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# Happy Easter

Our response to our Lord's life, death, burial and resurrection? To respond in wholehearted, unreserved friendship to His openly displayed sacrificial friendship toward us. To lay our life down (now and then) as HE willingly did...once and for all.

His motive? Pure love! To help all who would humbly receive Him. To be part of housing the needed comfort. To give restorative sustenance so profoundly important. Absolutely crucial for the weary soul.

Living on the lookout for opportunities to serve. And, with the help of God, choosing to give. Of ourselves. To chop to love in word and in deed. Even an on-purpose smile has the ability to help. Truly.

Just to be His family around the table. No hurry to leave His house. Gracious living, that. Fulfilling. Only fully realized through the grace of Jesus our Lord. Our Savior. He chose to lay His own life down to supply our eternal need.

And we do have need. And, no doubt about it, He does have provision. Resurrection, even. There's joy in the outcome!

In Him is the enough we all wish for! Through all this life holds, let's keep looking up! After all, our only true and lasting help is from the One who really does have the whole world in His hands.

Yes, Biblical prophecy continues to come true before our eyes. Signs of the times are all around us. Ample reasons to honestly seek God and His ways. To purposefully live His commission. To have hope so alive and vital that joy, purity and peace reign. To have hope so tangible that people are prompted to ask the reason. To have faith well grounded yet anchored upward, into Heaven itself!

The Bible has been proven true, over and over again, for thousands of years through prophecy. Prophecy fulfilled should not be scary, should not be fearful, but it should be faith-building and re-focusing for our lives here and now while we look toward the eternal. Transformed by well-placed hope.

I've seen many things written and voiced that are definitely not full of hope and peace and joy and faith. I find that deeply concerning because anxiety will rob us of strength. And we NEED strength. The joy of the Lord IS our strength. Joy and anxiety have a difficult time sharing space.

If we truly fear God (believe He is the all powerful one and choose to completely trust Him) we have nothing on this earth to fear. Yes, living for God, trouble will still come, but our Lord Jesus has overcome already for us. We are THAT loved. And He is THAT powerful.

Our focus is crucial. What we tend to see is temporary. The Bible is upfront and clear on that. What we can't physically see is

eternal. Remembering that truth can make the temporary all the better. Our days can be filled with connection to our Heavenly Father. Wow and hallelujah! It's a choice away, this life of faith in Jesus our Savior.

I often contemplate the prophesy-coming-true world that Jesus lived in a couple thousand years ago. The social climate very often wasn't pretty then, either. And yet, He lived focused. He set His face "like a flint" to lay His life down for us. To love us and to instruct us to love in the middle of a corrupt world.

He taught us to pray. To pray His praise. His will. His provision. Forgiveness. His glory. And here we are, in the day we have been given to live in, today. What a day to consider how Jesus had more than enough joy and peace to share them with us! To actually bestow them on us. Imagine that! Not as the world gives...He gives. We receive. We ask sincerely and we humbly choose to walk in His ways.

What a privilege of a choice to make! Amazing grace, He helps us in that choice.... walking every step with us, lifting us up when we sink in the storm.

Yes, this time of dealing with our powerlessness over illness & death has been a wake-up call for the whole world, for sure. Let's allow it to be personal. May it wake us up to the beauty He has for us. The beauty of the bird-song in the Spring air, the soft sunshine, the new flowers blooming, the lasting love shared with people who care, and the beauty of salvation that lasts longer than a lifetime.

Let's not get caught up in the negative drama. Jesus won on the cross. He won when He rose from the grave. He won when he poured out His Spirit on the day of Pentecost and empowered people to follow Him until His return.

We are children of the day. May we be so aware of the day we live in that we, on purpose, anchor our hope in that which is lasting and true. Let's choose life!

There's something about hope that prompts us to holy living. This world needs holy. We need holy. We need set apart in the presence of the Lord where we can regain strength. Fear can rob us of hope. Don't let it happen. It really does matter how we look at things.

May the Lord be our counselor, His word be our guide and His Spirit be our comforter during this time, in Jesus name.

