

Easter Sunday

March 31st, 2024

Order of Service

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Sunrise Holy Communion: 6:30 a.m.

Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.

Hymns

457, 464, 480, 461, 482, 467, 490

Sermon

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death."

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

I Corinthians 15:20-26: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to

God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Mark 16:1-8: When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were 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 saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Scott Wenzel, Charles Zwerk, Mark Frank; Matt Brown, Dave Miller, Mark Scheifer*

Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Choirs *Adult Choir, Handbells, Wind Ensemble*
Usher Captains *Alan Kischnick; Jeff Buchinger*
Altar Guild *Deborah Zwerk*

No Kidzmin/Bible Classes today, and *No Kidzmin* nor *Pastor Gillaspie's Bible Class* next

Sunday, April 7th, because of Spring Break. *No Wednesday* Worship April 3rd.

Church Directory Photos: If you cannot make your appointment, please call Karen at 989-412-3205. Please note that photographs of couples who are married or engaged will be published in the directory. Couples who are dating can have their pictures taken together for personal use but will not be in the directory. Please have individual photos taken and those will be published.

Upcoming New Member Class: Pastor Auernhamer will teach a class on the basics of the Bible and the Lutheran Church starting this Wednesday, April 3rd, at 5:30 at church. Dinner will be served. If you need to take this class in order to join, please be aware that it won't be offered again until the fall. If you miss the first class because of spring break, don't worry. Speak to Pastor Auernhamer about getting caught up.

Spring cleanup at St. Michael's Cemetery will be Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 AM; please come to the cemetery if you would like to help. Prior to this time, please remove any decorative items from the cemetery that you wish to keep. - St. Michael's Cemetery Board

Ushers Needed: Anyone interested in joining an usher group please contact Matt Buchinger @ 989-860-9136. Groups rotate every 6 weeks.

Silverware Rolling: If you would like to help with this project for OutReach, tubs of

silverware and napkins are in the entry corner. Take a tub home and return when finished. Thank you in advance!

Mary Martha will meet on Monday, April 1st at 7 pm. Pastor Gillaspie will have a presentation and explain the significance of the stained glass windows of the church. We welcome anyone interested to attend. A mite offering will be taken and refreshments served.

Mary Martha Rummage Sale is coming. Remember to start saving things for the sale the first week in April! The Rummage Sale collection will be Mon. Apr 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues. Apr.2, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., & Wed. Apr. 3, 8a.m.-12:00p.m. at the Richville Legion Hall. Donation ideas: clothing, toys, sporting goods, furniture or decorations.

Drive Thru Benefit Dinner: We will have a Sloppy Joe benefit for Sherry Krieger, who is battling cancer, on April 14th, 2024 starting at 11:45 a.m. in the church parking lot. Free- will donation.

Vacation Bible School: will be held July 8th - 11th evenings, Monday - Thursday. Please come to our meeting on Tuesday April 16th at 7:00 pm in the school conference room to learn more! More information can be found in the newsletter.

The Kindness Club is in need of new or gently used shoes that you have at home. We are partnering with Funds2Org, to host a fundraiser for Pastor Joe Boway, who will be visiting us for chapel in April. His mission is to

build schools in Liberia. For the shoe drive, we are collecting new or gently used shoes of any size. Our goal is to fill over 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by the end of April! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you for your support, Mrs. Callahan and the Kindness Club.

Valley Lutheran High School Handbell Concert: Sunday, April 14th, 4:00 P.M. Come join us for a free handbell concert, with our very own St. Michael's Handbell Choir featured! Posters can be found on the bulletin board in the church.

Attendance

Palm Sunday: 438

This week at St. Michael's

Today Easter Sunday
Sunrise Communion 6:30 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon. *Mary Martha Dropoff 9-3 p.m.*
Mary Martha 7 p.m.
Tue *Mary Martha Dropoff 6-8 p.m.*
Wed. Mary Martha Dropoff 8-12 p.m.
Handbells 6 p.m.
Thurs. Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Fri *Mary Martha Rummage Sale 9-5 p.m.*
Sat Mary Martha Rummage Sale 9-1 p.m.
Next Sunday Second Sunday of Easter
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Raise the Flag" Lutheran Hour Speaker: *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)

PRAYERS

Health

Dolores Bauer (Covenant), Karen Bauer, Stanley Bierlein, Justin Heinlein (Covenant), Kurt Howell, Jim Karst (U-M), Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter.

Missions

Mark Winterstein serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Germany, based in Leipzig. In this role, he assists congregations with their outreach to refugees and immigrants from the Middle East.

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."