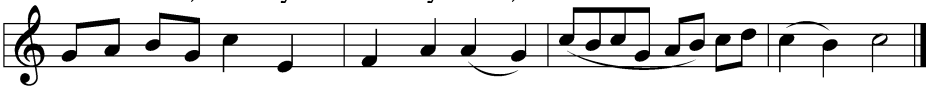
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- P** We are illumined by the brightness of His rising.
- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- P** Death no more has dominion over us.
- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father. Holy and gracious God,
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of the risen Jesus Christ, I ask You to forgive me all my sins. Deliver me from my guilt and death and raise me up to forgiveness and life that my heart may finally be at peace. Amen.**
- P** By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and forgiven. 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 May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 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.

Immanuel Ringers

Easter Rejoicing

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;

endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;

endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

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!*

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
G **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

Word

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.”

Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
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.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

sts. 1–4



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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Epistle

Hebrews 3:12–19; 4:1–11

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil,
unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.
But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,”
that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For
we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm
to the end. As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all
those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he
provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned,
whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear
that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were

disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

C Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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. 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.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 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.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 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.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Choir

Easter Angel Song

*He is not here, for He is risen.
Come see the place where Jesus lay.
Now go and share the wond'rous story:
Christ the Lord is ris'n today.*

*Although He was crucified at the hands of sinful men,
Remember how He told you that He would rise again
So why do you seek the living among the dead?
Jesus is risen as He said!*

*Look! The stone is rolled away. Go and tell the world today!
He is not here for He is risen. Come to the place where Jesus lay.
Now go and share the wond'rous story:
Christ the Lord is ris'n today!*

Creed

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the**

living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is
 worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,**
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives *sts. 5–8*



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and
 for all people according to their needs.
 Almighty and eternal God, we give You thanks for all Your
 goodness, but especially on this day for the gift of the

salvation of the whole world through the forgiveness of sin and restoration of eternal life to all believers in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give us the new vision of faith that we may believe that He is with us to the end of the age. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Rule and govern Your whole church throughout the world that we may be witnesses to Your gift of new life. Guide, direct, and bless all pastors and ministers of Your Word and blessed Sacraments that they may faithfully proclaim and distribute Your gifts of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all in the authority of government of our country and of all the nations of the earth that they may serve the citizens under their care with justice and in righteousness that all may lead quiet and peaceable lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Comfort all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, giving them the healing of hope in Your mercy and faith in Your promise of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we remember the great crowd of witnesses that have gone before us and are with You, we pray that You acknowledge us to be in their company now by faith and admit us into their eternal fellowship, that when our last hour comes You may receive us into Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Sacrament **“Alleluia!”** – *a Hymn Setting for Communion*

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- 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: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Holy are You, the heav'nly King!

With angel hosts we join to sing,

“Your majesty fills ev'rything!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy are You, our Lord most high!

Blessed is He who now draws nigh

In God's own name! With joy we cry:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy are You, through endless days!

Our glad hosannas now we raise

To greet You with exalted praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death,

and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

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: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Lamb of God, You take away
All the world's iniquity;
Let Your mercy now, we pray,
And Your peace our comfort be.
Grant us from our sin release:
Lord, have mercy, grant us peace!

Distribution Hymns

Hymn: 155 This Is the Feast

Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Hymn: 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Thanksgiving

tune: Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure! Alleluia!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of His word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

As His own servant we depart
With His salvation in our heart. Alleluia!
His saving pow'r He has made known;
His love through all the earth is shown.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, let us show the world Your light;
Let us declare Your glory bright, Alleluia!

**Proclaim your death until You come
To take your ransomed servants home.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Post-Communion Collect

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, by this Holy Communion, You have given us a foretaste of Your eternal kingdom, where death will have been defeated, where there will be no more crying or pain or mourning, and where all the faithful will be resurrected in Christ. For this glimpse of what You have in store for all creation, we give You thanks and praise. We ask that by Your Holy Spirit, our lives would show forth glimpses of Your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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 ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:

2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:

