



The Resurrection of Our Lord April 17, 2022

“So Peter and the other disciple 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 the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.” (John 20:3-8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Today’s reading tells us that Mary Magdalene awakened on Easter morning “while it was still dark.” As the text goes on to explain what she does next, the reader learns that her actions and those of Peter and John are a template for how we often journey from dark to dawn to the full light of the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus. This is where we are today: in the light of Easter morning!

How do I know that Christ is risen? What proof have I to give?

He touched my life one blessed day and I began to live.

How do I know he left the tomb that morning long ago?

I met him just this morning and my heart is still aglow.

How do I know that endless life he gained for me that day?

His life within is proof enough of immortality.

Join us this Sunday, Invite a Friend to Worship Service --9:30 A.M.

Scripture Readings

I Corinthians 15:51-56

John 20:1-18

Holy Week The Cast of Characters

Maundy Thursday

April 14th 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 15th 7:00 p.m.

Easter April 17th

Easter Breakfast 8 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Festive Celebration of Easter 9:30 a.m.



• Happening Around St. James

- **No Sunday School or Adult Forum today as we celebrate Easter**
- **Women's Bible Study Monday 11 A.M.**
- **Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 9 A.M.**

- **Altar Flowers.** . . . As is the case with many things, it will cost more. As of April 1st the price of altar flowers is being raised from \$25 to \$30. Inflation is hitting us all
- **Grief Share . . . Coming soon.** You are invited to join our 13 week sharing, --April 20 through July 13th. This is a wonderful program of support for those who have lost a loved one and are struggling through the grief process. Time will be 6:30 PM every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Cindy Gregory.
- **Time and Talent Sheets** are available in the narthex. Please pick one up and fill it out and return here to church. Thanks.
- **Save the date! June 12, 2022** following Service will be the St. James Annual Meeting. Besides the annual report, we will review and vote on a change to the St. James Constitution.
- **VBS Is Coming** Dates are set . . . we'll be gathering on 5 Thursdays starting June 16. From 6 to 8 pm. We are looking at some exciting materials. Tracy Guffey has stepped up to be our coordinator. You don't have to have kids to lead. If you are interested in leading this important education/fun/fellowship/adventure, please contact Joyce Kissell ASAP.
- **Youth Progressive Dinner is set for April 30th.** Right now we need 4 host homes to host a course . . . appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. If you are willing to host one of the courses, indicate you interest on the connection card.
- **Coffee with Council** immediately following service on May 1st. This is your chance to ask council questions or bring up any issues.

Greetings from the HMD Council for the blessings of Holy Week & joy of Easter for April 2022.

Please include the following this month in your prayers of the church during worship, through your Churches other prayer ministries and in your own personal prayers:

- Continue to pray for the war in the Ukraine. Pray for humanitarian efforts underway and for all of the countries who have opened their doors and hearts. Also pray for the soldiers and civilians defending Ukraine and that peace may somehow be found.
- Pray for all Christians everywhere as we all journey through the awful events of the Friday we now call "good" and for the joy and new life that Jesus' resurrection brings.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Reformation Church in Middlebury Indiana and Deacon Brad Miller.
- Pray for new pastoral leadership for First United Lutheran Church in Hammond Indiana and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland Indiana.
- Pray for blessings and a Christian welcome to two new NALC HMD churches: Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte Indiana and St. John Lutheran Hubbells in Sunman Indiana.
- Pray for guidance, support & strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.

Thank you all for your prayers.

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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug