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**+ RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ~ EASTER DAWN +
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As We Gather: Christ's Resurrection Brings Us Life

"In Adam all die." For we are all participants in the sin of Adam, who rebelled against God in the garden and brought the curse of death into the world. But "in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). For He was faithful to His Father and destroyed death on the holy tree. Jesus, the Second Adam, now walks in the garden in the cool of the day and reveals Himself to the daughter of Eve (John 20:1–18). The risen Christ brings not the curse of death but the blessing of life, the resurrection of the body. He leads us through the baptismal sea to new life on the other side, conquering our mortal enemies in its depths (Ex. 14:10—15:1). In this way our Lord Jesus wipes away the tears from all faces. For He has swallowed up death forever. Let us therefore be glad and rejoice in His salvation (Is. 25:6–9)!

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary,
God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

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

Invocation/Exhortation LSB 184

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

Absolution LSB 185

Hymn 'For All the Faithful Women' LSB 855 verses 1,11,3,4

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter Sunrise

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introit

Psalm 139:1–2a, 8, 10; antiphon: vv. 18b, 5b, 6

I awake, and I am still with you. Alleluia!

[You] lay your hand upon me. Alleluia!

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

Even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

**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.**

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–25

1Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.
The Resurrection of the Dead

12Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

John 20:1–18

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1Now 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. 2So 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.” 3So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples went back to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13They 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." 14Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus 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." 16Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17Jesus 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.'" 18Mary 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn 'Awake, My Heart, with Gladness' LSB 467

Sermon "Hey! I Recognize that Voice!" *John 20:1-18*

(Please stand, as you are able)

Offertory LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194

(Please be seated)

Distribution Hymns

'This Is the Feast' LSB 155

'The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done' LSB 464

(Please stand, as you are able)

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| <u>Nunc Dimittis</u> | LSB 199 |
| <u>Thanksgiving</u> | LSB 200 |
| <u>Post-Communion Collect</u> | |
| <u>Salutation</u> | LSB 201 |
| <u>Benedicamus</u> | LSB 202 |
| <u>Benediction</u> | LSB 202 |
| <u>Closing Hymn ‘Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain’</u> | LSB 487 |

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Easter Lily Dedications

**Steve & Pam Haase
In Memory of
Our Parents
Marvin Honold
Richard Huedepohl**

**Tamera & Cody Schmudlach
In Memory of
Jim Schmudlach
Kenneth & Loreta Riemenschneider
Duane & Ruby Fay**

**Kaloupek Family
In Memory of
Bob Kaloupek**

**Ken & Jan Mergen
In Memory of
Kathy Mergen**

**Kevin & Diane Schultz
In Memory of
Doyle & Miriam Schultz
Robert & Wanda Neff**

**The Koeppe Family
In Memory of
Gary & Linda Gusler ~ Parents of Markie Koeppe**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Members of Immanuel, we will be having another question and answer time surrounding the crucifix discussion. It will be during Bible Study time on April 7. To help with the discussion, questions can also be submitted to Pastor Koepp prior the meeting. When submitting questions, please indicate whether you would like it brought up publicly at the meeting or answered privately. Please note, any questions submitted for public discussion will not be attached to names. These will be the first questions addressed at the Q and A time before the floor is opened. As we continue to discuss, let us always keep in mind and practice the Eighth Commandment. We can disagree, but must not disrespect.

Those who provided Easter Lilies for the altar, you are welcome to take those home with you after the services today.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, April 21 after the service.

Stewardship: John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

Building Healthy Families for March 31st: Here are bold and true words for you to remember today or any day when you are worried or overwhelmed with life’s challenges and temptations: “Know ye then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.” (from Luther’s Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed and happy celebration of Easter to you and your family from the Board of Directors and staff of Lutheran Family Service! ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for March 31st: “The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 7th: Hear “Raise the Flag” based on Acts 1:1-11 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God’s flag in the world. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 31st: The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)!

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today,” “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,” “I Know That My Redeemer Lives,” “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness,” “He’s Risen, He’s Risen.” You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Study Isaiah 54-57 and Lutheran Service Book 457 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (4/6 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us this Easter week in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUE Radio app!

