



April 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

Dearly beloved,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In years past, someone lovingly asked me the question, "Pastor, what is Holy Saturday?" That is, of course, a very good question. I do remember trying to give some answer that I felt was inadequate. The question certainly deserved an answer but at that time and in that place, I just could not think of an adequate way to put into words what their heart, and mine, needed to hear. Not because I didn't know, but rather at that time, the words just wouldn't come to me in a way that I felt needed to be expressed.



But this month, I want to answer that question for all of you and to take us back to the twenty-four hours between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. So, what is Holy Saturday?

The short answer is simply this: Holy Saturday is the day upon which our Lord slept for us.

So to help each of us more fully understand what exactly is significant about Holy Saturday, I am sharing a blog post by a former seminary professor by the name of Chad Bird. I hope that it will not only answer for you the question, "Pastor, what is Holy Saturday?" but will also be a great source of hope and encouragement this Easter season.

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In Christ's love for you,

Pastor David

The Bible has God-designed gaps in it. These literary holes are designed to trip us up so that we pause, look, ponder. Something is missing. Something we expected to be there. What is it? And what does its absence imply?

One such gap is in the creation story: there seems to be a missing verse.

As we read through Genesis 1, six times we encounter the phrase, "and there was evening and there was

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morning, the \_\_\_\_\_ day.” That blank is filled in with “first...second...third” and so forth, all the way to verse 31, where we get to “the sixth day.”

The unwritten verse is this: “And there was evening and there was morning, the seventh day.” Given the six previous occurrences of this phrase, we naturally expect it to recur on the final day of creation. But it does not. It’s left unwritten. Why? And what does this imply?

It suggests that this first Sabbath day is awaiting its true completion. The seventh day, the day God rested from all his work of creation, has a gap that needs to be filled.

When and how would this happen? Welcome to Holy Saturday.

Jesus was arrested on Thursday evening and crucified on Friday. After Christ’s death, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body. “Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning” (23:52-54).

The Galilean women who were disciples of Jesus, “saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment” Luke 23:55-56.

On the Sabbath, they rested. They, the women. But not these women alone. Jesus, too, rested on the Sabbath, according to the commandment. He rested in the tomb.

On the first Friday of creation, the sixth day, “God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good” Genesis 1:31. Then the Lord rested the following day, the seventh day.

On the Good Friday of re-creation, the Friday we dare to call “Good,” Jesus as God saw everything that he had done—he saw his miracles; he saw all his teaching; he saw his fidelity; he saw how he had “borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” Isaiah 53:4—and, behold, it was very good. So he cried out, “Tetelestai,” “It is finished,” and breathed his last.

Our dead God, our slain Creator, who for the joy before him had endured the cross and labored in love for our peace, entered his Sabbath rest, swaddled in mortality.

In so doing, Jesus filled the gap in the creation account. Now he could pull out the scroll of Genesis and write, “And there was evening and there was morning, the seventh day.” The first Sabbath, which for ages had awaited its true completion, was finally and fully finished on Holy Saturday. The Son of God, having recreated the world and ushered in a new humanity,

took his rest.

Do not sprint past Holy Saturday in your endeavor to rush through Easter's door.

Stop. Wait. Reflect.

For twenty-four hours, every year, we let seep into our minds and hearts the shocking fact of the death and burial of God. He plunged so deeply into our human condition, embraced so wholly our mortal flesh and blood, that our Lord was crushed and crucified and coffined.

A man named Joseph was there when he was born, a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. And another man named Joseph was there when he was dead, an adult wrapped in a linen cloth.

He went above and beyond for us. Conceived and born. Hungered and thirsted. Tempted and tried. And, as if all that were not enough, he was even dead and buried. He was "all in" for humanity. Not even the cemetery was off-limits for the Savior who came to get us back to his Father.

Jesus can rest in that tomb with a victorious grin on his lifeless face. He knows that his job of atonement is over. Not the slightest sin of the tiniest transgression of the most minuscule iniquity remains in need of sacrificial blood. He has done his job very well. No sin of any person, of any time, survived the cross. It was all there, on him, and him alone.

