Spring Program: Samuel Lutheran invites you to join them on Wednesday, May 4th when the Pre-K through second grade students will present their spring program at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served following the program in the cafeteria.

Thinking Ahead: Don't forget that our summer worship schedule begins Memorial Day weekend. That means that on Sunday, May 29th, we go to one worship at 9 AM and Monday evening at 7 PM. This schedule continues through the Labor Day weekend.

Graduation Recognition: We will recognize our students graduating from high school and college on Sunday, May 22nd in the 8:00 AM service. If you have a graduate and know if they plan to attend the service and brunch to follow, please call the church office at 532-2162.

Concert: The second annual *"In the Spirit of Jesus - A Night of Christian Music for Missions"* concert sponsored the MN Valley Chapter of the Wels Kingdom Workers will be held Wednesday, May 4th in the MLC Auditorium beginning at 7:30 PM. You are invited to start the evening by joining the students for evening chapel in the Chapel of the Christ at 7:00 and then walk to the auditorium for the concert. Christian musicians will be on hand for an enjoyable evening of music. Refreshments will be served "under the stars." A freewill offering designated for Mission Projects will be taken.



Easter Festival

April 24, 2011- 10:00AM Christ Ev. Lutheran Church Marshall, MN 532-2162 Keith Schreiner - Pastor



The Festival of Our Lord's Resurrection



"Jesus Lives!" The victory's won! Dear Savior help us to appreciate your victory over the grave, sin, death and the devil. Fill our hearts with an Easter faith that holds firmly to the promise of eternal life. Help us to feed this faith daily through your Word so that it will shine brightly not only during the Easter season, but continue through all periods of our life, until we depart this earth and take part in the final Resurrection of the Last Day. Amen

The Bells Ring Out His Victory Over Death!

The Opening Hymn - "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Congregation, Choir and Trumpets

V.1 & 2 Congregation

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee and hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem; the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

V. 3 Choir

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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Thank You: A special thank you to the choir and its director Mr. Festerling as well as all vocalists, instrumentalists and accompanists who helped beautify our worship during this festival season. They are Julie Festerling, Dan Haag, Teri Knutson, Amy MacArthur, Isabella MacArthur, Samantha Onken, Austin Patzer, Hannah Patzer, Christina Schreiner, Calleigh Stavig, Donna Wendorff, and Melanie Werner.

Pastoral Act: *Baptism:* Jakob John Meulebroeck, infant son of Tiffany Vierstraete and Benjamin Meulebroeck was baptized on April 20th. Jakob was born on January 25, 2011.

Bible Class: Adult Bible Class will not meet next Sunday, May 1st.

Lilies: Thanks to all who donated towards our Easter lilies this year. As always the church looks beautiful.

Meetings: A reminder that Board of Stewardship meets this Tuesday at 7 AM at Hoffman and Brobst. Also the Board of Ed will meet Thursday evening at 7 PM.

Confirmation: Next Sunday, eight young Christians will stand before God's altar to make their vow of faithfulness to God. Their confirmation and first communion will take place in the 10:30 worship service. We wish them God's richest blessings as they continue their journey in the faith.

Walk to Emmaus: We hope everyone enjoyed participating in this spiritual and physical fitness and fellowship program. Be sure to turn in your final week miles (or any miles you have not yet submitted) today or email them to the church this week (by Tuesday please). Watch next week for the total miles that our congregation "walked" during this seven week trip.

On this most holy day of days To God your hearts and voices raise In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gathering of Our Thank Offerings

While the offering is gathered - Choir "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns:

Choir "Like the Golden Sun Ascending" Cong. #145 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Closing Prayer of Thanks & Benediction

Closing Hymn *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"* Congregation, and Trumpets

- Cong. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!
 - Solo: He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save. He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears. He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives, all blessings to impart.

Cong: He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring my safely there.

V. 4 Cong. and Choir

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

(Please rise)

V. 5 All

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above, crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of love. Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall; crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen (sung)

The Call to Worship

P: On the hill the cross lies empty. The stone sealing the tomb has been rolled away. Jesus is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here; he has risen. Hallelujah!

P: Remember how he told you, while he was still with you:C: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.

P: He was delivered over to death for our sins;

C: And was raised to life for our justification. Hallelujah! (Please be seated)

Solo: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

The Confession of Sins

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinful from birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. We have disobeyed your commandments by the things we have thought, spoken and done. We have also failed to think and say and do what you desire. We know that anger and wrath should follow us all the days of our lives and we should dwell in hell forever. We beg your pardon for the sake of Jesus Christ our risen Savior.

P: As an ambassador speaking for Christ our risen Master, I assure you of the complete forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit - Amen.

#That First Easter Day!

At the Empty Tomb

Matthew 28:1-15 **Hymn Response:** Tune – Victory; Text Schreiner

Solo: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Mary's came respect to pay Unto their Lord on that third day In Sadness true they made their way. Alleluia!

Fear seized their hearts for lo they say An angel there in holy awe He spoke to them and to us all. Alleluia!

> Fear not he said unto the three Jesus has sent me unto thee He lives and now mankind is free. Alleluia!

Cong: I know you seek your dearest friend Who said he'd love you to the end He conquered death, the tomb to rend. Alleluia! Now you must go and spread the Word Tell everyone what you have heard Your Savior lives, he kept His word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the Garden

John 20:11-18 **Hymn Response:** CWS #719 "*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*" Choir Vv. 1-3 Cong. Vv. 4-5

On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

Hymn Response: "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"

Awake, my heart, with gladness! See what today is done; Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun. My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

The Foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb. But low, he now is routed; His boast is turned to gloom. For Christ again is free; In glorious victory He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

Behind Locked Doors

Luke 24:36-44 Hymn Response: "O Sons And Daughters Of The King"

That night th' apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord most dear And said: "Peace be unto you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been; In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!