Let's keep thinking in a Philippians 4:8 kind of way. Living in the light of Heaven!

You can see I've been thinking,  
Serena Hoffman

Wife of Pastor Sam Hoffman  
Happy Easter from The Olde York Church



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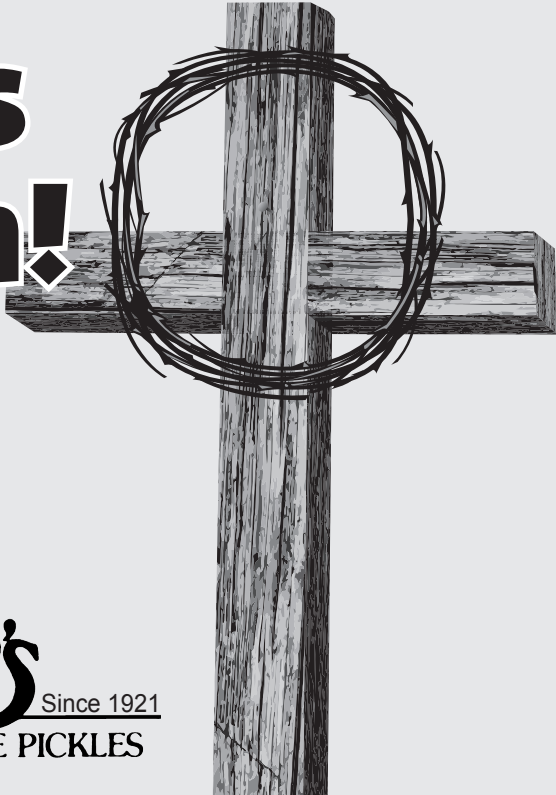
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# “...for us”

In my mind one of the most powerful chapters in all of Scripture is Romans 8. Here are a few of my favorite verses from this chapter...

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.” v. 1-2

“So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’”

v. 15

“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the

Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be

expressed in words.” v.26

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” v. 28

In the last part of chapter 8 in the New Living Translation the phrase “...for us” appears several times. I noticed this while

having my devotions. Here are the verses...

“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these?

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?” v.31

“Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?” v. 32

“...for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us,

and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.” v. 35

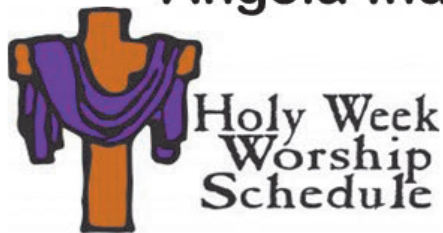

Know this today and remember this as we move on toward Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter; God is for us!!! God is for you!!! The story of Jesus shows that God is for us, not against us!

Sisters and brothers if God is for us what does it matter who is against us! Because God is for us, may each of us live wholeheartedly and passionately for Him!

All for Jesus,  
Pastor Tim Terrell  
Angola UMC

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Traditional Worship 9:00 am

THE GATHERING AUMC 11:00 am

## Holy Thursday

April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Service at 6:00 pm



## Good Friday

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Steuben Community  
Good Friday Service  
at AUMC

12:00 Noon



## Easter Sunday

April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Worship at AUMC  
9:00 Traditional Service  
11:00 The Gathering  
Easter Egg Hunt  
between Services

good friday

# A Heroic Act

When Lent was just beginning, I happened to see on TV a trailer for Disney's newest movie *Raya and the Last Dragon*. One of the lines from that trailer gripped me. It said, "our world is divided and in order to restore peace, I must find the last dragon." The reason this struck me is that I consistently hear the beginning of this phrase describing our own world, our own country. That we are divided, along many and various fault lines such as ideology, race, social and economic status, gender (and gender identity), etc. I also thought how often we make the solution similar to what we hear in this trailer: what we need is something/someone extraordinary in order to overcome the cracks and fissures in our world. Recognizing that the burden of restoring society as needs to be done is too great for any "normal" individual, or even group, we place our hope in "heroes," in those we think are larger than life in order to solve the problems that seem beyond us.