Apart from the cross, outside that man, sin did not exist. He became sin. And in him, sin became forgiven.

Now the Creator punches his mortal timeclock.

A new creation winks and yawns and stretches on the horizon.

The kingdom has been established, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Tomorrow Jesus will laugh his way out of the tomb, spit in the face of death, and kick the devil in the throat as he dances to the clapping glee of angelic masses. But today he just rests. It is the final Sabbath of God.

Therefore, when we ourselves are buried, or we bury our loved ones, we escort them into a Sabbath rest. They sleep the sleep of death. For this reason, we call our Christian burial sites "cemeteries," which comes from the Greek word *koimeteria*. This does not mean "place of the dead" or "graveyard" but cemetery or *koimeteria* means "sleeping place."

We bury our dead with the belief that God is not finished with them. We put their bodies in a place where they can rest and await the alarm clock of the

trumpet blast on the day of resurrection.

For those in Jesus Christ, the grave is the portal to paradise with Jesus, and the bed for our bodies, as we await resurrection. Jesus has dehorned, defanged, and debarked the grave. It cannot hurt, bite, or even bark at us.

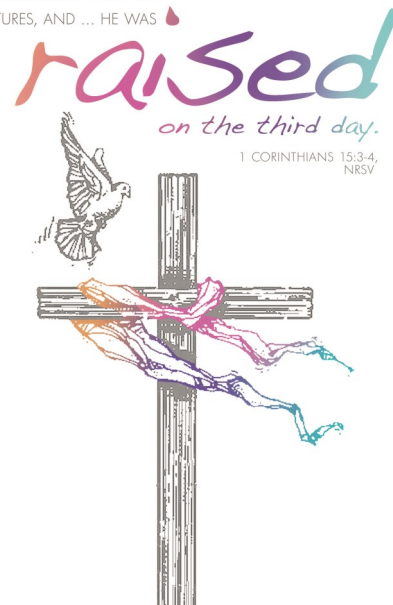
Like a menial servant, all the grave can do is bow at our feet and do our bidding.

All because of Jesus. All because of Holy Saturday. For on this day, Christ filled the gap in the creation story and has filled us with a hope that stretches from now until forever and ever, Amen.

#### ABOUT CHAD BIRD

Chad Bird is a Scholar in Residence at 1517. He has served as a pastor, professor, and guest lecturer in Old Testament and Hebrew. He holds master's degrees from Concordia Theological Seminary and Hebrew Union College. He has contributed articles to Christianity Today, The Gospel Coalition, Modern Reformation, The Federalist, Lutheran Forum, and other journals and websites. He is also the author of several books, including *Night Driving & Your God Is Too Glorious*.

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
SCRIPTURES, AND ... HE WAS







*From the  
President's Pen*



The bathroom remodeling work is underway and may even be complete before this Newsletter is delivered. A special "Thank you" to Dale Kenton for his persistence in finding a contractor and getting this work done.

While we are still being vigilant about distancing, sanitizing and masks, there are currently no capacity limits on church services. So, please join us if you are comfortable doing so. Many of our older members are now vaccinated and attending regularly.

With the recent passage of additional stimulus payments, I would ask that you consider giving to Immanuel's Special Funds. Care and Compassion, Missions and Pastor's matching fund for student loans are all good choices. If you are not currently attending in person, you can mail in a check or give via the website – whichever is most convenient.

Finally, I give thanks for all of you keeping up with your regular giving. We have been staying on or ahead of budget, and that is a wonderful position to be in during this tough time. Other churches are struggling, but you have been very faithful, and it is appreciated.

I hope to see you in person soon!

Ruth

## Pop-Up Women's Choir

Pop-up Women's Choir Forming – Rehearsals on two Wednesdays – April 21 and 28, 7:00 – 7:45 pm; sing in church on Sunday, May 2 with a warm-up at 10 am. Ladies (ages 13+) if you can sing a new song to the Lord, come and sing! (Guys, watch this space in June for your opportunity to sing together.)