△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Assisting with the Service

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. Eric Obermann</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Shane Rossow & Jim Berkevich (6:30)</i> <i>Ken Pohlman, Joel Poppe & Luke Henning (9:00)</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Brenda Matasovsky (6:30)</i> <i>Jayson Matasovsky (9:00)</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Maddox Boogerd & Mathias Liepold (6:30)</i> <i>Simeon Peterson & Nora Freking (9:00)</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Albert Henning & Randy Henry (6:30)</i> <i>Mark Freking family (9:00)</i>

We Remember in our Prayers

Our former Pastor, Phil Beukema, recovering from surgery and awaiting results

Jean Oelke recovering from hip surgery

Dorie Schweigert, sister of Sandie Torke, hospitalized

Eric Rossow, son of Dennis and Connie Rossow, hospitalized following a car accident

Jackie Ward dealing with health issues

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health Care Center, Good Sam in Estherville, Lakeview in Fairmont

Tim Rossow, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues

Sandy Brown, sister of Vickie Baumann; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade and Alan Salzwedel; Mary Beth Baumann, sister-in-law of Myleen Swanson & LaNell Rossow; Mackenzie Erickson, friend of Amber Liepold; Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity Brewster), Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny Daberkow; dealing with cancer

Chad Kolander, brother of Keith and Corey Kolander; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Law Enforcement

Our Missionaries in the Field

Our Country and Our Military

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.



Easter Breakfast

TODAY! April 5 ~ 7:30-9:00 a.m.

*Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Ham,
Applesauce, and Fruit will be served.*

*Freewill Offering with proceeds
going to our Youth Group*

Come and enjoy a hot breakfast!

CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, April 19th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Pastor Obermann will be confirming these 5 confirmands:

- Maddox Boogerd: son of Jeremy and Tara Boogerd
- Nora Freking: daughter of Mark and Sheila Freking
- Mathias Liepold: son of Wes and Amber Liepold
- Jada Milbrath: daughter of Cory and Suzanne Milbrath
- Simeon Peterson: son of Stuart and LaDonna Peterson

There will be a table set up in the narthex for our confirmands on Confirmation Sunday. Each confirmand will have a bag on the table for cards to be placed into.

EASTER FLOWERS: Those who purchased lilies, mums, begonias, or kalanchoes to decorate the chancel area, you are welcome to take them home after the 9:00 service today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION: Join us on Sunday, April 26th, following the church service, downstairs in the basement for our Sunday School Teacher Appreciation. Treats and beverages for all will be served. We want to thank our teachers for their service this past Sunday School year. Then at 10:15 a.m. Shelley and Roger Pohlman will be doing a Bible trivia with their third through fifth grade Sunday School class. They have extended an invitation for all to come watch and cheer them on! **This will be our last day of Sunday School. Thank you parents for bringing your little ones to Sunday School. We will start back up in the fall!**



3rd-5th GRADE BIBLE TRIVIA
SUNDAY, APRIL 26th
10:15-11:15
CHURCH BASEMENT

The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School students have learned so much this year while exploring the Bible stories from Genesis and Exodus. Their teachers, Roger and Shelley Pohlman, are hosting a trivia competition to celebrate their learning and give students a chance to share what they know in a fun, encouraging, and faith-centered environment.

All are invited to come cheer on the 3rd-5th graders!

Teams will be competing for a cash prize that will be given as a donation to one of these 3 options:

Church Mission, Immanuel School, School Lunch Program.
Winning team decides which of these to give the donation to.

BIBLE CLASS will not be held in April due to all of the activities on those Sundays (Easter, voters meeting, Confirmation, and Bible Trivia). In its place, we will have a time of fellowship with coffee and treats for anyone who wants to visit.

LWML meets on Wednesday, April 8th, in the church basement. Meeting starts at 5:15 p.m. with a light meal served by Jean Bass, Crystal Dafoe, and Cheryl Ulferts. Renee Erdmann of the Lakefield Stitching Studio is the guest speaker. Come hear what her shop has to offer! All ladies are welcome!

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED A TIME TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY? It's not too late. You are an important part of our church family and our directory wouldn't be complete without you! For participating you will receive a complimentary 8X10 as well as an updated church pictorial directory. The process will only take 30-45 minutes and you will have the opportunity to purchase family portraits. You can contact Dory Poppe @ 507-830-0577 or Beth Carlson @ 507-370-3107 to schedule an appointment or go online:

- Go to www.ucdir.com
- Click on the red box "Photography Session Sign Up"
- Put in Church Code: mn640
- Put in Church Password: 640mem
- Pick your day & time!