This is by no means new, and many great stories rest upon this premise. In *Lord of the Rings* what we need is the destruction of the one ring. In *Avatar: the Last Airbender* we need the Avatar to restore balance to the earth. In *Harry Potter* we need the Boy who Lived to defeat the Dark Lord. Of course, there are others working in each of these stories, but the ultimate hope is in one action, or individual, in order for the world to be restored as it should be, in order for the darkness we see in the world to be overcome.

As I reflected on this, I wondered how helpful such narratives are to us who find ourselves in a "divided" and "broken" world. If we think the solution must come through some great individual or act of heroism, do we think that individual is us, or that the act is going to come through us? Does this give us a way out of engaging with the world, and taking the small steps necessary to live out of our baptismal call to work for peace and justice for all the earth? Such a view seems to undermine what is necessary to overcome the division and brokenness we see. On the one hand, it may reinforce a sense apathy. Since I am not the one to fix all the problems of the earth, I will not work to fix any problems that I see. On the other hand, we may well see ourselves (or a group/individual we support) as the hero of the story, as the one(s) the world truly needs in order to get back on track, to be healed and restored. In such a mindset, we would see ourselves, and those we support as good/right and any who oppose us as evil/wrong.

Neither of these perspectives help us address the division and brokenness we see. In fact, they will likely reinforce such divisions and make them more pronounced. We will not seek to work together with those who differ from us because we will think they are wrong (or even evil). In such a mindset, we are not going to engage with our neighbor who may see things differently from us, as we will write our neighbor off outright for not being on the "right" side (which of course means seeing it the way we do, or at least as the hero we have chosen sees it). I wonder sometimes how often the divisions we see are reinforced because we want to live into these epic tales of heroism, by waiting for someone else to fix it, or by being the heroes ourselves and seeking to fix the troubles we see. I wonder how we might be better off without these narratives and instead lift up those that reflect life: where different people respect one another enough to listen to each other, build trust with one another, and take small steps to help one another, knowing that as we lift one another up we all rise. I wonder if we need narratives that show us that people don't have to lose in order for us to win, that we can work toward solutions that are mutually beneficial. Maybe we need some different stories than the ones we love to help us better navigate the brokenness we see in the world.

And then, we come to Easter. Suddenly my thinking around not needing one great heroic act, one great hero to solve the problems we cannot, crumbles. For our Easter story reflects the same narrative that I first described. We have a problem that no one can solve: the problem of sin and death. No amount of collective action, or small steps forward, can address this problem. We need a force greater than ourselves to do this. And this is what God decides to do in Christ. We have in this story God taking on flesh to deal with the problem that we cannot. God destroys the power of sin and death and shares with us the power of the resurrection. In Christ, that which divides us from God is overcome, and through this unification with God, we find that we are united to one another.

So perhaps the problem is not thinking that we need a hero or some heroic act to save us and the world (clearly we do), but the problem is thinking that we still need some hero or heroic act. The truth is that the only enemy that needs to be defeated has been already. The problem is that we don't realize the truth of this and think that

we must do something to overcome the evil of the world (or that evil is so strong that it cannot be overcome and therefore we should just do nothing). The reality Easter shows us is that our world is not divided, that we are already one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28). The struggle we face comes from buying into the lies that this is not true, that we are somehow still divided, that there are "true" differences among us that must still be "overcome." It is believing those lies (and let us be clear, humanity has been believing these lies since the truth of the resurrection was revealed) that the division continues, that we continue to live in disrupted relationship with one another based upon those previously mentioned fault lines. The pain and struggle that comes from living into the lie of division is certainly real, and is to be lamented.

However, the good news of Easter reminds us that we need not look any further than the past to find the solution to these problems. We need no new hero and no further heroic act. It is finished already.

At any time, the Holy Spirit can rip off the veil and help us see the truth of what Christ accomplished on the cross: that sin and death are defeated, that we are one in Christ. Typically, we only get brief visions of this true reality, glimpses where we recognize that those around us are neither heroes nor enemies, but are brothers and sisters who bear the image of God. These moments remind us the truth that we are all connected through Christ who suffered and died that we may have life. These moments invite us to engage the world's suffering to make this truth known, following in the footsteps of the one who has already accomplished life for us and the world: Jesus Christ: Savior, Lord, Hero, and Friend.

