



# EASTER SUNDAY

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
“The Resurrection of our Lord”

## Order of Service

*DSI (pg.151)*

*Hymns . . . . . 457, 480, 490, 466, 465, 461*

## Sermon

“Why Are We Here?”

*Rev. Wes Gillaspie*

## Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 65:17-25:* “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will

they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

*I Corinthians 15:51-57:* Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Luke 24:1-12:* On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the

tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, 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, “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 over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 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. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Scott Wenzel, Charles Zwerk;*

*Dennis Thurston, Dave Miller*

Organist . . . . . *Charles Chaveriat*

Ushers . . . . . *Mike Buchinger, Brian Knoll*

Altar Guild . . . . . *Deanne Daenzer*

## This week at St. Michael’s

Today . . . . . *Easter Sunday*

*Communion 6:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

Mon . . . . . *Lutheran Laymen’s League 7 p.m.*

Thur . . . . . *Prayer Pal Party 5:45 p.m.*

Sat . . . . . *CPR Class 10 a.m.*

Next Sun . . . . . *Communion 7:45 a.m.*

*Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.*

*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

*Easter Envelopes* will go to Home Purpose.

*Lutheran Laymen’s League:* Mon. April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be meeting at the Park Hall at 5:30 to carpool to see Al Reinert’s antique collection, and return to the Park Hall for our regular meeting with refreshments provided.

*CPR/AED/First Aid Training:* The Board of Elders is organizing some basic medical training for anyone interested. There is no cost unless you need a wallet-size CPR card. Sessions will likely last 90 minutes . Sign-up sheets for the first session are in the foyer for Saturday, April 26, @ 10 am and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, @1 pm. More dates to come.

*Cemetery Board* is looking for bids to mow the cemetery. Please submit your bids to the church office. Questions: call Ron Kern 989-414-0963.

*LLL Peat Moss Sale:* Spring is here, it's time to order the Peat Moss you need for this year. \$4.50 for a 40 lb bag; buy 10 get one free. Pickup & delivery-- May 2, afternoon & May 3, 9-noon. Call Mark(989)280-1166 or Jim(989)670-1710.Sponsored by Thrivent &

Proceeds to Lutheran Hour Ministries & B..Grossman Bible Translator

*St. Michael’s Mother’s Day Chicken BBQ:*  
Sunday, May 11 | Starting at 10:30 AM,  
Drive-Thru Only at St. Michael’s School –  
Richville. Treat Mom (and the whole family) to  
a delicious meal on Mother’s Day! Come  
hungry and drive away happy! Proceeds  
support our outreach and community efforts.  
More information can be found in the foyer.

Attendance

Sun. April 13<sup>th</sup> . . . . . 429

Weekly Income: 4/6-4/12: . . . . . \$44,470.63  
*Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose  
Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in  
Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.*

Other News

*The Lutheran Hour* airs on WSAM-1400 from  
8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday:  
"Through Locked Doors" *Rev. Dr. Michael  
Zeigler*; When Jesus shows up, it's no longer  
"us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone,  
even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John  
20:19)

*Richville Legion Chicken BBQ:* Sun. April 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 11 a.m. Drive Thru & \$14 per dinner.

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PRAYERS

Health

*Keith Bierlein, Craig Compton, Jameson  
Doud, Don Duperon, Hope Hecht, Devin  
Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Joann Kern, Norm  
Petzold, Larry Putman, Lavonne Richards,  
Dave Rushford, Donna Schoenow, Pastor  
Bruce Keseman (father-in-law of Erik  
Gillaspie) injured in a car accident*

Sympathy

*Calvin Zwerk, son of Charles & Debra Zwerk;  
was called home on April 16<sup>th</sup>*

Mission

Rev. Micah and Robin Wildauer serve the  
Lord as a missionary family through The  
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in  
Belize, based in the capital city of Belmopan.  
Micah serves as a church planter throughout  
the country, working alongside a team of  
fellow missionaries and Belizean church  
leaders.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God the Father, through Your only  
begotten Son Jesus Christ You overcame  
death and opened the gate of eternal life  
for 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 Your  
Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever, Amen."



