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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 1 Corinthians 15:14

The hymn, Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (ELW 373) was written by Charles Wesley in 1739, and is an Easter anthem that one just never gets tired of singing. It's a hymn that expresses the joy of Easter, as it shares the message, that because of the resurrection, we know that God's love for his people is stronger than death.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul reminds us that if Jesus had died, never to rise again, it would have proved that death was greater than the love that God sent by way of his Son. But because of the empty tomb, God illustrated for us that death did not prevail and that God's divine love has broken through the darkness of death, sharing with all, God's love for His people.

In his commentary on First Corinthians, Professor William Barclay shared a story that took place during World War II. Barclay wrote, "It was early October, 1940 and London was being bombed daily by the German Luftwaffe. But even though the bombing was fierce, one of the churches in the central part of London decided to hold a harvest festival. In the center of the church some members placed sheaves of corn to decorate for the event. But the festival was never held because a savage air raid destroyed the church building.

During the rest of the fall months and then into the winter the church was nothing more than a pile of rubble. But then Spring came, and the members of the church began to notice that there were shoots of green coming up amidst the ruins. As Spring moved into Summer the green shoots became stalks of corn. And then, when harvest time came again, there was a flourishing crop of corn that grew where the church once stood. Not even the destructive bombs that leveled the church into a pile of rock and rubble could kill the life of the corn seeds. So, life was stronger than death.

The fourth verse of Wesley's hymn puts an Easter understanding to God's resurrection love.

*Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?*

By way of the resurrection of Christ Jesus we are able to grasp the fullness of God's love. So on Easter morning, let's gather together and sing out our Alleluia's, giving glory to our God who gives us life.

In Christ, Pastor Carl

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Sunday School/ Pastor Chris	4	5 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls	6 5:45 PM Soup & Sandwiches 6:30 PM Lenten Service	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Confirmation Class Pastor Carl	11	12 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls	13 5:45 PM Soup & Sandwiches 6:30 PM Lenten Service	14	15	16
17 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship/Break- fast/Sunday School Pastor Chris	18	19 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	20 5:45 PM Soup & Sandwiches 6:30 PM Lenten Service	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Confirmation Class Palm Sunday Pastor Carl	25	26 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls	27	28 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Svc	29	30
31 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Food Shelf Sunday Easter Pastor Carl						

March 2024

Team Hendrickson: Tania & Lucas Hendrickson, Darren & Lynn Bushinger, Mark & Mary Schlangen, Florence Jones, Darline Molde, Bruce Ford

April 2024

Team Petersen: Maggie & David Petersen, Mike LuConic, Chuck & Char Stockman, Randy & Janet Beinhorn, Steve Alrich & Barb Anderson, Synde Dehmer, Wendy Richmond



Mar 29th Wade & Kayla Sandbakken

Mar 2 nd	Randy Beinhorn
Mar 2 nd	David Peterson
Mar 8 th	Kim Schultz
Mar 10 th	Judy Shorter
Mar 16 th	Rachel Hansen
Mar 19 th	Ashley Statema
Mar 21 st	Augustus Hendrickson
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VBS 2024 will be held August 12-15. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on this fun-filled week! Stay tuned for further details.

Garage Sale: Bethany will be holding the Annual Youth Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1. Any donated items may be dropped off and put into the end classroom. If you are bringing things from a previous garage sale, please remove the price tags before bringing to the church. The money raised from the sale will go towards the youth and chaperones attending the Youth Conference in New Orleans this summer.