Brother Daryl Emowrey  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

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*May the light of the risen Christ fill you with God's  
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We look forward to celebrating the joy of Easter together,  
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# Three Hours

Three hours is a good chunk of our day. We can change things in small ways over three hours. We can accomplish a major task in three hours. We can hold a major meeting in three hours. We can go to the movie theater or enjoy Friday movie night at home in three hours. With Spring upon us, we can help our yards look green and be mulched up for the fun summer ahead in three hours. This Easter time, don't forget the three hours that literally changed the world.

In the Bible these three hours are described in the Book of Matthew: Matthew 27:45-46 (ESV) says "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Jewish day began at 6 a.m. The sixth hour would have been noon, and the ninth hour would have been 3 p.m. These three hours were marked by darkness for those around Jerusalem. It was almost as if God the Father pulled the curtain

around the cross on which God the Son, Jesus, hung broken and bleeding. Perhaps human eyes were too frail to see the cosmic suffering of Jesus.

But why did Jesus suffer? Jesus' own words at the conclusion of the three hours answer this question with a beautiful brutality. Beautiful because these words mean everything for the opportunity for eternal life for every person. Brutality because these words exclaim the cost of the opportunity for eternal life: For the first time in eternity, at the cross, the Father and the Son were relationally separated. The Father forsook His Son Jesus. In the darkness of those three hours, God the Father punished God the Son for the sins of the world. II Corinthians 5:21 captures the exchange that took place on the cross during those three hours. II Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) says, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Jesus lived a perfect life in His humanity as the God/Man but chose to die a sinner's death by becoming sin for all


of us. All of us have a sin problem before God the Father. We all violate holiness with our wrong thoughts, words, and actions. Our sin problem must be dealt with before our holy Creator. Every human stands to be judged for sin because God is absolutely righteous and holy. On the other hand, God is also absolutely loving. Romans 5:8 says, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God, the righteous Judge, made a way for the sin problem of the world could be dealt with, by dying Himself! God the Son, Jesus, took the punishment for sin in those three hours on the cross. The punishment came from God the Father. Isaiah 53:5 boldly states that sinners are healed by the wounds of Jesus.

Remember, though, an exchange took place on the cross. While Jesus took the punishment for our sin, II Corinthians 5:21 states that people can receive His righteousness from His perfect life. The sin of any person who believes that Jesus died for him/her and asks Jesus in prayer to forgive him/her of that sin, is completely

forgiven and granted a righteous standing before God the Father. In other words, the believer is accepted by God because of the righteousness of Jesus! The sin issue has been dealt with.

The three hours Jesus spent on the cross did literally change the world. However, the question to you this Easter is whether those three hours have changed your life. Do you believe Jesus died in your place on the cross? Have you turned away from your broken, sinful life by repenting to Jesus that you are a sinner and ask Him to forgive you so that you may gain righteousness from God the Father? Three hours is a big chunk of our day. The three hours Jesus hung on the cross secured all of eternity to be with Him for those that believe in Him. Three days after hanging on the cross, Jesus rose again. Hope is alive this Easter because Jesus is alive!

Pastor James Pettit  
Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn




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Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> • 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Worship**  
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Worship Service 1 • 9:00 a.m.  
Rise N' Roll Donuts • 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 2 • 10:30 a.m.

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# We Have the Receipt

Financial experts encourage us to retain receipts and other paperwork after completing large financial transactions. This can include the purchase of an expensive item, i.e., a television or other electronic device, furniture, costly clothing, and the like. This advice also applies to paperwork pertaining to loans for cars, student loans, credit cards, etc. I've always tried to make a practice of this; wanting the security that comes from having this piece of evidence that the debt has been paid. As long as you have the receipt, proof that you made the purchase or paid off the loan, it is impossible (or at least much more difficult) for the other party to claim that the debt or any part of it remains outstanding.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are mindful of the

fact that God has given us a receipt for the debt that His Son paid. Jesus' perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection mean that the debt of our sins is no longer outstanding, but is paid in full! We read about it in Luke chapter twenty-four. "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen." These words are God's receipt given to us, proving that Jesus is alive, and that, thereby, the debt is paid and we are forgiven our sins. The entirety of the Bible is an expansion of this message; Jesus is God's answer to man's predicament. He is the fulfillment of Moses and prophets of the Old Testament, and the center of everything in the New Testament. God gives us this receipt as proof and a constant reminder that the balance of our iniquities stands at zero.