## Joy is dependable

Joy is found in God's love, mercy and grace through His Son Jesus Christ. Joy is given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament. Joy is found in what God has done and in the blessed good works He provides for us to live out. In a world in which bad news and decline appear to dominate, true joy — joy found in God's love in Christ — stands at all times and will last for all time. "Joy:fully Lutheran" means living in a joy that doesn't fade — no matter what comes our way. Find out more at [joyfullylutheran.org](http://joyfullylutheran.org).

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## CASA OF CAROLINE, INC.

March 2, 2021

Dear Pastor,

Every year, nearly 700,000 children in the United States experience child abuse and more than 1,700 children die. **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.** This year's national theme, *Thriving Children and Families: Prevention with a Purpose*, recognizes the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment. We know that as members of the faith community, you share our commitment to building and supporting stronger families. We've created an interactive calendar of suggested activities to create awareness of child abuse and its prevention and to support healthy families throughout the month of April. Here are some of the highlights for your congregation:

- **Planting Pinwheels For Prevention!** Denton Community Garden April 3rd at 10am and throughout the weekend—or plant your own! Blue Pinwheels For Prevention can be purchased at [www.shopcasa.org](http://www.shopcasa.org) or at [www.positivepromotions.com](http://www.positivepromotions.com) \*Please share photos of your garden with us on Facebook or [casacaroline100@gmail.com](mailto:casacaroline100@gmail.com)
- **Celebrate Blue Sunday!** Join this National Day of Prayer for abused children on April 25th. Visit [www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org) for more information.
- **Church Community Resources:** Each Sunday has something to share with your faith community to help raise awareness.

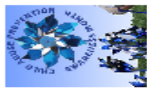
It is painful to think about children and youth experiencing abuse or neglect. Sadly, it happens every day. We all play a role in the healthy development of our community's children. Throughout **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, we hope you will join us in raising awareness about these issues to help our most vulnerable youth. If you have any questions regarding this or any of CASA of Caroline's programs, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for helping us "Change a Child's Story"!

Sincerely,

Amy Horne  
Director of Outreach and Partnerships  
CASA of Caroline, Inc.

*A powerful voice in a child's life*

# April 2021 Child Abuse Awareness Month



Thank you to  
our Pinwheel  
Sponsors!



