

# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 11 & 12, 2020

# RISE!

## Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends, Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

And yet it doesn't seem that much like Easter. There is no band in balcony. I can't smell sausage and pancakes coming from the church kitchen. I can't look out in the pews and see the new Easter dresses. The sanctuary is unnaturally quiet for Easter.

There has been a lot of discussion in recent weeks among pastors and worship leaders: What are we going to do about Easter? Do we cancel it? Do we postpone it? One of my favorite Lutheran pastors, Pastor Greg Finke (I like him because he's a trouble maker in every good way that the church needs trouble makers) jumped into the discussion with "You can't postpone or cancel something that already happened."

Then he said this: "**We honor Jesus not by waiting to celebrate Easter till it's safe but learning to celebrate Easter every day when it's not.**"

And he's right. We will explore how right he is today.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** Our thanks to the musicians and to other worship assistants for their leadership throughout Holy Week and Easter weekend. To God be the glory! Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

## Prayers for the Week of April 12

We pray for **Hilda Ebert**, **Kim Robinson** and **Donna Stevens**, all with health concerns, and for **Vivian Naber** (Tim Naber's aunt) who is in hospice care following a severe stroke.

## ***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 0  
March Tithes & Offerings to date: \$11,677  
March Budgeted Offerings: \$30,783

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

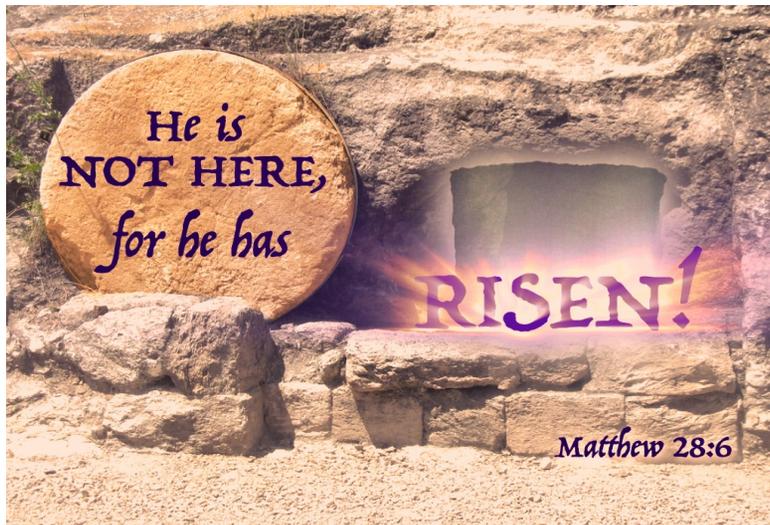
**Tuesday, April 14**  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET

**Thursday, April 16**  
10:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL BE on ZOOM  
Contact Dorothy Brutelag if you would like to join in  
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**Sunday, April 19**  
10:45 AM WORSHIP ONLINE

**NO REHEARSALS:** Due to the continuing shelter-in-place order from our governor, all choral rehearsals and music team rehearsals are cancelled through at least May 1. Watch for Carol's e-mails, updating musicians on the remainder of our choir year schedule.

**"42<sup>nd</sup> STREET" UPDATE:** We are attempting to re-schedule performances of our spring musical to later in the year. Watch for further updates in newsletters and through the mail this summer as the possibilities becomes clear.



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### **April 26th is Compassion Sunday!**

Compassion International is a Christian ministry dedicated to supporting children trapped in the cycle of poverty. It believes that no child should live in poverty, and that the best way to release children from poverty is to do it in Jesus' name- through the local church. We are called to care for the poor, and Compassion International is

- Focused on Child Sponsorship
- Christ-Centered, Child-Focused, Church-Based
- A Ministry You Can Trust

If you would like more information or if you sponsor a child through Compassion International and would like to help spread the word, please contact Cheryl Maxwell at 763-571-8046 or [bcmax5@comcast.net](mailto:bcmax5@comcast.net)

### **Poverty Facts**

- Worldwide, 385 million children live in extreme poverty.
- Every two minutes, a child dies of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.
- An estimated 61 million primary school age children world wide don't attend school.
- Around 45% of deaths of children under 5 are linked to undernutrition.
- Globally, 2.1 billion people don't have safe water at home.