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 3/31--4/6 is **Sittig**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/7--4/13 is **Smith/Thorpe**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or mail payment to the church.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the family of Josiah Brandt in your prayers. Josiah’s father-in-law, Guy Blair, died in the faith Friday, March 29.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

March 24, 2024

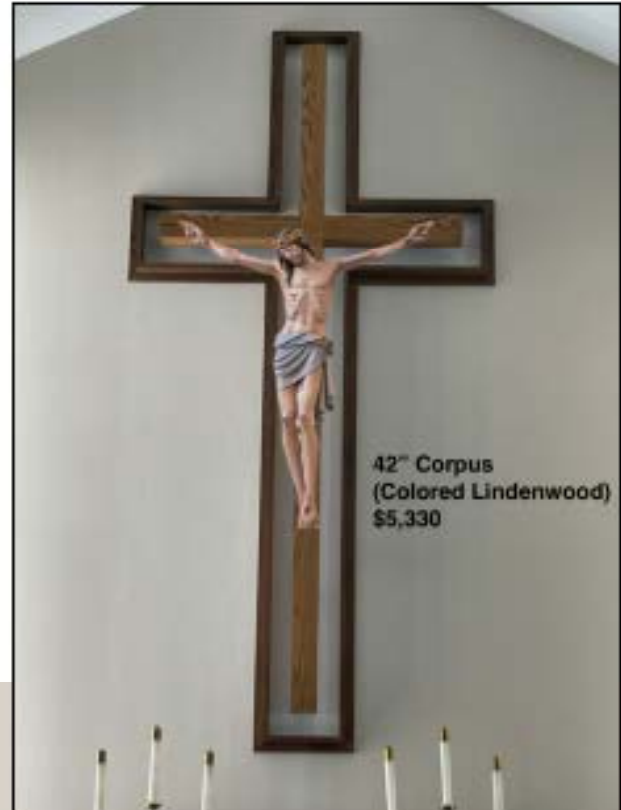
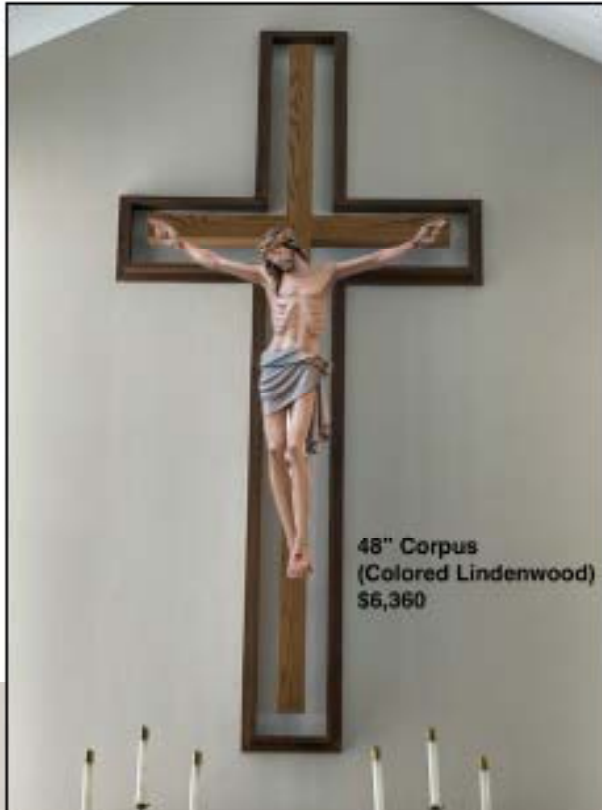
Attendance 83

General Fund \$3770.00

WEEK AHEAD

- Today 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service
Usher: Joel R. Koepf
Acolyte/Crucifer: Finn/Kaitlynn
- 9:00am Easter Day Service
Greeter: Mintle
Usher: Keith T.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Alivia
Elder: Steve H.
No Sunday School
- Thursday 11:00am Bible Study
- Saturday 10:30am 19th Tea with Trinity at Orphan Grain Train
- Next Sunday 8:00am Elders Meeting
9:00am Quasimodo Geniti (2nd Sunday of Easter)
Missions: *Global Seminary Initiative*
Greeter: Nolte
Usher: Lucas B.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Finn
Elder: Joel M.

Proposed Corpus Project



Proposal

One of our younger congregational members has presented a proposal to turn our main cross into a crucifix by adding the Corpus of Christ onto our pre-existing cross.

Why: A cross can represent anything nowadays. Many people wear it just as something to match their outfit without really knowing what it is meant to represent.

By putting the Corpus on our church's cross, we could better represent our shared belief in Jesus's crucifixion, sacrifice and fulfillment of the covenant.

- Has been approved by Board of Elders
- Has been approved by Church Council
- Is under discussion by Church Voters
- Needs congregational consideration and approval
- Will be reviewed and voted upon by Church Voters at the next quarterly meeting in April 2024

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp or a church elder.