Denton Rotary



Court Appointed Special Advocates

CASA OF CAROLINE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Throughout the month use: #ChangeAChildsStory #CarolinePinwheelForPrevention #ChildAbuseAwareness2021 #ChildAbusePreventionMonth</p>	<p><b>April's Rainy Day Activity.</b> Use the instructions to make your own pinwheels! Use your imagination to create an indoor pinwheel display - and don't forget to send us your pic! <a href="#">Pinwheel Instructions</a></p>	<p> <b>Pinwheels will be available at:</b> Patti's Petals, Joviality, The Foundry, Purple Peas, and other locations around the county. For a complete list, please visit <a href="http://www.carolinecasa.org">www.carolinecasa.org</a>. Or to purchase your own: <a href="#">Shop CASA</a> Or <a href="#">Positive Promotions</a></p>	<p>Pinwheels will be available at: Patti's Petals, Joviality, The Foundry, Purple Peas, and other locations around the county. For a complete list, please visit <a href="http://www.carolinecasa.org">www.carolinecasa.org</a>. Or to purchase your own: <a href="#">Shop CASA</a> Or <a href="#">Positive Promotions</a></p>	<p>1 Color the <a href="#">Prevent Child Abuse America Pinwheel</a> or the one on the <a href="#">CASA of Caroline website</a> and mail or email it to us to help fill our window!</p>	<p>2 <b>GO BLUE DAY!</b> Wear blue to show you support Child Abuse Prevention </p>	<p>3 <b>Planting Pinwheels For Prevention!</b> Kickoff 10am in Denton Community Garden and continue throughout the weekend</p>
<p>4 Have a Happy Easter! Host a fun Easter Egg Hunt for your neighborhood. Use all blue eggs to raise awareness! </p>	<p>5  <b>Like and follow:</b> <a href="#">CASA of Caroline on Facebook</a> Share a photo of your pinwheel garden! or send to <a href="mailto:cascacaronline100@gmail.com">cascacaronline100@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>6  <b>Child Abuse Prevention Awareness frame</b> to your profile picture</p>	<p>7 Learn how to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and take this <a href="#">Free ACE's Training</a></p>	<p>8  Arrange a virtual playdate using Skype or Facetime and check out this list of <a href="#">71 Play Ideas to Keep Kids Busy</a></p>	<p>9  Share Myth #1 about child abuse on Social Media</p>	<p>10 Get your family moving and host a Virtual Dance Party - invite friends &amp; neighbors! <a href="#">How to host a Zoom Dance Party</a></p>
<p>11  Share <a href="#">The 12 Things the Church Should Know About Child Abuse</a> with your faith community <a href="#">Spanish Version</a></p>	<p>12 Buy diapers, formula or groceries for a parent of a young child or for <a href="#">Caroline Food4Learning Backpack Program</a> </p>	<p>13 Familiarize yourself with these <a href="#">Tips on how to respond to someone who discloses child abuse</a></p>	<p>14 Register in advance and attend <a href="#">Maryland Family Network's virtual Parent Cafe 3pm-5pm</a> to connect with other parents and caregivers in MD</p>	<p>15 Send an encouraging text/call/message to a parent you know </p>	<p>16  Share Myth #2 about child abuse on Social Media</p>	<p>17 Start a Family Garden! Consider including Forget Me Nots for luck and protection. Line your plot with pinwheels to raise awareness! </p>
<p>18  Share this <a href="#">Victims Prayer Card</a> with your fellowship </p>	<p>19  Get cooking as a family and make Mummy Toast or any of the other recipes in <a href="#">Healthy Snacks for Families</a></p>	<p>20 Write a thank you letter to a teacher who helped you or a child you love. </p>	<p>21 Keep you &amp; your family safe online by reviewing these <a href="#">Quickguides to Internet Safety</a></p>	<p>22 In recognition of tomorrow's <a href="#">World Book Night</a> Find a book your family can enjoy together! Share your selection on Social Media &amp; maybe start a Book Club!</p>	<p>23  Share Myth #3 about child abuse on Social Media</p>	<p>24 Be adventurous as a family and get outside! Explore one of <a href="#">Caroline County's County Parks &amp; Facilities</a> </p>
<p>25 <b>Celebrate Blue Sunday!</b> Ask your church or congregation to participate in this National Day of Prayer for abused children </p>	<p>26 Register in advance and attend <a href="#">Maryland Family Network's virtual Parent Cafe 6pm-8pm</a> to connect with other parents and caregivers in MD</p>	<p>27 Donate diapers or toiletries for children and adults to a local shelter such as <a href="#">His House Ministries</a></p>	<p>28 Check out the parenting resources at <a href="#">National Parent Helpline</a> Share them with a parent you know who may be struggling</p>	<p>29 Start a Family Journal to inspire future generations to thrive! For ideas, check out Pinterest or <a href="#">A Family For Every Child</a></p>	<p>30  Share Myth #4 about child abuse on Social Media</p>	<p>Continue supporting Healthy Families in May and throughout the year with <a href="#">Tips for turning everyday activities into learning opportunities</a></p>

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# A Word on the Equality Act

## To the Pastors, Called Workers and Members of the 6,000 Congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The words of the apostle Peter apply to us now:

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. (1 Peter 1:3–8)

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The church's task is not political. It is the proclamation of the Gospel of free salvation in the cross and resurrection of Jesus for all (1 Cor. 1:23; John 18:36). "The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered" (AC VII 1).<sup>1</sup>