There is, however, a stark and important difference between normal receipts and the Bible. When I pay off a car or finished a student loan, I place the receipt in a file for safekeeping; but I don't check on the receipt or read it over again. I just know it's there; and that is sufficient. The Bible is different. God did not author and give us the Bible in order that we would read it once, get the message, and subsequently file it away. God intends that we read the Bible at least regularly, if not daily. This mandate to read the Bible is not a test. Rather, God knows that the world, the devil, and our sinful nature are always leading us to doubt Jesus, the resurrection, and the fact that we are fully forgiven. Our Heavenly Father entreats us to make His Word part of our daily routine in order that we never forget

the most important truth in the world.

It is essential that we never forget the truth and meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the God-given gift of faith in Jesus and His resurrection, we receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Additionally, the reality of Jesus' resurrection is the best source of true peace; it proves that God is satisfied and wants nothing from us in payment for our sins. Therefore, we stand holy, renewed, righteous, and ready for heaven before God. Now our Creator listens and responds to our prayers, gives us all that we need for life in this world, and promises to maintain our faith in Him until the day He takes us home.

Pastor Philip Rigdon

St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville

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2021

**\* HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1**  
MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m.  
LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
6:30 p.m.

**\* GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**  
MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m.  
LITURGY OF THE  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
1:00 p.m.

**\* HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m.  
SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL LITURGY  
9:00 p.m.

**\* EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4**  
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# Focus on Jesus

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

It is something my flocks and I have been doing for several weeks. It seems so simple, yet we get off track quickly. When we look at the life of Jesus, we learn so much about living when we focus. Focus takes determination and carving out of our day time to read, ponder, and reflect. Are you giving Jesus space in your day and your heart?

This year I have been wearing a bracelet that has the acronym HWLF. It stands for He Would Love First. It answers the question of What Would Jesus Do, WWJD, another acronym many of us know. WE know that he loved. He loved as he healed. He loved as he spoke and helped people be awakened to the truth before them that they

had never seen or understood.

We want things our ways so much that we are blind to what is before our eyes. Nature is a gift, and when we focus on Jesus, we see the beauty in our area coming back to life with rebirth. The gift of spring. We, too, can come alive in renewal when we focus on Jesus and say yes to being part of the kingdom of God. Journeying with Jesus focuses on love when it is hard, how to walk through painful valleys, and how to notice the beauty of a moment.

Focusing on Jesus, focusing on love, and doing life together make life sweeter. So thankful we have a Jesus to show us the way, the truth, and life. Celebrate Easter with Focus!

Pastor Tracey  
Fremont & Nevada Mills UMC,  
Senior Pastor

## Come for Easter and be a part of the family!

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Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday  
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Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday  
Service - 7 p.m.

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday  
Service - 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday  
Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.  
Easter Service - 10 a.m.



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# Are you ready for Good News?

## Join us

Thursday Service ~ April 1st, 7pm

Good Friday ~ April 2nd, 7pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 4th, 9:30am



# Good News

Are you finally ready for good news for our world? After all our world has been through in the last year, I think we all need good news for our lives. Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who helped hide Jews from the Nazis during WWII, once said, "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest."

At Easter we not only have some good news, but we also have the Good News! Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection we are given new and everlasting life as we put our trust in Him. On the cross Jesus won the victory of sin, death, and the devil.

We are forgiven, set free, and given new life as we become followers of Jesus. Jesus' death and resurrection is God's rescue plan to bring healing and restoration to our broken world. On that first Easter morning, hope rose from the grave. There is hope for your life and our world. Jesus is for you! Jesus is for everyone! Come join us at St. Mark's this Easter as we hear and celebrate the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and discover what it means for our lives today!