We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.

BRIDAL SHOWER will be held for Kim Meyers, bride to be of Matthew Poppe, on Sunday, April 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Immanuel Church basement. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon. All are welcome to shower the bride to be with well wishes!

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE JOHNSON, ROSSOW, HANSON, HARGUS, AND AMBROSE FAMILIES FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT FRIDAY, MARCH 20th.

- Bank Midwest in Jackson has established support accounts for these families. Donations may be given at any Bank Midwest location. Bank Midwest in Jackson is located at 509 3rd St.
- Security Bank in Jackson has established support accounts for these families. Donations may be given at any Security Bank location. Security Bank in Jackson is located at 202 Grant St.



LWML Spring Get-Together

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIOUX VALLEY

38523 730TH STREET, LAKEFIELD

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration

Cost is \$5

- ⇒ Speaker Pastor Peter Preus, Gospel Relief for the Despairing
- ⇒ Gifts from the Heart collected for SW Crisis Center

- Diapers: size 2, 3, 4
- Hygiene Items: All items full size
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Body Wash
 - Bar Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Tampons
 - Toilet Paper
 - Kleenex
 - Laundry Soap: liquid or pods

A collection box, with further info,
can be found in the narthex.

**“Fear not, for I am with you; be
not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help
you, I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.”**

~ Jeremiah 29:11



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: We are doing a Baby Bottle Campaign for Cherish House in Okoboji, Iowa. Cherish House is a safe, compassionate, faith-based home environment for expectant mothers and their children. These moms stay at Cherish House and are able to get the help they need for their family's future including counseling, education, life-skills training, and finding a job). All services at Cherish House (including housing) are no cost. They are able to provide this service by donations. Your change can change lives through the Baby Bottle Campaign. In celebration of life, we can partner with Cherish Center by giving them financial support with coins, cash, or check (payable to Cherish Center). It's easy to participate! Just pick up a baby bottle from the tote in the narthex and fill it up over the coming weeks. Bring it back by Sunday, April 26th and know that your giving is making a difference for the women living at Cherish House and being supported by Cherish Center. Filled baby bottles can be put in the tote in the narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES CAN USE YOUR HELP DURING THE PHOTO SESSIONS for the directory Friday, April 17th through Wednesday, April 22nd. On the narthex glass we have sign up for helping with the registrations as people come for their photo sessions. 2 people per time slot are required. We also need cookies baked for serving during the photo registrations. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ST. PAUL ROST AND OUR REDEEMER OKABENA congregations in wishing a "Farewell to the Sage's". Pastor Jeff Sage is retiring and will preach his last sermon with them on Sunday, April 26th at St. Paul Rost Church located at 38886 800th St, rural Lakefield. His wife, Jani, was our Kindergarten teacher here at ILS for a number of years. You are welcome at:

10:00 a.m. Church Service

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Program

CLOSING SERVICE: It is with sadness that that we announce the closing of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rushmore, Minnesota. All are welcome to attend a service for the closing rite on Sunday, April 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's. We thank God for the 132 years of service to Him and community history. St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 408 4th St., Rushmore.

VOTERS MEETING for the second quarter will be on Sunday, April 12th right after the 9:00 a.m. worship service around 10:15 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK – 4/2-4/6
- NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Association) Accreditation Site Visit is 4/8-4/10. During this time we will have some visitors at the school for recertification of our accreditation through the National Lutheran Schools Association. This typically happens every 5 years. We have been certified for many years.
- PTL (Parent Teacher League) meets Thursday 4/9 at 6:00.
- All School Choir sings at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on Sunday 4/12 at 9:00.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on the Monday after Easter. This is tomorrow, Monday, April 6th.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL IS OPEN. We appreciate your interest in Immanuel Lutheran School, an educational environment that promotes excellence and growth in the Lutheran Christian Faith where each child can strive to reach his or her potential. We believe that the parent is the child's first teacher. It is only through parents and teachers working together and showing mutual respect that we hope to achieve what is best for each child at Immanuel Lutheran School.

