

Special  
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*"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" -John 10:9*

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## *It's Darkest Before the Dawn*

We are inundated by information: talking heads expounding the latest issues mankind is facing; statistics flashing and constantly changing on TV, iPhones, and computer screens, press conferences piling on opinion and science; cries for assistance of money and supplies; prognostications on what life will be like in the next two weeks to six months; and professional politicians jockeying for sound bite, photo, and sponsorship opportunities in order to gain another two-, four-, or six-year term. The common man feels as if we are simply pawns in some larger game played by someone else.

Pastors are wrestling with the guilt of not being able to fulfill their vocation and duty. God's people are hungering and thirsting to be fed on Word and Sacrament and the prospects seem limited for the time being. Churches are struggling already, and these circumstances don't help their prospects. We are looking up unto the hills and wondering if any help is forthcoming. To a certain extent, our fleshly reaction is comparable to the disciples in a boat being dashed by wind and wave and the Lord is sleeping comfortably in the stern. The prospect of defeat and death looms on the darkened horizon, and all that is needed is a simple word from the Lord, and it will be well.

This Holy Week, we are reminded of the roller-coaster week our Lord went through and how that ended up on a victorious crescendo.

He humbly rode into Jerusalem the whole time knowing of what His glory would consist. He established a perpetual meal that would bring forgiveness, life, and salvation even to this present time. He would be hanged from a tree under a

curse to once and for all end the curse under which we were bound. And after all the blood and death, life would win out in the resurrection of our Lord, the First Fruits of the dead!

These devotions will help reestablish or at least gird up the family altar and supplement your pastor's efforts during this time of concern. Just as the story of Holy Week is one that underscores the "darkest before the dawn" theme, be assured that our heavenly Father has promised and guaranteed by His own Son's obedience, suffering, life, death, and resurrection that the dawn is coming!

— Rev. Mark A. Miller, President



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**PLEASE SHARE**  
this special Holy Week  
*GatePost* with fellow church  
members, friends, family,  
acquaintances and anyone  
else you know.

The "Preparing for Retirement" session scheduled for April 18 has been indefinitely postponed. Watch for information on a new date in the future.

# Palm Sunday

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## Psalm

(Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,  
O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord,  
mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up,  
O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

For Jesus, humiliation came before exaltation.

For those baptized in His name and so joined with Him in death and resurrection (Romans 6:1-11), it is also humiliation, then exaltation. The cross comes before the crown.

We face hard things that humble us. Often we suffer as a result of them. These days, no one stands as tall as we thought we did.

Even more, and unlike Jesus, we are sinners. We share in the corrupted condition of a wayward and lost humanity brought low before the holy God.

Only this God could rescue us. That is why Jesus came. For our rescue He died on the cross. He bore the sin of the whole world and became its Savior. Therefore God highly exalted Him.

When our Savior and Champion is exalted, we too are exalted . . . in Him. A crown lies in store, because of Him. “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

He gives His victory to you. Through God-given faith in Jesus, we become lords of all – conquerors of sin, death, and the devil.

And with this, a most wonderful thing occurs. Our Lord frees people to be willing servants of all.

This is living not in oneself, but in Christ and in one’s neighbor. Whatever the future holds for us, Jesus gives the gift of living in Him through faith and in our neighbors through love.

**PRAY FOR** pastors, as they proclaim the Good News of Christ crucified this week.

## Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:12-19

## A Thought

Although Jesus Christ possessed all the power and prerogatives of God, He made Himself a servant . . . really, a slave. With immense humility, He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey when Holy Week started. Think of all that the future held for Him at that point.

## Kids' Corner

You can have your own little Palm Sunday procession in your home or yard. If you don't have palms to wave, make “palm branches” by cutting sheets of paper or construction paper. Don't forget Who is most important in your procession: **Jesus, the King of glory.**

He came, not with weapons to make us afraid but meekly and humbly as He rode on a donkey.



# Monday of Holy Week

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## Psalm

(Ps. 31:10-11, 13-15; antiphon: v. 9)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and  
my body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years  
with sighing;

my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to  
my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

For I hear the whispering of many – terror on  
every side! –

as they scheme together against me, as they  
plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord;

I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and  
from my persecutors!

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and  
my body also.

## Prayer

Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Isaiah 50:5-10

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 12:20-26 OR Matthew chapters 26 and 27

## Kids' Corner

During Lent, we have not used the word “alleluia” (“praise the Lord”) in church services. We’re saving it for Easter. Yesterday, though, you heard a word that you can use now: “hosanna.” It means, “save now,” Lord. Try this: When your dad, or perhaps your mom, reads the psalm at the top of this page, after every verse say “Hosanna.”