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# Best Holiday

Isn't it interesting how Christmas gets so much attention, starting weeks in advance? We barely get past Halloween and the stores are already decorated for Christmas. Add to that the outdoor lights, the Christmas songs on the radio, the cookies, the trees, the presents and you have quite the buildup for the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Whether someone recognizes the birth of Jesus as the reason for the season or not, it seems the majority of people can't wait for Christmas to arrive.

But what about Easter? Where's the buildup for Easter? Why don't we see such a pronounced effort in our culture to celebrate Easter? Sure, we see some displays in the stores depicting the Easter Bunny, candy, eggs and so on, but nothing compared to Christmas. But isn't Easter, arguably, the most important holiday of the year?

In 1 Corinthians 15:13 and 14, the Apostle Paul writes this, "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." Paul could not have

made it clearer. The entire Christian faith rises and falls on the resurrection of Jesus. If there is no resurrection, there is no Christianity. Yes, celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas is very significant and important, but if Jesus doesn't eventually rise from the dead, then His birth means nothing.

Paul goes on to say in 1 Corinthians 15:20, "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead." Jesus really was born, He really died on a cross and He really rose from the dead. Hundreds of eyewitnesses went to their graves, many tortured to death, confirming these facts. On top of all this, Paul said in Romans 10:9, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." This is why celebrating Easter is the most important holiday of the year in my book. When you consider the hope surrounding it, what could be better? So, make a point to be at the church of your choice this Easter to celebrate the best holiday of the year.

Stuart Kruse, Senior Pastor  
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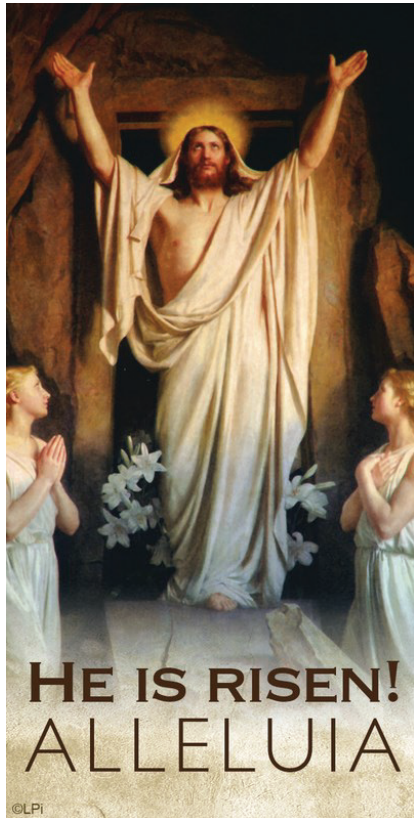
## EASTER CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 3 | 5:00pm | Main Campus Only  
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### Holy Week Schedule

- **Holy Thursday:** April 1 - Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday:** April 2 - 12:30 p.m.
- **Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 3 - 9:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday:** April 4 - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.



# Will there be an Easter bunny this year?

Religion loves symbols. Yes, almost every religion calls us to look inside of ourselves and to spend time in silence contemplating the meaning of life and death and resurrection. Yet religion also invites us to see things, to hear them, feel them, taste them, smell them, from church bells and Sunday bulletins to Christmas trees and Easter bonnets.

But bunnies? Why bunnies? How and why did the rabbit become a symbol of Christ's resurrection?

It started a long time ago in the 4th century, when Christians began carving rabbits on their tombstones to show their faith in the resurrection. Early church leaders (the Church Fathers) also used the hare as a prop to explain the Holy Trinity. The hare is not a rabbit, of course, but it's

close! Throughout the centuries, the hare was used as a symbol of the Holy Trinity, as a symbol of the Virgin Mary, and as the symbol of the virtue of hope. To this day, in old Orthodox and Catholic churches from Paderborn in Germany to Devon in England, a common motif on wall paintings and stained-glass windows shows three hares in a circle, ear to ear, with the tip of each hare's ears becoming the head of the hare behind him. The motif symbolizes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It comes from a drawing first done up by St. Athanasius in the 4th century to explain the Nicene Creed.

