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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Welcome! *Christ's Resurrection Is the Firstfruits of the New Creation.* The Lord has promised to “create new heavens and a new earth” (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are “the offspring of the blessed of the LORD” (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For “if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied” (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be “perplexed about this” (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an “idle tale” (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Delvin Boriack-recovering
Dorothy Exner-recovering
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Linda Jones-recovering
Dana Karisch
Gladys Karisch
Billy Krause-recovering
Gilbert Krause-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Vic Lohberg
Mike Maass-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Marilyn Miertschin-recovering
Clay Matrthew Mumm-recovering (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)
Antoinette Richardson-recovering
Larry Schatte-recovering
Lynette Schatte-recovering
Camie Smiley medical testing (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)
Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)
Joyce Dowling
Sherri Fritsche
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)

George Hernandez

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
Cheryl Jurk (friend of Stephen & Dorothy Schautschick)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)
Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Completed Basic Training
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Jackson, South Carolina

Those who mourn:

The family of Robert Albrecht (brother of Willard and Milton Albrecht)

Seasonal Weather

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service— Worship Insert

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God. He is Risen, Hallelujah!
- ✠ **The Altar Flowers** on Maundy Thursday were placed to the glory of God in honor of the confirmands by their parents.
- ✠ **The Crown of Thorns** on Good Friday was placed to the glory of God by Robert and Joyce Hinze.
- ✠ **Palm Sunday Service** is available for purchase on DVD. It can be purchased for \$10.00 per copy. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.
- ✠ **Thank you** to the LAF for preparing Easter Breakfast this morning
- ✠ **Easter Egg Hunt.** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt this morning at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the school for Nursery I through Kindergarten.
- ✠ **Thank you** from the LWML for your support in beautifying the Sanctuary with lilies for our Easter services. When you pick up your plant following this morning's Festival service, please check your name off the list in the sacristy behind the altar.
- ✠ **March Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, April 13th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **Financial Concern** – Weekly we have listed the income in comparison to the estimated needs. As we know the cost of everything has gone up and this has impacted the ministry of St. Paul as well. We have been able to make payroll, but with each passing month it gets tighter and we delay a week paying some bills until after the offering is received. While there are assets in the savings account and we can “borrow” against ourselves, is this the best practice. Please consider the blessings God has showered upon you.
- ✠ **Confirmation Cards.** There are Confirmation cards available in the church office. Price of cards is \$.50/each.
- ✠ **Picnic:** Any of those having reached the age of 65 who do not wish to work at the picnic or those needing to make a change in your work assignments, please notify Troy Menzel at 979-412-0341, or the church office by **Monday, April 28th**. The Picnic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 30th to finalize the Picnic worklist.
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2 and a helper for kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- ✠ **The Holy Cross Ladies Aid in Warda** invites everyone to join them on Tuesday, May 6th, at 6PM as they welcome Rebecca Bartelt, LCMS missionary in Taiwan, for a presentation and update on her work as a sacred music educator. Becky was last in the area in October 2022. We look forward to hearing more about the growing Lutheran Church in Taiwan and her efforts to instruct a new generation of church musicians!
- ✠ **The Holy Cross Warda Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mother's Day, May 11th. Chickens are \$14.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds in Warda from 10:30 to 12:00. Preorders only by calling Joyce Hinze at (979) 540-0355 or Robert Hinze at (979) 540-6911 **by Monday, May 5th**.
- ✠ **On May 25, 2025** and during the service, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting at the church a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12- yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war, due to this, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites,

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 27th, **“Through Locked Doors”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus shows up, it’s no longer “us vs. them,” because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

April 20 – Resurrection of Our Lord

Lethal measures like abortion and assisted suicide claim to express autonomy but they really embody surrenders to death. Jesus Christ, sanctified and arising again, liberates from submission to this ultimate enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). Neither we nor our neighbors need equate human worth with length of days or lack thereof (Isaiah 65:20). Who will tell them? Why not us?

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Sunrise: Cole Kalbas and Kalisa Oltmann
Festival: Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones
Ushers- Cooper Hinze, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,
Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank,
Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, John Hinze

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| Today | Easter Sunrise Worship Service – 6:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Sunday School – 8:15 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service – 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday | No School ECC Closed |
| Tuesday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. |
| Thursday | Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Next Sunday | Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kenzie Stewart and Dylan Arldt Greeter: Lana Kaiser Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:5 a.m. |

Birthdays: Today – Jenifer Selvey; 21st – Shanna Mitschke; 22nd – Mark Jones, Leroy Kalbas; 23rd – John Hinze, Clint Oltmann, Shane Sander; 24th – Nicholas Hinze, Christopher Schimank; 26th – Curtis Oltmann, Shannen Selvey. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (4-9-2025)- 97, Palm Sunday Worship- 361,

Offering Last Week: \$20,601.35

| Home: | | Mission: | |
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| General | \$7,751.85 | Mission | \$770.00 |
| Thrivent | \$1,265.00 | Concordia St. Louis | \$438.50 |
| Lunch Room | \$768.00 | Concordia Ft. Wayne | \$438.50 |
| ECC Operating | \$3,200.00 | Mission Total | \$1,647.00 |
| School Registration | \$375.00 | Savings/Other: | |
| Tuition | \$5,594.50 | Savings/Other Total | |
| Received 4/13/2025 | \$18,954.35 | Total | \$20,601.35 |
| Est. needed per week | \$31,870.00 | | |
| Received MTD | \$64,556.38 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$138,103.00 | | |

MEMORIALS:

Epic Australian Adventure VBS- June 9th-13th! Register NOW to have an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Scan the QR code or visit the church website.

Volunteer for VBS- Please let Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer.