## A Thought

Early during that first Holy Week, some people told one of Jesus’ disciples: “Sir, we wish to see Jesus” (John 12:20). This might have seemed surprising. These folks had traveled far to Jerusalem.

At times of illness and other great need, like the present, we might be surprised how people want to see Jesus, or at least hear about Him. They may travel from afar, as it were. Then, again, maybe this should come as no surprise. As Peter once told Jesus, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

Who knows what people thought they would find in Jesus? Who knows about people today? They may want the Lord simply to put a Band-Aid on things, or perhaps do something still more powerful, so they can go on as they were.

What does He say, though? “Whoever loves his life loses it.”

It’s a good thing that Jesus did not love His own life in this world. He came to die for sinners, to answer for our sin. He said that “unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth, and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all (1 Timothy 2:6).

In this, Jesus was glorified. When you trust Him for who He is, your God and Savior, there is fruit of His death and resurrection!

When people want to see Jesus, do what the disciples did. Introduce people to Jesus in all His glory, the Lord who died for them and rose again.

**PRAY FOR** for those who are ill and for the doctors and nurses who care for them.

# Tuesday of Holy Week

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## Psalm

(Ps. 42:3, 9-10; antiphon: vv. 5-6a)

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

My tears have been my food day and night,

while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me?”

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,

while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

world counts wisdom. People hanker for that too, yet they are barking up the wrong tree. No one is saved by how smart they are, or by how much they’ve done with what they have.

Salvation is from God. It comes on account of Christ, the crucified One. It is received in faith, which is a gift of God.

Paul made application to the church at Corinth. He wrote that “not many of you were wise . . . not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.”

People may now see with new clarity that it’s not about money, advantage, or frills and thrills – even in the church. Especially not in the church!

What it’s about is Christ crucified, taking *your* sin. He took it to the cross, nailed it there, and left it there when He rose from the dead.

People may look at the church, weak and humble as it can be in this world, and ask: “Where is your God?” Look to the cross. There was Jesus – not judging the world, but saving it.

Again, folks may ask the church: Where is your God? Is He somewhere in your rag-tag group? “God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.”

In Christ we have “wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” That’s what it’s all about, during Holy Week and always.

**PRAY FOR** leaders in government at all levels in our country: federal, state, and local.

## Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord’s passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 12:27-50 OR Mark chapters 14 and 15

## A Thought

“We preach Christ crucified.” That’s what it is all about. Holy Week forms a good reminder that this is what it’s all about.

It’s not about signs. There are people who want those, but they are not looking for the right thing. Nor is it about wisdom, as the

## Kids’ Corner

We are now on the third day of “Holy Week,” which started on Palm Sunday. It includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Make yourself a special calendar for the rest of this week. We call the week “holy,” meaning that it is from God. Holy Week is God’s week. During the first Holy Week, Jesus paid for our sins and won our salvation.



# Wednesday of Holy Week

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## Psalm

(Ps. 56:1-4a; antiphon: v. 11)

In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?  
Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;  
all day long an attacker oppresses me;  
my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many attack me proudly.  
When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;  
I shall not be afraid.  
In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

## Prayer

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Isaiah 62:11-63:7

Romans 5:6-11

Luke 22:39-23:31 OR Luke chapters 22 and 23

## A Thought

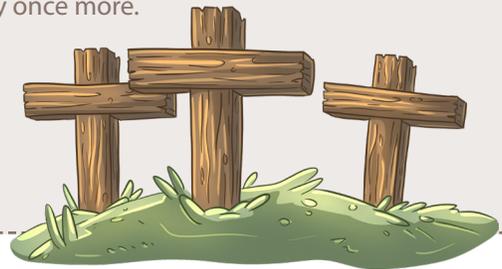
Of what are we afraid? God has more grace than we have sin!

According to Scripture, people have sin. St. Paul wrote that we were weak, sinners, enemies of God under His wrath, truly ungodly. We have sin, that's for sure. This is looking at things as they are.

Yet Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. He saves us by His life, now that He is raised from the dead, and He leads us to

## Kids' Corner

What was it that we are not saying during Lent? (Right, "alleluia.") Here in Holy Week, we also do not say the *Gloria Patri* ("Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit . . ."). It's not that the triune God is no longer with us, though! Try this: sing the familiar song, "Happy Birthday," but just hum the word "birthday" every time. Go ahead and do it! Of course, you still know the word "birthday" and where it fits into the song, even if you don't sing it. During Holy Week, we know that our triune God is still with us, even though we wait for Easter to sing our *Glorias* and our *Alleluias* with joy once more.



boast in Him. God has more grace than we have sin, that's for double sure.