God rules His church by His infallible Word, the Holy Scriptures (John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:15–16). God rules the state by His eternal law, reason and reasonable laws for the common welfare. "Our churches teach that lawful civil regulations are good works of God" (AC XVI 1; see Rom. 13:1–7). The church should not meddle in government affairs, especially in matters upon which the Word of God is silent. It is also wrong when governments act against God's eternal law, reason and the basic civil rights of all people. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution enshrines this truth. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Throughout history, governments have acted unjustly — sometimes in the name of race, atheism, communism, religion and even Christianity — and curtailed or denied the rights of conscience and the free exercise of religion. And governments continue to do so. Our Lutheran and biblical confession is that "it is necessary for Christians to be obedient to their rulers and laws. The only exception is when they are commanded to sin. Then they ought to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29)" (AC XVI 6–7; see 1 Peter 2:13–14).

St. Paul made use of his legal right as a Roman citizen ("I appeal to Caesar" Acts 25:11). "Christ's kingdom allows us outwardly to use legitimate political ordinances of every nation in which we live, just as it allows us to use medicine or the art of building, or food, drink, and air" (Ap XVI 54). Our Lutheran Confessions commend the seeking of public remedy for injustice. "Public remedy, made through the office of the public official, is not condemned, but is commanded and is God's work, according to Paul (Romans 13)" (Ap XVI 59). Our God-given right to act as citizens is very important, especially now. The Equality Act is before Congress.<sup>2</sup> It sounds innocent. All Americans should enjoy equality and the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But in elevating sexual orientation to a protected class, the Equality Act will bring sweeping changes to current laws, to the great detriment of the religious and constitutional freedoms of biblically faithful churches, institutions, Christian schools and individuals.

Jesus referred to Genesis 2:24, when He stated:

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"Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matt. 19:4–6)

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In fact, those churches and institutions that are bound by the Word of God to the truth of marriage between a man



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and a woman, and that sex outside of that institution is contrary to the word of Christ and the apostles in the New Testament (1 Cor. 7:2), could be punished for simply standing on our consistent, ancient Christian beliefs. The Equality Act effectively outlaws the words of Christ, the sublime doctrine of Creation, the First Article of the Creed, and our “free exercise of religion” based upon the Bible and Apostles’ Creed. The biblical teaching that marriage is between a man and a woman is to be labeled forever a mere “sex-based stereotype.”<sup>3</sup>

The Equality Act expands the definition of “public accommodation” and puts an ultimatum to individuals, religious non-profits, food banks, schools, charities, adoption agencies and others: “Change your faith-based practices or face government punishment.”<sup>4</sup>

Religious schools (K-12 and universities) are a prime target of the Equality Act, which will make it difficult to maintain standards for admission and codes of Christian conduct for students, faculty and staff.<sup>5</sup> The Equality Act will forbid college students from using federal tuition assistance at schools that maintain standards of conduct on the basis of the Bible regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

Sex-specific facilities and female-only spaces could be eliminated. Biological males will have the right to participate in female sports, unjustly denying female athletes at our schools a fair competition and the due rewards of accomplishment.<sup>6</sup>

The Equality Act will eliminate the significant protections of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, passed by Congress and signed into law in 1993.<sup>7</sup> This law has provided strong protections for “free exercise of religion” in the face of overzealous officials.

The Equality Act contains no conscience protections for medical staff who choose not to perform abortions, even if they have religious objections. Because of its broad definition of “health” services, the Equality Act threatens the Hyde Amendment, which limits public funding for abortion. It also threatens Christian hospitals with elimination of funding for not performing “health” services, including abortion or genital mutilation.

