Easter Sunday

“We Preach Christ Crucified…”
~1 Corinthians 1:23

Altar cloths up front are white, reminding us of the glory of Christ that is now ours!

Welcome to all! This week’s focus:

“Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
John 20:29

Today’s service liturgy (how God serves us) and hymns: As follows

200:1-4 ♦ 198:1,3,4 ♦ 193 ♦ Choir ♦ 201:1,4,5 ♦ 189 ♦ 200:5-8

Pre-service Psalm 16 (Front, Red Hymnal pg.125) ~ Opening Bells / Prayer

Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction.
GOOD MORNING & WELCOME TO ALL!

Today’s Hymns/Service: As printed on bulletin/projector

Opening Bells / Entrance Chant #187

OPENING HYMN: #200:1-4 [Red Hymnal]

ALL: 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.

MEN: He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save, He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.

WOMEN: He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above. He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.

ALL: He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye, He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

THE INVOCATION

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: He is risen indeed!

PASTOR: We begin our celebration of Christ’s resurrection in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (#198:1 – Red Hymnal)

He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus the Lord: He opened Death’s prison, the Incarnate Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song, And earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.

PASTOR: The joy of celebrating our Lord’s Resurrection continues. This joy is not an academic matter, nor a fleeting emotion, rather it forms the basis for an entirely new life of hope; the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ reorders our earthly lives around an entirely new and different set or priorities. Instead of living for self which dooms us, we live for Him Who says, "Because I live, you shall live also."
Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS ~ PSALM 118:1-7; 13-17
We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
C: His love endures forever.
P: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."
C: Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."
P: Let those who fear the LORD say:
C: "His love endures forever."
P: In my anguish I cried to the LORD,
C: And he answered by setting me free.
P: The LORD is with me;
C: I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
P: The LORD is with me;
C: He is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

P: I was pushed back and about to fall,
C: But the LORD helped me.
P: The LORD is my strength and my song;
C: He has become my salvation.
P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
C: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
P: The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
C: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
P: I will not die but live,
ALL: And will proclaim what the LORD has done! ALLELUIA!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (#198:4 – Red Hymnal)
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, Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign!

FROM GOLGOTHA TO GLORY!

CHRIST’S PASSION HISTORY READING
According to the Four Gospels (New International Version)
LESSON 1 ~ Events near the Tomb *(Sunday morning)*

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

While it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved (John), and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

Just after sunrise, the women took the spices they had prepared and went on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ Come and see the place where they laid him. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: and Peter, ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.’ There you will see him, just as he told you. Now I have told you.”
Then they remember his words. Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Meanwhile, Peter and John started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally John, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead). Then the disciples went back to their homes, wondering what had happened.

Soon after, Mary returned and stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
While the other women were on their way to tell the disciples about the angels’ message, Jesus suddenly met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

When they came back from the tomb, Mary of Magdala went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. The women all told these things to the Eleven and to all the others who had followed him and who were morning and weeping. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Meanwhile, while all the women were on their way to tell the disciples, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

**HYMN: #193 [Red Hymnal]**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,  
   Sons of men and angels say.  
   Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
   Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
   Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
   Death in vain forbids His rise;  
   Christ has opened Paradise.
3. Lives again our glorious King;  
   Where, 0 Death, is now thy sting?  
   Once He died our souls to save;  
   Where thy victory, O Grave?

4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
   Praise to Thee by both be given!  
   Thee we greet triumphant now:  
   Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

LESSON 2 ~ Road to Emmaus & back (Sunday afternoon)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.
As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

LESSON 3 ~ Jesus appears to disciples (Sunday evening)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were still talking about this, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus himself stood among them as they were eating; and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. After he said this, he showed them his
hands and feet and side. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. When the other disciples told him that they had seen the Lord, he declared, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**Our Confession of Faith ~ 2 Peter 3:9-10, 13-15, 18**

ALL: “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare…” “But in keeping with Jesus’ promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. Bearing in mind that our Lord’s patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote with the wisdom that God gave him… that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”
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! I know full well, Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell, Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! and now is death, But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath, When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence!