G.R.A.C.E. is God's Riches At Christ's Expense. He took up the cross to give us grace – that is, His favor. On account of Him, salvation comes by grace. And this is how things are.

Never mind about not seeing this. It's real anyway. God promised it. He has given us His word on it. We cling to His promise, by faith that He Himself gives.

So, what is there to be afraid of? Yes, if you look around you see lots of scary things. Still: "In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid."

On account of Christ, God has more grace than you have sin, more reconciliation than you have rebellion, more life than you have death. That's how things are. Really.

"In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

**PRAY FOR** people who are struggling  
with financial difficulties.

# Maundy Thursday

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## Psalm

(Ps. 116:1-4; antiphon, v. 5)

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs  
of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

## Prayer

O Lord, in this wondrous sacrament You have left a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Exodus 12:1-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-32  
John 13:1-17, 31-35

## A Thought

Was it the greatest object lesson ever? “You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet,” said Jesus. He gave this command: “Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”

The depth of His love would be shown still more the next day, though, when He died for the world. “Greater love has no one than this,” He said, “that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). He gave His body and shed His blood on the cross.

On Thursday night, Jesus instituted the meal in which His followers miraculously eat His body and drink His blood. The price paid once and for all for the world’s salvation is put into our mouths, drawing us close to one another.

“So it is true that we Christians are the spiritual body of Christ and collectively one loaf, one drink, one spirit. All this is achieved by Christ, who through his own body makes us all to be one spiritual body; so that all of us equally partake of his body, and are therefore equal and united with one another. Likewise, the fact that we consume one bread and drink makes us to be one bread and drink. . . . Christ has become all things to us; and we, if we are Christians, have become all things among ourselves, each to the other” (*Luther’s Works*, vol. 36, pp. 286-87).

This is not an object lesson like we typically think. There is nothing else like it. Yet, what a lesson! What objects!

Here you learn love: Christ’s love for you, and your love for others.

**PRAY FOR God’s people to be warmed by Christ’s love so they do good for all, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).**

## Kids’ Corner

What is the dirtiest job that you can think of? Why would you not want to do that job? Long ago, one of the dirtiest jobs was washing someone else’s dirty feet. Jesus washed His disciples’ feet, though, to show them how much He loved them and to teach them to love one another like that. Yet Jesus wasn’t finished. He was going to die for you on the cross. There’s how much He loves you!



# Good Friday

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## Psalm .....

(Ps. 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon: Is. 53:5)

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!

For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

## Prayer .....

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

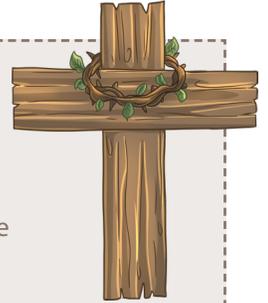
## Readings .....

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 19:17-30 OR John chapters 18-19

## Kids' Corner



Think of how important it is that Jesus died for your sins and the sins of all the world. For this was just what He came to do, to pay the price we ourselves could never pay. Think of symbols that show Jesus' death. (Hint: the cross is one of them.) On Sunday, we will especially celebrate that **Jesus won over death.**

## A Thought .....

"It is finished" – three little words, and only one in the original Greek of John. So short, yet such a complete statement! In fact, it's perfect.

Our lives are all stories of incompleteness. We are never finished. There is always something else to do. Some tasks need re-doing. We put others behind us, but they are soon replaced by others.

In times of need and stress, frustration over this can rise to a boil. When will it all be over? When will I be finished?

The curse of our sinful existence is that each of us will die leaving at least *something* incomplete. Even if we live to a ripe old age in this world, we will not be finished when death comes, as it comes to us all.

If you are trying to work your way into God's favor, this comes as terrible news. You will never be finished. You never can be.

But you don't have to finish. Jesus did. He lived the life you should have lived, fulfilling God's Law perfectly. Then He died the death you should die, taking upon Himself God's just punishment for sin on that cross.

Then, finally, it was finished. It was finished for you.

And it IS finished, yet today. You see, the word Jesus spoke was in the perfect tense. It spoke of an act complete in the past – for there is nothing to add to the work of Christ! – and that still has ongoing effects.

On account of Jesus, your reconciliation and peace with God is finished. Perfectly.

**PRAY: God's family, the church, prays for all families all over the world.**

# Holy Saturday

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## Psalm .....