The Equality Act was recently passed by the House and is currently pending in the Senate. The margin is razor thin. If it does not become law now, we can be assured that it will be pressed again. We encourage all LCMS people to:

1. Treat all people with kindness and respect (“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” Mark 12:31), while holding firmly to “the faith once delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).
2. Become informed about the Equality Act and the issues of gender dysphoria. (See “Additional Resources” below.)
3. Consider your role as Christian citizens and make your voice known to your elected officials, particularly in the U.S. House ([house.gov/representatives](https://www.house.gov/representatives)) and Senate ([senate.gov/senators/index.htm](https://www.senate.gov/senators/index.htm)).
4. Pray for our officials, government and the church in these challenging days.

Martin Luther once said, “Christ dwells only in sinners.” We recognize ourselves as sinners constantly in need of Christ’s forgiveness. We recognize the truth of the apostle Peter’s words, “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God” (1 Peter 4:17). We know that Jesus’ opponents grumbled against Him by saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). This comforting verse applies to us sinners, and we welcome all others to join us at the feet of Jesus, the sole Savior of all (John 3:16). As Christians, we believe that God has created all people, and all are infinitely valuable and accountable to Him. As Christian citizens, we recognize and demand basic God-given civil rights for all people, even as we insist on the First Amendment rights of Christians.

No matter the course of this or any legislation, Christ will sustain His church. Our hope is not in laws, Congress or courts. Our hope is Christ. “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20).

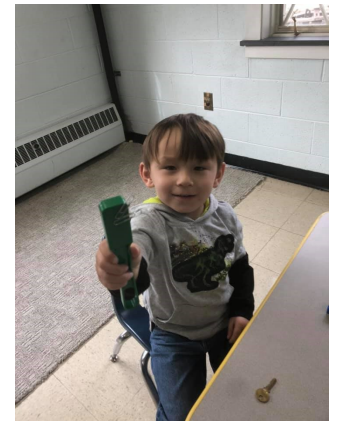
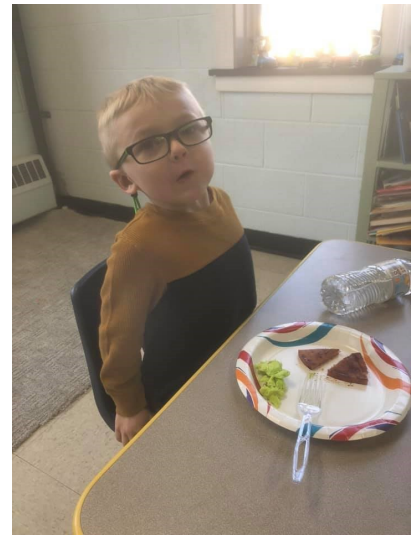
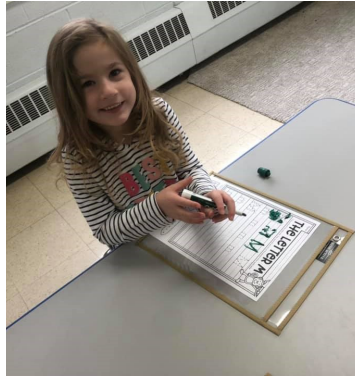
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Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. (1 Peter 3:8–9, 13–17)

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Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

# Spring at Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School





# **SPAGHETTI DINNER**



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**Fundraiser for  
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**Sunday, April 25th**