In 1530, the artist Titian painted a beautiful scene with the baby Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Mary has bread and wine at her right hand and clutches a white

rabbit in her left. The painting hangs in the Louvre in Paris. I recommend you look it up online (Titian, Mary and the infant Jesus with a rabbit, 1530). The bread and wine represent the crucifixion, the rabbit represents the resurrection.

For centuries, the rabbit was a symbol of the Virgin Mary because even the ancient Greeks and Romans thought that rabbits were "born pregnant" and therefore represented virginal birth, just like how Jesus was born of Mary. In Titian's painting, the rabbit seems to be Jesus, the fruit of Mary's womb. For Titian and other artists, a hopping rabbit was a symbol of Jesus "hopping" out of the tomb.

Then came Martin Luther. Wanting to give the people a visible symbol of Easter that they could take home, Luther encour-

aged them to bake bread and cakes in the shape of a rabbit for Easter. A bit later, the new Swiss chocolate makers got hold of the idea and gave us one of the most wonderful inventions of all: the chocolate Easter Bunny!

The Easter Bunny is, therefore, an old and deeply Christian symbol, even when made of chocolate. Whether you eat the ears first or last – those ears give praise to the Father, the Spirit, and the Resurrected Son. Together with colored eggs and colorful clothing, joyful hymns and happy congregations, the bunnies make visible our rejoicing at the resurrection of the Savior of the world. Blessings for Easter, and enjoy your bunnies!

Friar Bob  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

## St. Paul Catholic Chapel

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### Holy Week Schedule

- **Holy Thursday:** April 1 - Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday:** April 2 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 3 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday:** April 4 - Mass 9:00 a.m.





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# A true story of Christ's amazing grace!

At this Easter season I am honored to share with you a true story of Christ's amazing grace which does pass all human understanding!

Several years ago now I was calling on a 95 year old gentleman.

For several years I had called on his sister who shared a home with him.

Prior to that I had called on another sister of his and officiated at her funeral and burial.

Our conversations were brief but cordial.

He was a man of few words.

Then he became ill and moved to a nursing home in Kendallville where I started calling on him.

I could find no evidence of his ever being involved in any church.

One evening my wife and I were at home when suddenly The Holy Spirit put it upon me to go at once and see this man!

I told my wife "We need to go to Kendallville!"

Amazing woman that she is she must have understood at once that the Holy Spirit was sending me to Kendallville!

So off to Kendallville we went!

I wasted no time but very soon after our arrival I asked him if he had ever been baptised?

The Holy Spirit had led me to go to Kendallville and ask him this question.

"No and it is too late now"he lamanted!

Oh how I wish you could have heard the dismay in his voice!

He knew death was near and after that hell!

Who would not be dismayed?

But I had GOOD NEWS FOR HIM!  
IT WAS NOT TOO LATE!

So I asked him if he wished to be baptised and he at once answered in the affirmative!

So without any delay I baptised him in the name of The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit and marked his forehead with the sign of the cross!

I knew it was the Holy Spirit leading me and leading him!

He thanked me over and over!

Just a few days later the man died.

Not a shock as he knew and we knew he did not have long to live!

But oh-PRAISE THE LORD-what GOOD NEWS I preached at his funeral!

He was headed straight for an eternity

in Hell until by Christ's Amazing Grace working through the Holy Spirit he was saved!

Saved from hell and saved for eternity in heaven!

How I PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS AMAZING GRACE!

As long as we have the breath of life within us it is not too late to be saved! I saw a true miracle that night at the nursing home in Kendallville!

Truly with God all things are possible and nothing is impossible!

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND!

Rev. Merle R. Holden, Pastor

New Life Lutheran Church of Waterloo

*You're invited!*



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220 W. Maumee St., Angola

## **Calvary Lutheran Church**

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665-2516  
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## **Clear Lake Lutheran**

270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake  
495-9219  
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## **County Line Church**

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## **First Christian Church**

110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville  
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## **Fremont United Methodist Church**

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