

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021



“Do not be alarmed.
You seek
Jesus of Nazareth,
who was crucified.
He has risen;
He is not here”

Mark 16:6

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness & life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you.

Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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The Resurrection of the Lord

Return and See

AS WE GATHER

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it “up close and personal”!

PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Jeffrey Blersch

GREETING

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

(Stand and face the entrance of the church.

As the cross passes, turn so your eyes follow the cross to the chancel)

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth (Job 19:25).

C He is risen!

P God raised [Jesus] up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it (Acts 2:24).

C He is risen!

P God raised [Jesus] on the third day and made him to appear...to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses (Acts 10:40-41).

C He is risen!

P [God] has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man [Jesus] whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead (Acts 17:31).

C He is risen!

P Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you and He will raise you to life by His Spirit. (Romans 8:11)

C **He is risen!**

P Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.[Ⓞ] Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

C **He is risen!**

P Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:17-18).

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

BAPTISM

(Please turn to page 17 for the Baptism liturgy)

(9:30am) Remington Todd Meier Baptism

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** This is the day the LORD has made glorious by rising from death. He is the very Paschal Lamb who has paid for the sin of the whole world. As we have been gathered into His presence to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament, let us approach the LORD with confident faith, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and to confess our personal & specific sins.

- P** Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are unworthy to come into Your holy presence to hear Your Word or receive the very Body and Blood of Jesus at the table of the Lord for we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Even on this holy day of days we bring with us the wrongs we have done and the deeds we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart or our neighbors as ourselves. We plead for mercy; free us from our bondage to sin and lead us to the freedom which comes from following You each day until we join You at the heavenly banquet.**

- P** The prophet Isaiah wrote, "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. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 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" (Isaiah 25:6–8).

Today we partake of a foretaste of the promised feast to come. It is the feast of victory for our God. Death has lost its sting; our Lord has paid for all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

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.

ANTHEM

Acclamation in G Minor

By Thompson

Adult Bells

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On 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. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He 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. ⁹It 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

An Antiphonal Easter Alleluia

By Raney

Adult Choir

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common

John 6:68

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

We Know that Christ Was Raised
LSB 603

1. **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.**

2. **We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!**
3. **The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
LSB 465

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

Return and See
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00am and 11:00am only)

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

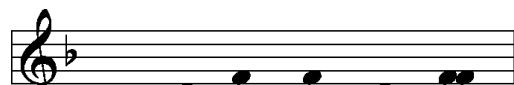
- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the whole Church of Christ, in heaven and on earth, that all who have been baptized into Christ be filled with the joy and hope of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the powers entrusted to them for the good of the people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For this congregation, that the Gospel might have free course among all who worship here, filling us with heavenly peace and making us bold witnesses to the good news of death's defeat in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For those who celebrate special blessings from the hand of our loving heavenly Father, [*especially _____*], that they might rejoice and give thanks to the giver of all good things and always care for those entrusted to their care and keeping. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For those in need, the sick, the suffering, the dying, the mourning and the lonely, [*especially _____*], that Christ Himself would be their health in sickness, their joy in sorrow and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For all who partake today in the Lamb's High Feast, that partaking in repentant faith of the body and blood of the Savior, they would receive a foretaste of that feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For the saints who have gone before us and who are with the Lord, let us give thanks, asking Him to bring us with them to the feast of joy that has no ending in the Kingdom of the Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

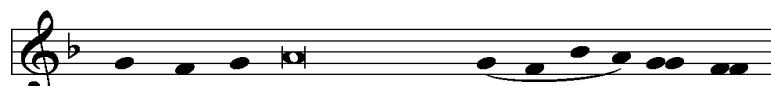


P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 1:36]



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When finished, reverence the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
LSB 633:1, 2, 3, 7, 8

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| <p>1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!</p> <p>2. Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!</p> <p>3. Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!</p> | <p>7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!</p> <p>8. Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!</p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
LSB 461:1, 2, 6, 7, 8

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| <p>1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.</p> | <p>2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.</p> |
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6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia
LSB 463

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

3. Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen
LSB 480

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3. But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4. O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,

Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.

Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- P** May the Lord...and ✠ give you peace
- C** Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

**1. This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain.**

**ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!**

**2. Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: Refrain.**

**3. My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain**

POSTLUDE

Christ Has Risen, Alleluia

J. Wayne Kerr

✠ The Rite of Holy Baptism ✠

Todd Remington Meier

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors, and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil?