FORT BELMONT SPRING FUNDRAISER is on Saturday, April 11th, from 11:00-1:00 at the American Legion in Jackson. Menu includes: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Bars, and a Beverage. Freewill donation accepted with all proceeds supporting Fort Belmont Capital Projects. The American Legion is located at 411 1st Street in Jackson.

SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE will be at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. The hours are as follows:

- Thursday, April 16: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday, April 17: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Saturday, April 18: 8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

There is a \$3 bag sale on Saturday. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY, APRIL 12th
SUNDAY, APRIL 19th

SAVE THE DATE!

**Salad Supper with the
Looney Lutherans**



Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30

(Doors open at 5:00)

Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center

620 Bush Street, Lakefield

Purchase Tickets for \$10 by May 27

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Or contact Carolyn at 507-830-2108

Sponsored by Immanuel LWML

**CONFIRMATION CARDS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE
GRADUATION CARDS COMING SOON!**

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” at the time of the service or any time after.

POINTS OF INFORMATION March 29, 2026

<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<i>\$11,601</i>
<i> Needed each week.....</i>	<i>\$10,112</i>
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i> Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	<i>\$65</i>
<i> Building.....</i>	<i>\$2</i>
<i>Memorial given in memory of</i>	
<i> Ardie Westergard to Immanuel Church.....</i>	<i>\$1,545</i>
<i> Ardie Westergard to Immanuel School.....</i>	<i>\$330</i>
<i> Linda Voss to Immanuel School Music Program....</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Current Fund received in March.....</i>	<i>\$40,318</i>
<i> Needed in March.....</i>	<i>\$41,914</i>

Worshipping on Palm Sunday 3/29: 193

If you have any questions, please call Josh Swanson

Flowers Decorating our Chancel Area

~ Crystal and Dale Dafoe in memory of Lorraine Buss

~ Joel and Deb Burmeister in memory of Irvin & Pearl Swanson and Albert Buremister

~ Roger and Shelley Pohlman in memory of Helen & Norman Pohlman and Roland & Betty Koster

~ Dennis and Vickie Baumann in memory of Clarence, Arlene, and Larry Buamann

~ The Joel Poppe family in memory of Earl & Velma Oelke and Marvin & Dolly Poppe

~ Bruce and Jan Bakalyar in memory of Dorothy & Jack Morrison, Shelly Lesch, and Earl & Betty Bakalyar

~ Kurt and Myleen Swanson in memory of Walter & Doris Baumann and Irvin & Pearl Swanson

~ Larry and Jean Oelke in memory of Kenny & Irene Stevens and Earl & Velma Oelke

~ Jolene Rossow and family in memory of Iven Rossow

~ Merle Hendricksen in memory of Marlene Hendricksen

~ Dave and Carolyn Hansen in memory of Curt & Esther Hansen and Dick & Fern Jacobs

~ The family of Dennis N. Rossow in memory



- ~ *Dwayne and Judy Milbrath and families in memory of
Murrell & Vernice Ward and Earl & Verda Milbrath*
- ~ *Family of Doris Rossow in memory*
- ~ *Roger and Beth Carlson in memory of Victor & Lorraine
Rossow, Paulette Rossow, and Ed & Lorraine Carlson*
- ~ *Ken & Pat Pohlman in honor of Elaine Pohlman*
- ~ *Fred Henning in memory of Arlyce Henning*
- ~ *Joyce Bretzman in memory of Elmer Bretzman
and all loved ones*
- ~ *Chase, Hristina, and Sofia Hage in memory of
Ardie Westergard and our loved ones in
heaven*
- ~ *Ron and Debbi Gettler in honor of our
grandchildren, Easton and Daisy,
and in memory of our loved ones in heaven*
- ~ *Albert and Leann Henning in memory of
loved ones*
- ~ *Donna and Dewayne Hage in memory
of Adele & Darrel Hage and Robert
Anschutz*
- ~ *Luke and Crystal Rossow in
memory of Dennis Rossow*
- ~ *Wade & Deb Salzwedel and
Mike & Dawn Rossow in
memory of Marvin & Nita Appel*
- ~ *Randall and Cynthia Henry in
memory of Moris Bledsoe*
- ~ *Dave and Jean Bass in memory of
Irvin & Pearl Swanson and
Harold & Verna Bass*