(Ps. 88:1, 6-7, 8c-9; antiphon: Ps. 88:3)

For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.  
O Lord, God of my salvation;  
I cry out day and night before you.  
You have put me in the depths of the pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.  
Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows  
dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call upon you, O Lord; I spread  
out my hands to you.  
For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.

Yet David was not talking about himself in these words, the Bible says (Acts 2:25-33). He foresaw and foretold that the Christ would rise from the dead without suffering corruption.

Psalm 16 is the Savior's smile. He trusted in the Lord and delighted in His own lot. He knew that His Father would preserve Him. He would not be shaken.

And not He Himself alone, for He also mentioned "the saints in the land . . . the excellent ones in whom is all my delight." He meant the people, from Old Testament times and New, who are His by faith in Him and His work. They are with Him. Because of Him, they go from death to life.

No place can be more lonely than a tomb. Yet when Jesus' dead body laid in the tomb after He died and before He rose, the promise of Psalm 16 remained. Not even death could take away the Savior's smile.

Are you lonely now? It's understandable. People have had to spend lots of time apart lately. Loneliness forms a terrible part of the sinful condition. We have telephones and computers, but nothing quite takes the place of another person's presence.

Christ is for you. Christ is with you right now. His people care about you. Feel free to reach out to folks at church. They know the smile of the risen Christ, and they can show it.

For believers in Jesus, it gets still better: ". . . in your presence there is fulness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

**PRAY FOR those who are lonely.**

## Prayer .....

O God, creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings .....

**Daniel 6:1-24**  
**Psalm 16**  
**Matthew 27:57-66**

## A Thought .....

Psalm 16 is a prophecy of the Christ. A thousand years beforehand, by divine inspiration King David of Israel spoke as if he were the promised Savior. He said to God in this psalm, "You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption."

## Kids' Corner

Do a countdown to Easter. Today, do three things: hear the Bible story of Jesus rising from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10); pray and thank Jesus that **He died for you and rose again**; and tell someone over the phone that you love them, and Jesus does too.

Every time you do one of these things, count down:

3 . . . 2 . . . 1.



# Easter, The Resurrection of our Lord

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## Psalm .....

(Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b)

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you  
have redeemed;

you have guided them by your strength to your  
holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own  
mountain,

the place, O Lord, which you have made for  
your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
The Lord will reign forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

## Prayer .....

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of  
everlasting life to 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, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.

## Readings .....

**Acts 10:34-43**  
**Colossians 3:1-4**  
**Matthew 28:1-10**

## A Thought .....

God is not dead. Death is.

Death stalks and pursues. It chases and pounces. It interrupts  
and attacks. It kills.

Coronavirus forms only the latest in a long series of death-  
dealing defects in creation. Since the fall, though, death itself has  
been more inevitable than taxes.

Death never lets up. It gives no rest. It comes by night, it comes  
by day, and takes its prey most surely.

But death has now met Jesus, God-with-us, and the contest  
wasn't even close. He is risen!

None of us can be innocent bystanders when it comes to death.  
All of us deserve death, eternal death. It's the wages of our sin  
(Romans 6:23).

Enter Jesus. He laid down His life to redeem the world, to redeem  
you. He paid your price. He took away sin's power to separate  
you from God, the Law's power to accuse, death's power to kill.

By the working of the Holy Spirit, believe that "you have died,  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is  
your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Christ is risen! So God is not dead; death is.

**PRAY FOR the church and her pastors  
as they tell the Good News that  
Christ our Victor has won.**

## Kids' Corner

The church has had an Easter greeting for a very long  
time. You can use it. Tell people in your home or over  
the phone or the internet, "Christ is risen!" If someone  
says this to you, you say: "He is risen indeed." Then you  
both can say, "Hallelujah!" (You can keep using this  
greeting after today. It's true all the time!)

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

## Tune In to the Word of God – Broadcast Worship

How do you keep hearing the Word of God during a time when church services and Bible classes may not be held? You can tune your radio to the following stations and listen to church services broadcasted by these CID congregations:

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### PSALM 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High will abide in  
the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the Lord,

“My refuge and  
my fortress,  
my God, in  
whom I trust.”



## Psalm 91 "Shelter In Place" Memory Challenge

Psalm 91 teaches us to spend time meditating on the Word of God day and night. Colossians 3:16 tells the church to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” Therefore, the Rev. Sean Daenzer, director of Worship for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and chaplain of the International Center, is encouraging the memorization of Scripture. To begin, Daenzer suggests memorizing Psalm 91 over the next two weeks. Visit <https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/psalm-91-memory-challenge> for more information.