



## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

April  
2021



### A Word from Pastor Schielke

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia. Easter is the proof that our Lord has defeated death and the grave for us. As St. Paul writes, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor.15:54-57.) You no doubt recognize these words as the basis for our congregation's name, "Victory in Christ." In our baptisms, we become partakers in the victory that Christ won for us in His death and resurrection. Thanks be to God.

Martin Luther preached many powerful Easter sermons. The rest of this article is drawn from one of his sermons on the words of St. Paul quoted above. "This is a

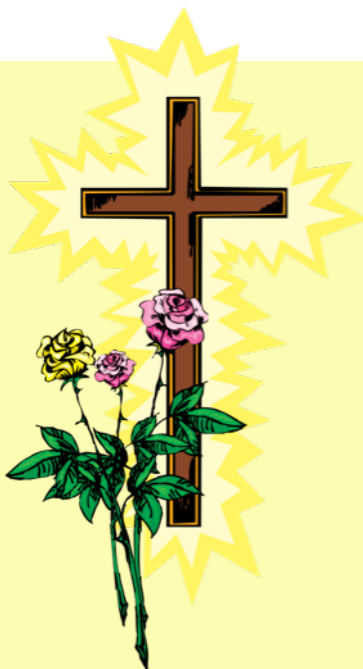
strange and unprecedented message, such as reason cannot comprehend. It must be accepted in faith. The message is that Christ is alive and yet died, and died in such a way that in Him death itself has had to die, and lose all its power.

And as the Lord Christ has conquered death, He has also conquered sin. For in His own Person He is pure and just; but because He takes upon Himself the sins of others He becomes a sinner. That is why sin can assault Him. And He, the Lord Christ, is very ready to be thus assaulted and nailed to the cross in order that He may die, as if He had Himself sinned and brought His death upon Himself. But there, hidden under the sin of others, His holiness is so great that death cannot overcome Him.

Thus sin, like death, attacked the wrong man, and so grew weak and died in His body.

And likewise the devil wanted to prove his power over Christ, and uses all his might against Him, trying to bring Him down. But He meets with a higher power which he cannot overcome. And all this has been wrought in order that our Lord Christ might glory because by being cast down He was lifted up on high, and these three mighty foes, sin, the devil, and death, must lie low under His feet. This great victory we celebrate today. Now all power consists in this, that we take it well to heart and firmly believe in it."

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**The Augsburg Confession** - Below are the seventh and eighth articles of the Augsburg Confession. These are what we believe and confess as a Lutheran congregation.

### Article VII - Of the Church

<sup>1</sup> Also they teach that one holy Church is to continue forever. The Church is the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administered.

<sup>2</sup> And to the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and

<sup>3</sup> the administration of the Sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies, instituted by men, should be everywhere alike.

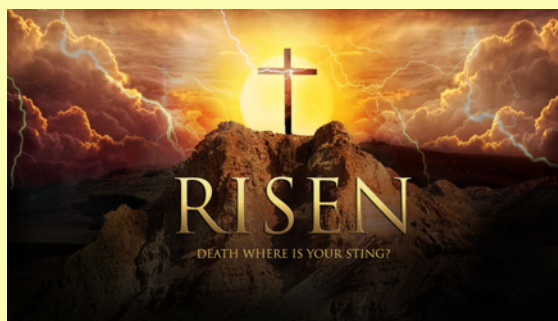
<sup>4</sup> As Paul says: One faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, etc. Eph. 4:5-6.

### Article VIII - What the Church Is

<sup>1</sup> Although the Church properly is the congregation of saints and true believers, nevertheless, since in this life many hypocrites and evil persons are mingled therewith, it is lawful to use Sacraments administered by evil men, according to the saying of Christ: The Scribes and

<sup>2</sup> the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat, etc. Matt. 23:2. Both the Sacraments and Word are effectual by reason of the institution and commandment of Christ, notwithstanding they be administered by evil men.

<sup>3</sup> They condemn the Donatists, and such like, who denied it to be lawful to use the ministry of evil men in the Church, and who thought the ministry of evil men to be unprofitable and of none effect.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.	2 Good Friday Service 7 p.m.	3 Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Private Confession 2-4 p.m.
4 Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 a.m.	5	6 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Divine Service 10 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	12	13 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	14	15	16	17 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
18 Divine Service 10 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	19	20 Pastor Winkle 1 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25 Divine Service 10 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon Voters' Meeting	26	27 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	28	29	30	

