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Sunday Morning Worship
Service with Pastor Oddi
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At 10:00 am



Online Worship on
Facebook
8 am Bible Study
10 am Worship
Service

**In person Worship at Hope
Lutheran Church every
Sunday at 10 am**

Holy Communion is
celebrated on the first
and third Sundays'
of each month.

Facemasks are optional



"From Darkness to Light"

At the time of this writing we are in the waning days of winter. We have just recently changed from Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time. The days are getting steadily longer. The light is with us for a greater amount of time each day. We need the light. The light or the absence of it affects our moods and our lives. For the ancient peoples there was a concern for the light when a solar eclipse occurred. There was a fear that the light might be gone forever, and the people knew what that would mean for them.

We live in a world ruined by the darkness of sin and death. We daily hear of our hatred and mistreatment of one another. We hear of war, poverty, disease, and prejudice. We hear of those who do not care about the welfare of their neighbor, but only what power, position, wealth, and privilege they can gain for themselves. Jesus spoke of this in John 3:19-20, *"And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."*

Our heavenly Father had no desire that we should remain in this darkness of sin and death. So, the Father sent His only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. Jesus spoke of this in John 12:45-47, *"And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."*

During this season of the Church Year we move from darkness into the Light. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Means of Grace; God's Holy Word, and the Sacraments, we are brought out of the darkness of sin and death into the marvelous light and light of Christ and His forgiveness and eternal salvation.

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"From Darkness to Light" continued

1 Peter 2:9, *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

Our wonderful Lutheran Hymnody reflects this. During the Lenten Season, in humble repentance we sing of being lost sinners in the darkness as we wait for the promised Savior. This is not a Lenten Hymn but an Epiphany Hymn, *"The People That in Darkness Sat"* (LSB #412) reflects our situation and our hope in Christ.

1 The people that in darkness sat, glorious light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come; They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.

3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n, And on His shoulder ever rests All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord, The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored, The God by all adored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend; On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone, Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

The Sacrifice that the eternal Son of God made for us and our sorrow of our sins are reflected in the many Lenten Hymns. Here is just one; "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" (LSB #428).

1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

2 Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be, Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.

3 O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime! Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!

4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

Now, in just a few days we will be celebrating the victory of the Light over the darkness. At the Savior's crucifixion darkness prevailed over the earth. Matthew 27:45, *"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour."* But the darkness soon discovered its triumph was just an illusion as the Savior rose, alive, and emerged victorious from the tomb, the Great Light and Life of the world who has triumphed over sin, death and darkness for us. Our hymns celebrate and sing of this great victory of which we enjoy the benefits. The hymn, *"Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"* (LSB #481) sings of the victory of Christ our Light and our Life over the darkness.

1 Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows, Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead.

2 Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die; He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again our foes defeated! Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save.

3 Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world! Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing! Let there begin the jubilee Christ has gained the victory!

Indeed, Christ has gained the victory! He has taken us out of the darkness and into His marvelous Light!

A very Blessed Easter to you all! - Pastor Dave



◆ *Andrea Riley is going to State FFA in Entomology and also in Division II Prepared Speaking.*

◆ *Caleb Burenert's mixed relay team placed third at the GISL swim meet.*

◆ *Carter Strauch was a featured singer in the Maryville High School "Sweet Sounds" on February 26th.*

◆ *Linda Myer's granddaughter is a member of the Benton girls basketball team. The team is Class 4 District 16 Champions. For this basketball season.*

◆ *Andrea Riley and Jaclyn's Platte Valley basketball team finished the season undefeated with a*

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:

History will be made next month as junior and senior high youth throughout the Missouri District gather for the first ever virtual District youth gathering. On April 10, participants will be able to log on and hear presentations from Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling on the theme "Take Heart!" from John 16:33. There will be opportunities for discussion, service, and even a live Q&A with featured band Bread of Stone. Please remember this gathering and our youth in your prayers! Visit <https://mo.lcms.org/youth-ministry/> to register and receive the links to participate.



Elder—Matt Strauch

Altar Guild:

Twyla Hazen Marie Walsh
Mary Ann Zanzie

GREETERS

Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday : Roland Tullberg
Apr. 2 - Good Friday: Lesley Oddi
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday: Pam Myers
Apr. 11 - Sunday: ?
Apr. 18 - Sunday: Mary Ann Zanzie
Apr. 25 - Sunday: ?

USHERS

Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday : Larry Abbott
Apr. 2 - Good Friday: Lesley Oddi
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday: Ralph & Marie Walsh
Apr. 11 - Sunday: Larry Abbott
Apr. 18 - Sunday: Twyla Hazen
Apr. 25 - Sunday: ?

Talent's- Organist

Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday : Nancy Jenkins
Apr. 2 - Good Friday: Pam Shannon
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday: Nancy Jenkins
Apr. 11 - Sunday: Pam Shannon
Apr. 18 - Sunday: Pam Shannon
Apr. 25 - Sunday: Nancy Jenkins

TREASURE

Sponsoring Church Cleaning
Apr. 4—Pastor & Lesley Oddi
Apr. 11—?
Apr. 18—?
Apr. 25—?

