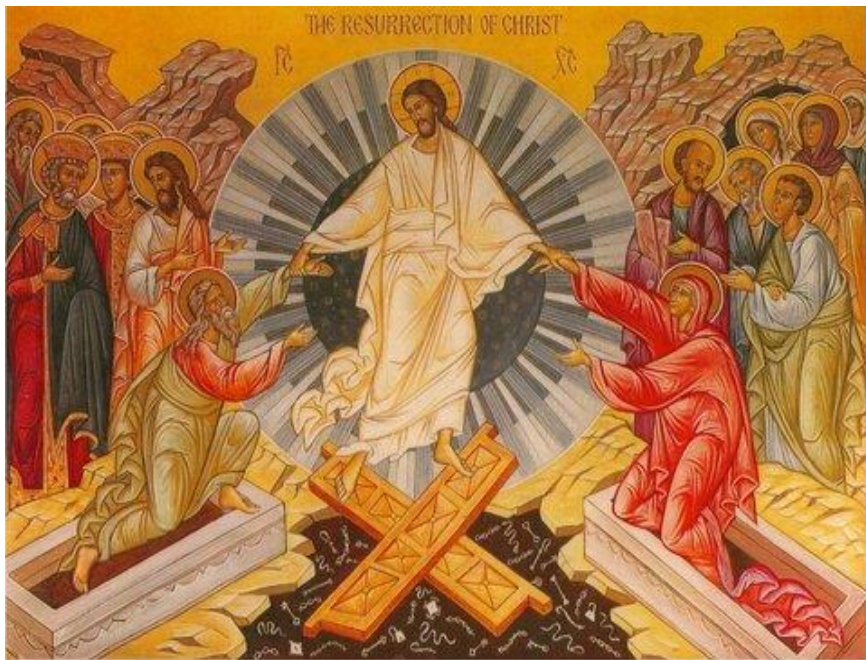


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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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# To God Be the Glory!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

**HOLY COMMUNION** Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Liturgy: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Hymns: 651, 468, 616, 461, 580, 523

Handbell Choir: "The Lord's My Shephard"

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Hailey Zoske

Ushers: Mick Zoske, Dr. Dennis Winter

### **THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER**

Thursday: 6:30p.m. Men's Club

**Next Sunday:** 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:00a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

Acolyte: Brynn Neubauer

Ushers: Curt Winter, Roger Zoske

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Lue Doering in observance of Ron's birthday.

**HUBBARD COMMUNITY CUPBOARD:** Next Sunday is the main collection date in May for non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry.

**MEN'S CLUB** will meet on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. The host is James Winter.

**VBS REGISTRATION:** 2023 VBS is scheduled for the first week of June (5-8). You will find a registration form in your bulletin this morning. Please fill out the form and return to the office by May 14<sup>th</sup> so we can get T-shirts ordered in time. Additional forms can be found in the hallway on the table.

**CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA:** There is information posted on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to attend camp this summer. Pamphlets are on the table for your taking. They are also looking for counselors to help with camp. If you are a high school graduate or college age student, you would qualify.

**ABOUT THE PASCAL CANDLE:** The Pascal candle represents the resurrected presence of Jesus. It is lit on the Sundays of Easter and stays lit until Ascension when Christ's resurrected body returned to the glory of the Father. We also light this candle during baptisms and funerals as a reminder that through the gift of faith we are joined to Christ's resurrection.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Today-Jaxon Neubauer; Mon.-Lue Doering;  
Fri.-Maverick Hanson; Sat.-Leonard Penning, Alan Piel, Lyle  
Bishop.

**PSALM 147:1-11**

antiphon vs. 5



<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power,\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power,\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

<sup>8</sup>**He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**

<sup>9</sup>He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.

<sup>10</sup>**His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\***

**nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**

<sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power,\*  
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### **ISAIAH 40:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>"To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God"?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

<sup>31</sup>But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

*A This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **1 PETER 2:11-20**

**11** Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

**12** having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**13** Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,

**14** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

**15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--

**16** as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

**17** Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

**18** Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

**19** For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

**20** For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

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## **JOHN 16:16-22**

**16**"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

**17**Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

**18**They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

**19**Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

**20**Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

**21**A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

**22**Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.