## Answers to March's Bible Questions:

- Hoshea, Josh. 13:16
- Bethlehem, Ruth 1:19
- Ehud, Eglon, Judg. 3:15
- Disobeyed the commandment of God,  
1 Sam. 15:10
- 7 Days, Josh. 6
- Benjamin, Judg. 20
- He vowed to offer up whatever comes out of  
his house when he returns from war. His  
daughter. Judg. 11:29-40
- As a Nazirite, Judg. 13:5
- See April's answers.
- Boaz, Ruth 4:13
- Hophni and Phinehas, bad, 1 Sam. 2:36,  
1 Sam. 2:12
- Ramah, Samuel's hometown,  
1 Sam. 10
- Gibeonites, Josh. 9
- Gideon, Judg. 7:19-25
- In the valley in the land of Moab  
opposite Beth-peor. Deut. 34:6
- Elkanah, 1 Sam. 1:20
- David, Ruth 4:22
- 110 years old. Josh. 24:29
- See April's answers.
- The sun stood still. Josh. 10:14
- See April's Answers.
- Shamgar, Judg. 3:31

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1. What did Naboth own?
2. Why was David not permitted to build a temple for the Lord?
3. Who was taken by a whirlwind?
4. Who was angry when David dances before the ark of the Lord when it was entering Jerusalem?
5. Name the kings of Judah?
6. Name the kings of Israel after Solomon's death?
7. Who was Jehoiada?
8. Who was Nabal's wife?
9. Who is David's best friend?
10. Who did Elijah restore life to?
11. Who did Elisha restore life to?
12. How did Hiram help Solomon?
13. What king and country captured the Israelites?
14. Who found the Book of the Law and where was it found?
15. How many Baal prophets did Elijah have killed?
16. What king and country captured Jerusalem?
17. Name the queen who ruled over Judah?
18. How many times did Naaman have to wash? In what river? Who was punished for their greed?
19. Who was Joab?
20. Who is Mephibosheth?
21. On what mount did Saul die?
22. Which son of David tried to steal his crown by being nice to the people?

**For 2021, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for April and part of May are listed below, and above are questions over the readings to see how well you are reading. List the chapter and verse with your answers.**

April 1: 1 Sam. 18-20  
 April 2: 1 Sam. 21-24  
 April 3: 1 Sam. 25-27  
 April 4: 1 Sam. 28-31  
 April 5: 2 Sam. 1-3  
 April 6: 2 Sam. 4-7  
 April 7: 2 Sam. 8-12  
 April 8: 2 Sam. 13-15  
 April 9: 2 Sam. 16-18  
 April 10: 2 Sam. 19-21  
 April 11: 2 Sam. 22-24  
 April 12: 1 Kings 1-2  
 April 13: 1 Kings 3-5  
 April 14: 1 Kings 6-7

April 15: 1 Kings 8-9  
 April 16: 1 Kings 10-11  
 April 17: 1 Kings 12-14  
 April 18: 1 Kings 15-17  
 April 19: 1 Kings 18-20  
 April 20: 1 Kings 21-22  
 April 21: 2 Kings 1-3  
 April 22: 2 Kings 4-5  
 April 23: 2 Kings 6-8  
 April 24: 2 Kings 9-11  
 April 25: 2 Kings 12-14  
 April 26: 2 Kings 15-17  
 April 27: 2 Kings 18-19  
 April 28: 2 Kings 20-22

April 29: 2 Kings 23-25  
 April 30: 1 Chron. 1-2  
 May 1: 1 Chron. 3-5  
 May 2: 1 Chron. 6  
 May 3: 1 Chron. 7-8  
 May 4: 1 Chron. 9-11  
 May 5: 1 Chron. 12-14  
 May 6: 1 Chron. 15-17  
 May 7: 1 Chron. 18-21  
 May 8: 1 Chron. 22-24  
 May 9: 1 Chron. 25-27  
 May 10: 1 Chron. 28 - 2 Chron. 1  
 May 11: 2 Chron. 2-5  
 May 12: 2 Chron. 6-8

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**April Birthdays:**

4 Kaitlyn Rodgers

6 Beth Crutcher

10 John Visingardi

12 Barney Sales

14 Esther Schielke

16 Nathan Campbell

19 Melissa Rodgers

22 Gabriel Safford

28 Randy VanDekerkhove



**April Anniversaries:**

17 Darin and Melinda Mitchell

28 Eugene and Robin Kroeger



## VIC Happenings



Good Friday



Easter Morning

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**Maundy Thursday Service** - This service is April 1 and goes through Christ's trial and sentence to the cross.

**Good Friday Service** - This service is April 2 and is a Tenebrae service, a service of darkness. It is about his sentence and death on the cross.

**Easter Breakfast** - The youth group will be serving breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

**Easter Service** - This is a celebration of Christ's win over death and the devil.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - This is following the Easter Service for all children 12 and under.



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