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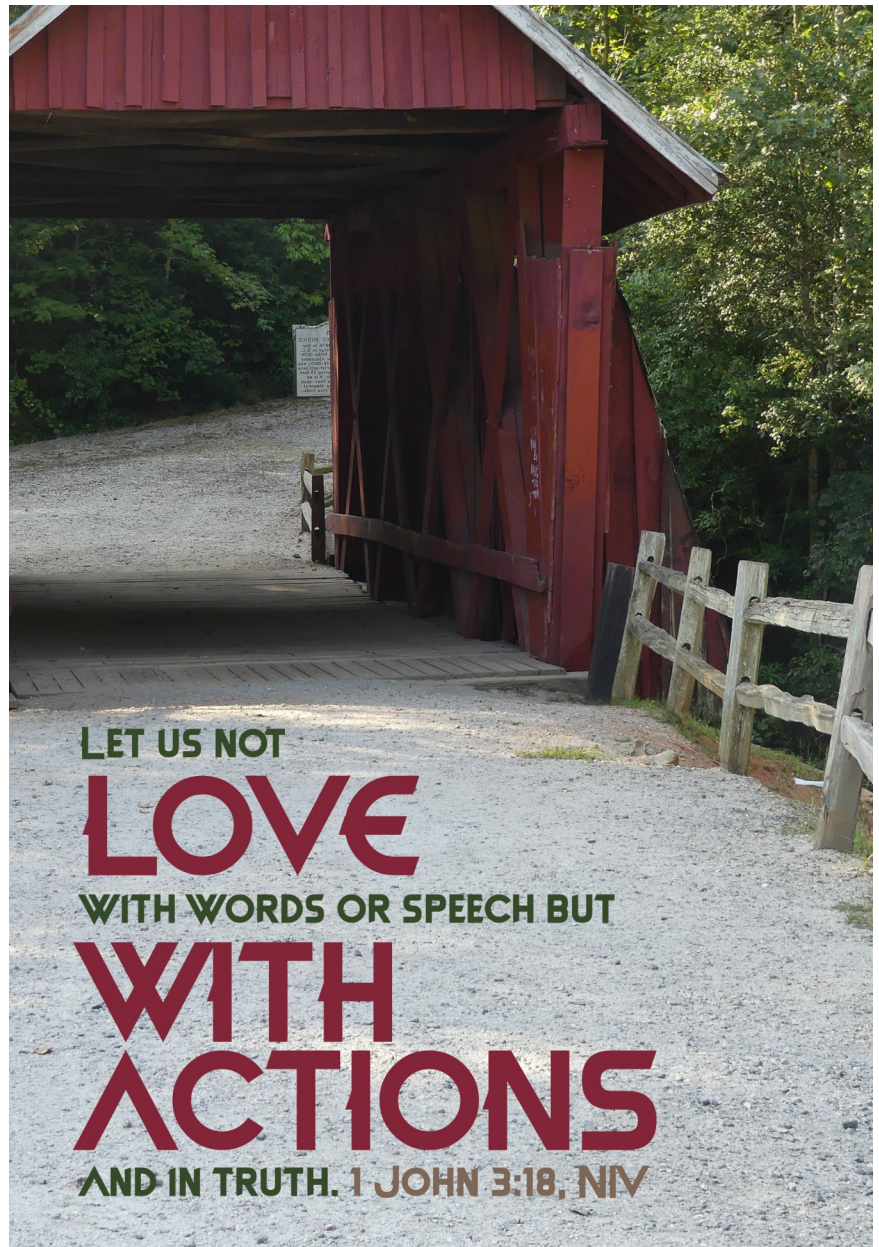
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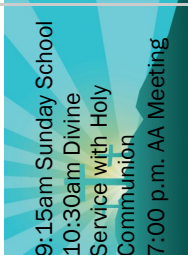
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Alison Patchett	4/21
Todd Butler	4/24
J.T. Worm	4/24
Barbara Headley	4/26
Corey Schmidt	4/30



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Nursery School Closed 7 pm Service 	<b>2</b> 7 pm Service 	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> Nursery School Closed	<b>6</b> 8:50am Nursery School	<b>7</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	<b>8</b> 8:50am Nursery School 6:30 p.m. WINGS	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
<b>11</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Church Council	<b>13</b> 8:50am Nursery School	<b>14</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	<b>15</b> 8:50am Nursery School	<b>16</b> Youth Group Game Night	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>19</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed	<b>20</b> 8:50am Nursery School	<b>21</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	<b>22</b> 8:50am Nursery School 6:30 pm. Nursery School Board	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser Nursery School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed	<b>27</b> 8:50am Nursery School	<b>28</b> 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	<b>29</b> 8:50am Nursery School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL APRIL 2021