Easter Meditation  read/watch sermons and services online at www.fdllutheran.org
Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

John 20:24-31  NKJV
24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with
them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to
him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in
His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of
the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And
after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with
them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst,
and said, "Peace to you!"
27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My
hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not
be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said
to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas,
because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did
many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not
written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may
have life in His name.

Theme: “Be-aware of the ‘Unless’ Condition!”
1. WE use it in weakness.
2. JESUS uses it for warning.

MEDITATION HYMN: #189  [Red Hymnal]
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!
OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERING: “HE LIVES” Words/Music N. Radichel

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ EASTER PRAYER ~ LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

God’s blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

ALL: (speaks) Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: #200:5-8 [Red Hymnal]

ALL: He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

WOMEN: He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly 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.

MEN: 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.

ALL: 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!” Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: “If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com / or go to facebook.com/DFLlutheran
Council, Ladies, & other minutes are online under “Our Church”/ Documents

Mar 27 Sun Usher Team #2: Don S, Pete A, Mark R, Don G, Gene M, Stuart P
Organist: Mrs. Fillmore / Counters: Bob C, Alan K
8:30-9:30a Easter Breakfast
10a Resurrection Sunday Divine Service
11:15a NO Choir 11:15a NO Public Catechism

Mar 29 Tue 6:15 School Committee POSTPONED till (Apr 4th)
6:45 Elders
Apr 3  Sun  Usher Team #3: Steve S, Don E, Dave M, Andrew T, Eric W
Organist: Mrs. Fillmore / Counters: Eric W, Ron H
9a Sunday School / Bible Class on Part 3 of Galatians!
10a Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:15a Choir (Ascension)  11:15a Public Catechism

UPCOMING DATES:
Apr 17  Sun  11a Quarterly Voters Meeting
Apr 22  Fri  1:30p Spring 75ers Party here at LM
May 1  Sun  Spring Mission Festival –Speaker: Seminarian Sam Rodebaugh

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DELEGATE NEEDED: We are looking for a voter to represent our congregation June 6-7th at our Great Lakes Delegate Conference in Hales Corners. As well as June 23-26th in Eau Claire at our bi-annual synodical convention. Please speak to pastor for further information.  Thanks!

CLC CALL NEWS - Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma WA, has called the Rev. Matthew Ude, who is currently serving as foreign missionary to India.

FRUITS OF FAITH – PAST WEEK / FOR THE YEAR Bible Class 27  Worship 98

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☐ Memorial gift (Designated):

LM Budgetary $172,000 (YTD Jan-Dec 12/52 wks)
$31,404 Received
$39,580 Budget

CLC Budgetary $31,500 (YTD July-June 38/52 wks)
$18,806 Received
$21,378 Budget

IN OUR PRAYERS If you are hospitalized, please let pastor know if you would like a visit!

Hospitalized: Ron Langacker continues to be recovering from surgery at home with limited mobility.
Elaine Tagliapietra is at St. Francis Home and having therapy following her back surgery.

Shut-ins: Pearl Becker (N6329 Colonial Dr), Evelyn Chase (Lutheran Home), Jim Fillmore (363 Taft St), Eileen Gantner (Woodlands), Ed Jacobs (868 W Scott St), Gloria Jacobs (Woodlands), Doris Kaiser (Woodlands), Jeanette Keipe (675 S. Main St.), John Lenburg (769 Mustang Ln), Marion Mach (Lutheran Home), Verdelle Manowske (Lakeshore, Oshkosh), Dorothy Schmolesky (101 Western Ave #311-A), Jim Steffen (N8652 Linden Beach Rd), Leah Wirkus (St. Peter's Place), Ruth Woller (Terrace Place, Seboygan).