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+ RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ~ EASTER DAY +
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
March 31, 2024

As We Gather: Christ's Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1–8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. "After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:54–55, 57).

(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 'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' LSB 466

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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 **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23–27

23“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

24Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

25For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

26And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

27whom I shall see for myself,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introit

Psalm 8:1, 5–6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b–6b

He is risen! Alleluia!

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!

Remember how he told you, Alleluia,

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet.

**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**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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**Remember how he told you, Alleluia,
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day
rise. Alleluia!**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

6Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

3And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

(Please be seated)

Hymn ‘Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands’ LSB 458

Sermon “Traumatizing Ecstasy” *Mark 16:1-8*

(Please stand, as you are able)

Offertory LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194

(Please be seated)

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

‘Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won’ LSB 490

‘I Know That My Redeemer Lives’ LSB 461

(Please stand, as you are able)

<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 ‘Jesus Christ Is Risen Today’</u>	LSB 457

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

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.

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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 immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

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.

Loose Giving Envelopes are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes.

General Fund & Mission Giving: When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

We are offering a Senior Coffee Hour for seniors in the area. This event is free and is every Monday 8:30-10:00 am. We serve coffee and donuts.

Windsor Manor Assisted Living- Grinnell
229 Pearl Street
www.windsor-manor.com

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

March 24, 2024

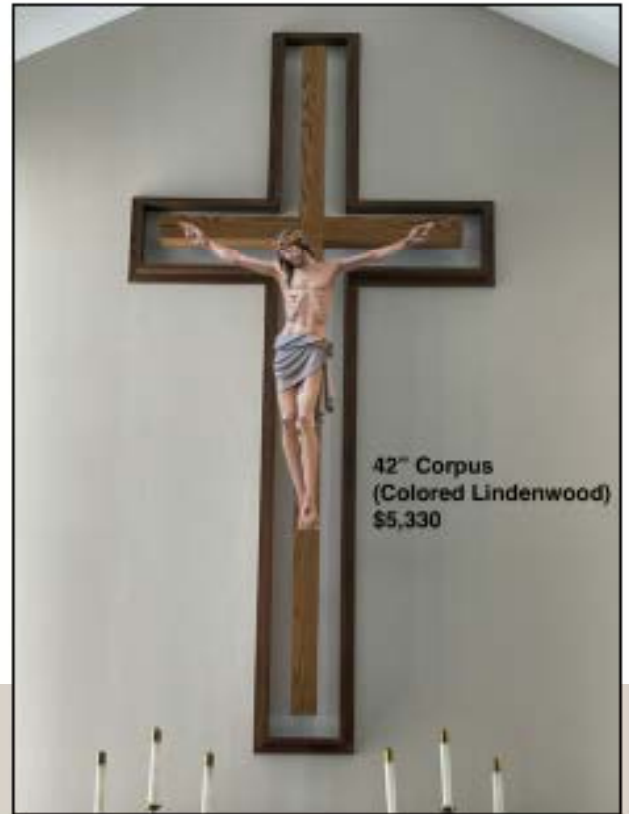
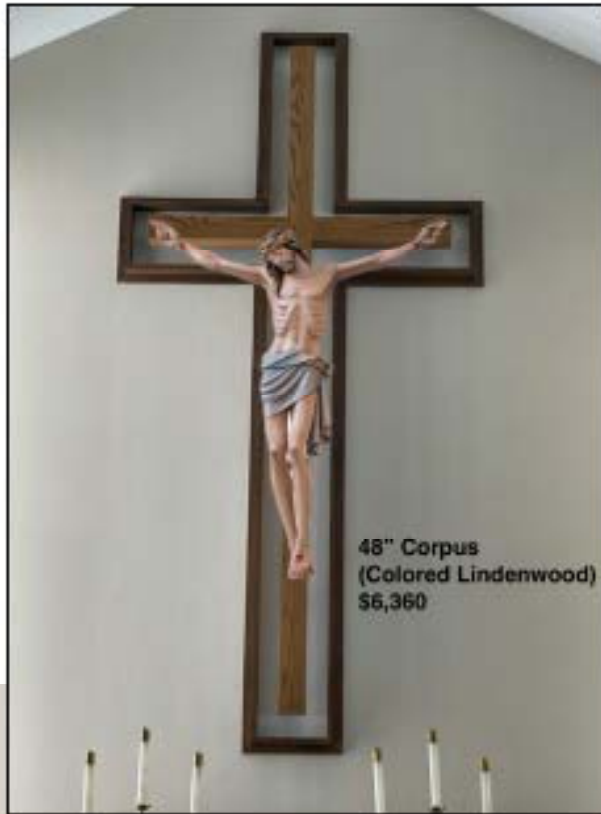
Attendance 83

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 Koeppe or a church elder.