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Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Northwoods location, April seems to be the month where everything waits to come alive for another year of growth. Snow is usually almost gone, and the temperatures are getting warmer. People begin their outside activities of walking and start dreaming about fishing and planning their gardens. It is a special time when folks clean out the cobwebs of inactivity from the long winter.

April this year is a special time when we can reconnect with our spiritual selves as well. Lent comes to an end as the count down to the cross seems to be picking up the pace. Palm Sunday is April 10th where we celebrated Jesus entering Jerusalem. His eyes are set on the prize of the rugged cross. Maundy Thursday finds us remembering Jesus' last supper with the disciples in the upper room. And then we have Good Friday, the fateful day of our Lord and Savior's brutal death. And all is quiet on Saturday.

Easter Sunday morning is finally here. The day we have waited for to cross over the chasm of the empty tomb. All the earth sits up and notices when the tomb of Jesus is found empty. Jesus is gone. He has risen. He has risen indeed!

As we replay this, the greatest story ever told, in 2022 many things in our lives have changed. Covid may soon be down graded from pandemic to endemic. Yet new challenges of rising gas prices and total shock at the grocery store are becoming more evident. The war that Russia has imposed on Ukraine is now several weeks old and in the minds of many is just a precursor to World War III. How unsettling our lives have become once again as a new year is just a few months old.

Our only hope is to look to that empty tomb. Jesus has risen. He was God's Son and has given us the greatest gift possible; forgiveness of our sins, abundant and eternal life. Folks, we need to accept this most gracious gift. Faith in God to provide that abundant life is not an empty promise. It is only made stronger by our faith in the empty tomb.

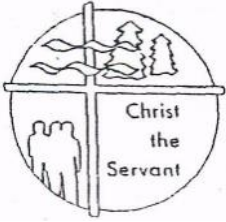
I urge you not to wait until Easter to come join the walk to the cross. Join us as we celebrate God's love manifest in the death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus. The waiting is over. Believe and claim your free gift of forgiveness, abundant life and a life everlasting with Jesus in heaven. Alleluia!

In the Joy of The Empty Tomb,

Pastor Gwen



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April Bible Readings

April 3rd — 5th Sunday in Lent

First Lessons Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Second Lesson Philippians 3 :4b-14
Gospel Lesson John 12:1-8 p.

April 10th— Sunday of the Passion

First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Lesson Luke 23:1-49

April 17th - Resurrection Sunday

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel Lesson Luke 24 :1-12

April 24th— 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Lessons Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Second Lesson Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31



Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed...

James 5:16.

Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

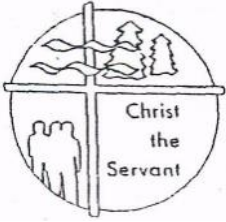
Health/Concerns: Sheila, Cyndi, Bob, Chip, Bernice, Tim, Jessica, Harold, Allen, Harold B, Patti, and Fred.

Military: Anton, Allesa Marrie, Amy Smith, and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Men's Group, WELCA, Quilting

Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS orphans in Malawi, Hunger and poverty in the world, and those struggling with the Coronavirus.





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Pastor's Office Hours

April 4th	1:00-4:00 pm
April 6th	2:00-5:00 pm
April 11th	1:00-4:00 pm
April 13th	2:00-5:00 pm
April 18th	No Office Hours
April 20th	2:00-5:00 pm
April 25th	1:00-4:00 pm
April 27th	2:00-5:00 pm

Confirmation—Wednesday

April 6th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
April 13th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
April 20th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
April 27th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Sunday Monday School

April 4th	4:15 pm –5:15 pm
April 25th	4:15 pm –5:15 pm

Men's Group – Thursday

April 21st	5:00 pm –6:00 pm
April 28th	5:00 pm –6:00 pm

Women's Group—Tuesday

April 5th	10:00 am-2:00 pm
April 12th	10:00 am-2:00 pm
April 19th	10:00 am-2:00 pm
April 26th	10:00 am-2:00 pm

Lenten Services

April 6th	Soup 5:30 pm/ Service 6:00 pm
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Holy Week Services

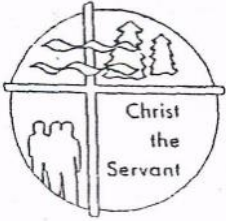
April 10th	Palm Sunday Service 9:30 am
April 14th	Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm
April 15th	Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday

April 17th	Worship—9:30AM Easter Pot Luck Brunch—After Worship
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Statements—Our church council has determined that we will only be doing giving statements twice a year going forward. Once for January-June and then at the end of the year for tax purposes. Should you have questions about your giving or meeting your pledge you can see Chuck Schindhelm for that information.

Easter Brunch—We will again be having an Easter Brunch immediately following our Easter Sunday worship. There will be a sign-up sheet posted. It would be helpful to sign up with how many will be attending and what you plan to bring. Please consider joining us for this time of fellowship and good food.

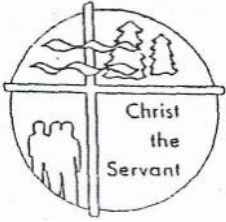
Ukraine—We will be collecting a special offering for food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. Lutheran World Relief has a donor that will be matching gifts up to \$422,000. This match grant goes through Easter Sunday. As a congregation we will be sending a check with our combined donations immediately following Easter. Lutheran World Relief is also sending Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits from their Dubai warehouse to the affected areas in need. You may go on line at lwr.org/match if you wish to donate privately. Otherwise, to join our effort at CTS just write a check to Christ the Servant and make note in the memo line Ukraine Match. Any questions please see Pastor Gwen. LWR is a wonderful way to make sure 100% of your money is used for the intended purpose!

Men's Group returns on April 21st at 5:00pm. Terry Tarras will continue the study with The Chosen videos. All men are welcome to join.

Volunteer Opportunities—Please sign up on the Opportunities sheet hung near the office. We need assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people and altar guild each week. If you have not been and would like to be trained for any or all of these service opportunities, please see Pastor Gwen. We need your help to make our worship experience on Sunday mornings meaningful.

Bible study continues on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Please come and join us. Our study on the book of Romans continues but it is never too late to join in the learning. There is a workbook, so see Pastor Gwen to get one.

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The Jelly Bean Prayer

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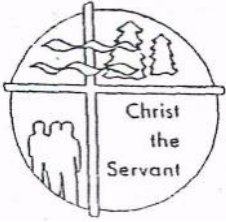
BLACK
is for the
sins that were
made.

WHITE
is for the
grace Christ gave.

PURPLE
is for the
hour of sorrow.

PINK
is for the
new tomorrow.

Celebrate!
Jesus is alive!



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