Sponsoring Mowing
Apr. 25—Twyla Hazen



- 4th—Janet Kleist
- 7th—Dorothy Biermann
 - Eric Goudge
- 8th—Sara Lee Cacek
- 10th—Twyla Hazen
- 12th—Jacqueline Maronde
- 13th—Tim Laubscher
 - Art White
- 14th—Ian Ewing
 - Marisa Miler
- 18th—Joyce Cronin
- 21st—Kennedy Strauch
- 27th—Salena Condray
- 29th—Kristen Maronde



April 28th—John & Pam Myers

April

11th



The LWML met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the church.

Birthday greetings were extended to Marcia Droegemueller – 2nd; Pam Myers – 12th; Marie Walsh – 16th.

Pam Myers & Marie Walsh will check on prices for the Easter Lily display and get the order form ready to put in the bulletin.

Twyla reviewed information from the Zone Spring Board meeting. Much of this information is from the District Board meeting. It is important to pass on this information to societies.

The Zone may consider sponsoring the Prayer Service in the future. The 2.1 million dollar mite mission goal for the 2019-2021 biennium was met early even with the COVID pandemic.

Church Worker study grant applications are due April 15, 2021. 5 societies district wide have disbanded. Our zone president will be working with St. Peter's in St. Joseph and Prince of Peace in Cameron concerning their participation.

Sally Handrick, our District President, is thankful for the messages, phone calls and prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment. She has started a caring bridge page under her name to write about her cancer journey and witness to others.

The 2024 District convention will be hosted by St. Joseph, Carrollton, Concordia and the KC North zones.

The 2022 District Convention – For Such A Time as This – is behind in their planning. Part of this is due to not having the on site 2020 convention due to the COVID pandemic. The District is taking on about half of the planning responsibility. The District has formed a task force to help. Prayers are needed, please.

The National Convention is scheduled for June 24-27, 2021 in Lexington, KY. A final decision about an in person convention will be made on March 19, 2021. The Missouri District will not have a bus but Oklahoma is looking for more riders. You can meet the bus in Joplin, Springfield or St. Louis.

The Nominating committee for the 2022 District Convention is still looking for people to be on the ballot for various positions.

The LWML Mission Statement has been revised for only the second time. “As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others.”

Lutheran World Relief is no longer identified as a Recognized Service Organization.

District representatives may not attend spring rallies if they are not comfortable in doing so. Sally Handrick will not be attending any as she continues her cancer treatments.

The St. Joseph Zone Board decided NOT to have a Spring Rally again due to the COVID pandemic. We tentatively scheduled a Fall Rally on October 2, 2021 to be hosted by Our Savior and held in either Platte City or Smithville.

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Cynthia Carmichael volunteered to have the devotion in May.

Kate McKee Auction - Pam Myers wondered if we were interested in having the concession stand at Kate's auction. We will make a decision at the April meeting.

We received correspondence from Vanessa Pappert, Ashley and The Lutheran Campus Center thanking the LWML for the Valentine treat boxes. We also received a newsletter from the Orphan Grain Train and an information packet from the Lutheran World Relief.

Our Mite Box devotion leader, Cynthia Carmichael, led us in the featured devotion for March. **Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border. Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas — \$98,400.**

The ministry of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLMHC) impacts the lives of 400-500 students with educational programs, classroom space, and equipment. For the past 17 years YLMHC's music ministry has proven successful in reaching out to the unchurched by witnessing to the mercy and grace of Christ. The Adelante Ministries offers music classes and leadership training to youth and adults while it also provides service to the church and community. Through involvement in this music program, many students have come to faith in Christ. This grant will enable YLMHC to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space so they can serve and teach a larger range of students. It will also allow them to adapt existing space for music instruction, purchase recording equipment, create video tutorials for online instruction, fund a music intern position, and purchase musical instruments for students unable to afford their own.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7 PM with Twyla Hazen leading the devotion.

LLC news . . . The LCC is going to Lent instead of Bible Study. Some of the students also do Navigator Bible Studies and felt they wanted more time in worship. Most of our regulars are in church on Sundays and all the regulars show up for Sunday dinner and fellowship. I am encouraging the students to tell Lutheran guys we have two openings in the house, and I sent around 8 emails to guys that signed up at SOAR two years ago. We will be participating in the Missouri District SHINE PROJECT the weekend of April 17th. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 Come together with other brothers and sisters in Christ in service! Our beautiful state of Missouri has lots of amazing opportunities to SHINE God's light to our neighbors, congregations, and communities. Whether you have a group of 2 or over 200, you can participate! Have your event anytime between April 16-25, 2021. Be a part of a district-wide movement. I'll let you know more as our plans get nailed down. The 21st of April will be our last Bible study, then the students will go home for a dead week and then finals. Boy, that year went fast! Thank you for all your Sunday night meals, thoughts, kind words, Sunday noon meals, support, and prayers!

**Voter's
Meeting
April 11th
after
Worship**

