

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

April 12, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 16 (Pg. 125)

Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118); 71(Pg. 109).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 199 189 187 192:1-5 192:6-8

SCRIPTURE READING:

LUKE 24:1-11

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 199 - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

**Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Schaller by phone or by email, Church 906-226-9372, Cell: 605-880-7886 (Text or Call) E-mail: schtubby@gmail.com Pastor Schaller will continue to send out hard copies to everyone unless they have internet access or request otherwise. If you would like a DVD copy of the service/sermon, please ask and it will be sent. Please check out the website (calvary.clclutheran.org) where you can read, listen to and even watch past and present messages.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh has returned the call of Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN. • Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has called Mr. Ross Kok, of Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ, to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Holy Trinity of West Columbia has also called Ross Kok to serve as their upper grade teacher and principal. • Teacher and Principal Kirsten Gullerud of St. Stephen Lutheran School of Mountain View CA has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher and principal to pursue a different path in Wisconsin. St. Stephen has called Claire Abbas, Gethsemane Spokane Valley, WA, to be their next teacher.

REGARDING CALVARY OFFERINGS

To the members of Calvary,

As the Treasurer, I can with confidence assure you that we are currently meeting our financial obligations. As the ban on gathering extends into April, it may be prudent for members who make their donations on a weekly basis to consider making their donations by mail to the church at 450 W. Ohio and marking the outside envelope "Atten: April Ushers". For those members who on occasion miss church and then add the missed offering to the next service they attend, they can feel free to contribute at the time regular services are resumed by Council. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 906-249-3544.

With the Lord's help we will persevere through this difficult time,

Jim Goodman

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS APRIL 13-18

Monday - Isaiah 12:1-6 (First, review Chapter 11, where Easter is predicted as the Day of salvation accomplished by Jesus Messiah.) Because God's anger at sinners was vented on Jesus (1), and because Jesus survived the penalty (the wages of sin is death) on Easter morn, God has proved Himself gracious not only to Jesus but also to you and me (2), who enjoy rehearsing God's Easter program laid out in His holy Word (3). Depending on God, we broadcast the good news that God makes good on His Word, every day in every way (4-6).

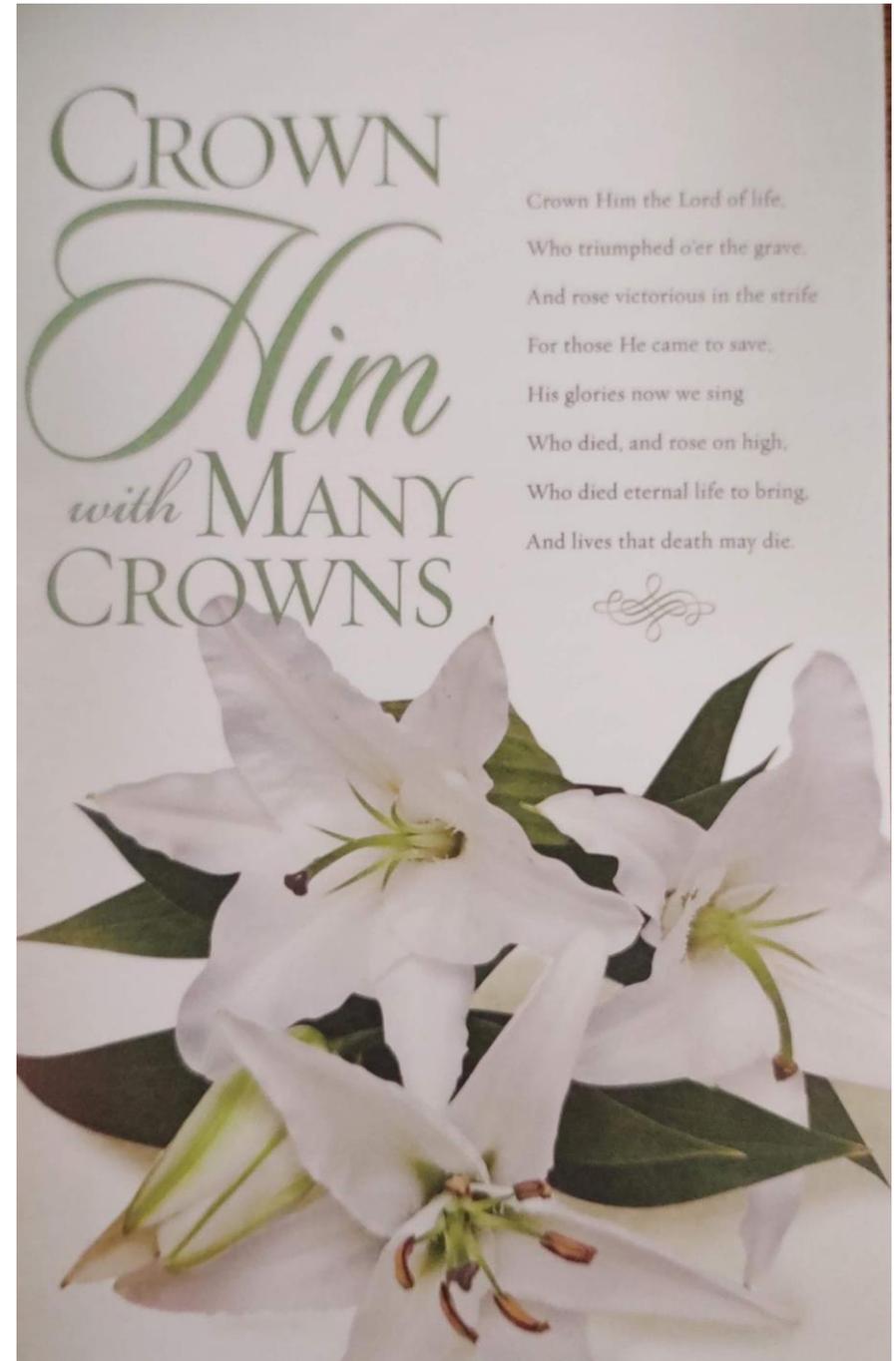
Tuesday - John 20:1-18 Alongside Mary, we hurry into the cool dawn, look at the tomb's emptiness, and put two and two together (9-10). Stepping aside at the angel interview (11-14), we edge closer so as to not miss the first words Jesus spoke after He left hell behind (14-17). Though we cannot touch Him on this side of the grave, in heaven we will get really close (17). Hallelujah!