C **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

C **Yes, believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

P **Todd Remington Meier**, do you desire to be baptized?

C **Yes, I Do**

THE BAPTISM

THE BLESSING

THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted **Todd Remington Meier** the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

L In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.**

Baptismal Party may return to their seats.

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Glockenspiel..... Eric Schlef
Acolytes (6:00) Cora & George Delancy (8:00) Katie Circle & Kaylee Bahr
..... (9:30) Leo Bertels (11:00) Sydney Hughey
Crucifer..... (8:00) Timothy Schlef (9:30) (11:00)
Altar Guild..... Karen Kuhn, Carol Brandt, Denise Behrman
Counters.....Todd Scheumann, George Ledgerwood, Juan Martinez, Debbie Johnson



HOLY BAPTISM Remington Todd Meyer, infant son of Austin & Charisse Meier, will be baptized this morning in the 9:30am service. Remington's sponsors are Aaron Crass & Kayla Brandt. We pray special blessings upon Remington and his family as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

Believer Facing Prison and Family Harm - Saudi Arabia

An Arab convert from Saudi Arabia has suffered great difficulties after being exposed as a follower of Jesus. Last year, the believer was open about his faith and was reported to the authorities. Conversion is illegal and punishable by death in Saudi Arabia, and authorities opened an investigation against him. Several years earlier, the believer helped his sister, also a follower of Christ, flee the country with her children after she faced family persecution. Afterwards, the family accused him of financial wrongdoing and sued him. That case is ongoing. The Saudi Christian has already faced several prison sentences and floggings due to his faith. His family is threatening to harm his wife and son. Pray for safety for his wife and son and that he will not be sent to prison. Pray for his whole family to come to saving faith in Christ.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to the following the following families for purchasing the Easter Lilies that adorn our Altar this morning for our Easter services:

- Mark & Sara Zarnstorff – to the glory of God.
- Bill & Carol Vandenberg – thanks to the Lord. (2)
- Rollie Anderson – Alleluia! Christ is Risen! (2)
- Ivan & Mary Rees – to the Glory of God.
- Dave & Kara Raetzel – in memory of loved ones.
- Chris & Mary Martin – praise and thanks to God.
- Greg & Tamara Morin – in memory of Lee Teuscher & Tim Teuscher.
- Greg & Tamara Morin – in memory of Bill & Gloria Morin.
- Kevin & Lynda Brumley – in memory of Cleo Wolter and John Brumley, Jr.
- Brett & Bobbie Clark – all glory to God.
- Doug & Jennifer Mahnken – to the Glory of God.
- Brad & Eden Keefe – in memory of Marlene Lorenz.
- Brad & Eden Keefe – Glory to God.
- Patrick & Barb Gossen – Alleluia! He is Risen! (2)
- Bob & Karen Rinne – in memory of loved ones.
- Pat Circle – in memory of Mel & parents.



PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Todd Remington Meier**, infant son of Austin & Charisse Meyer, as he is baptized this morning in the 9:30 service.

For **Micah Merchant**, brother of Cathy Merchant. Who is recovering from a fractured tibia and road rash after a motorcycle accident on March 26th.

For **Mary Rinne**, niece of Bob & Karen , and Donna Rinne, who has bone & pancreatic cancer.

For **Pam Milton**, Pastor Ada's sister, who had appendectomy surgery on Tuesday, March 30.

For **the family of Joy Rodenberger** upon her death on March 26.

For **Gary Olson** recovering from deep brain stimulation to help with tremors.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Terri Mclean**, sister of Tamara Morin, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

For **Pam Enserro**, recovering from surgery for a macular hole in her retina,

For **Rhonda Kimball**, recovering from rotator cuff repair surgery.

For **Hayden Goeglein**, recovering from a broken arm.

For **John Mahnken, Kris Ada and Doug Mahnken's father** as he begins treatments to prepare him for a bone marrow transplant.

For **Lee Kresin**, prayer of thanksgiving that he out of the hospital after a 22 day stay for COVID. He is now in rehab for at least a month, prayers for strength during recovery.

For **Eric Hundley, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, Karen Lentz, John Mahnken, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Jan Degner, Ashley Hung, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, and Moriah Obermueller** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For **our expectant mothers: Julie Flores**, and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid. Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

For all those who are unemployed or under-employed, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.