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greeter	Head Tellers
April 1 Maundy Thursday	Dale Kenton Roland Limpert	Richard Wheatley		Kalei Durando		Janice Isenberg			
April 2 Good Friday	Dale Kenton Roland Limpert			Catie Casey-Motley		Ruth Thomas			
April 4	Dale Kenton Roland Limpert	Rex Rosebrock	Glen Plutschak	Zack Kirwan	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg			Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
April 11	Dale Kenton Roland Limpert		Arlene Stevens	Lukas Maloney	David Schmidt	Katie Northam			Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
April 18	Dale Kenton Roland Limpert	Mark Frase	Janice Isenberg	Catie Casey-Motley	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton			Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
April 25	Dale Kenton Roland Limpert		Catie Casey-Motley	Veronica Phillips	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas			David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt



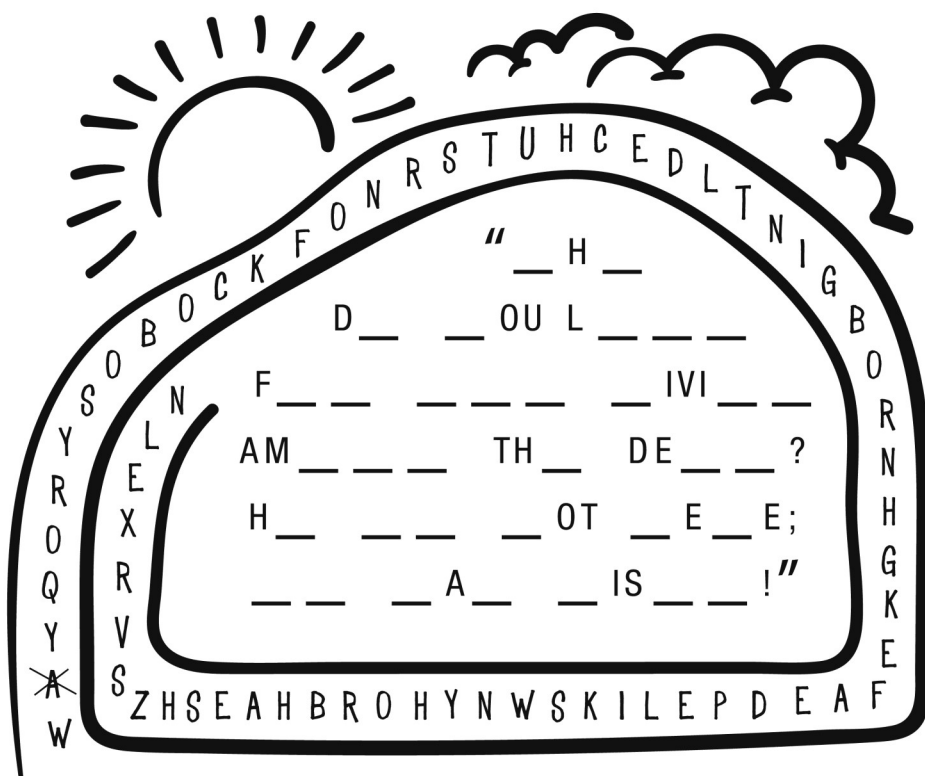




# EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

**Directions:** Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

## What you need:

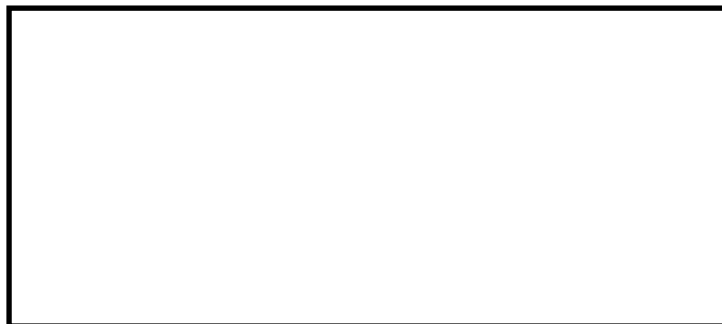
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!



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