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Listen up to God's Judgment Day program! Maybe we should call it *Change Day*, for we shall all be changed in a general transformation: our corruptible/perishable bodies get changed to become non-perishable; our mortal existence gets changed to immortal life. What does this mean? It means that death/dying/perishing is over and done with (54-55)—along with sin and its hold on us (56). Can this be true? It is most certainly true, for God has given us this victory via Jesus Christ.

Thursday - Psalm 30 We share some things with King David—not our genetics but our spiritual experiences. Our common foes are the powers of hell and the grave, from which Jesus has brought us up (1-3). The Holy Spirit invites David and us to sing praise to the LORD, for His anger is but for a moment, while His favor is for life. During this epidemic, we keep on with our supplications, and as each day dawns (and evening falls), we have good reason to thank Jesus.

Friday - Matthew 28:1-10 Dawn is edging its way across the hills as we approach the cemetery; we clench during the earthquake; we squint at the angel brightness; we step over guards' crumpled bodies; we try not to cringe at the angel's voice. Can we absorb the message without quaking (5-7), and when Jesus meets us, are we thrilled? In what spirit do we go forward from Easter?

Saturday - Colossians 3:1-4 It's a "given" that we are raised with Jesus from a dead existence to begin life in a new dimension. It's the dimension where Jesus is alive and well, seated at the right hand of God the Father. What does that open up to us? A new mindset and a fresh start on a lifestyle that sets our compass on Jesus—so that we don't lose our way while traveling from here to there. We pay close attention to that compass heading, where our (future) life is hidden with Christ in God. God, grant us a grand reunion in heaven!



DAILY REST RENEWAL – INDIVIDUAL or BULK

As many of you know, our church body (Church of the Lutheran Confession – CLC) produces a daily devotion book quarterly with devotions for every day of the year. If you subscribed last year, then you have received 3 Daily Rest Booklets (or 4). The Board of Education and Publications, which is responsible for its printing has offered to handle this like the Spokesman Subscriptions, through the congregation.

The individual subscriptions will expire with the issue that ends on May 31, 2020. You may renew directly (by e-mail or phone in the front of the booklet) at a cost of \$18 per year.

If we handle it as a bulk subscription through the congregation the cost would be \$15 per year. If you currently subscribe, please express yourself as to how you would like to do it in 2020-2021. If you don't subscribe and would like to, please contact Pastor at your earliest convenience. This needs to be taken care of asap.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 52:13-15

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. *

He is arisen! Glorious word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heaven are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth-- He was dead, but see, He liveth!

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 PETER 1:3-12

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

¹⁰Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, ¹¹searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹²To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made:

Congregation: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is Good:

Congregation: His mercy endures forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: The angel of the Lord descended from heaven:

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 28:1-8

Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." ⁸So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 187 – "Christ is Arisen"

THE SERMON:

JOHN 20:1-2

Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." *

EMPTY

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 171:6-8)

The load Thou takest on Thee, That pressed so sorely on me,
It crushed me to the ground. The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing, My healing in Thy wounds is found.

A crown of thorns Thou wearest, My shame and scorn Thou bearest,
That I might ransomed be. My Bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling, From sin and guilt hast made me free.

Thy cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to Thee forever,
I am no longer mine. To Thee I gladly tender
All that my life can render And all I have to Thee resign.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 192:1-5 – "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 192:6-8 – "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12, 2020

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice -- Cancelled

Sunday Worship – Online; Council Meeting Postponed.

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE EXTENDED

On Thursday April 9th, Governor Whitmer extended and expanded the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order through April 30, 2020. This new order has also made 'all public and private gatherings among persons outside a single household temporarily prohibited.' In addition, 'all travel for vacations or for any other purpose is prohibited.'

It was our sincere hope to resume services next Sunday, April 19th. We were also planning to resume Council and Voter's Meetings. Unfortunately, this new order means that we will be postponing face to face meetings and continuing online services, written sermons and bulletins on the church website until this is lifted: calvary.clclutheran.org