

# Briefings

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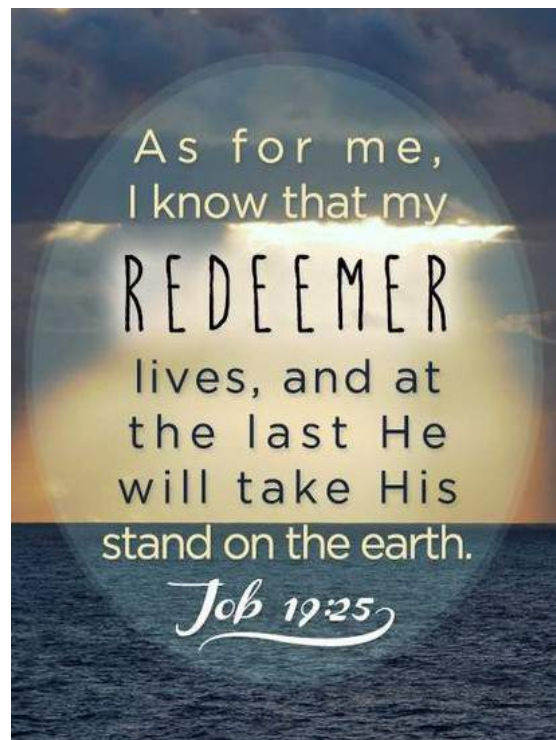
## You Will Live Forever!

Job, as you may recall, was a righteous man. A lover of God and very faithful. God permitted Satan to remove all his wealth, children and health, leaving him traumatized. Unaware of the confrontation he had with Satan, Job assumed God had done this for some unknown reason. He was left with his wife who was no support: Job 2:9 His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die." If that weren't enough, his three friends repeatedly told him he was being punished for some sin in his life.

Job didn't expect to recover from his ailments, much less recover his family and wealth. While he was wrong about that, he was correct about one thing: Job 19:25-26 "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! About 3500 years ago Job was certain what some deny today: a physical resurrection where believers will see and live with God. I believe that's what sustained him while he suffered. If he believed that after one dies, he ceases to exist, why ask the questions that no one can answer, and why not end his life and thus end the pain?

Job doesn't say he believes he will live after death in some other form than a physical body. Today there are many ideas that we will live in some spiritual form, or an energy force united with the universal energy. No! Job states very clearly that he will see and be with God in a physical body.

He was not alone in his thinking. Psalm 16:10-11 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Isaiah 26:19 But those who die in the Lord will live; their bodies will rise again. Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy! For you life-giving light will fall like dew on your people in the place of the dead! Daniel 12:2 Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. Daniel 12:13 "As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you."

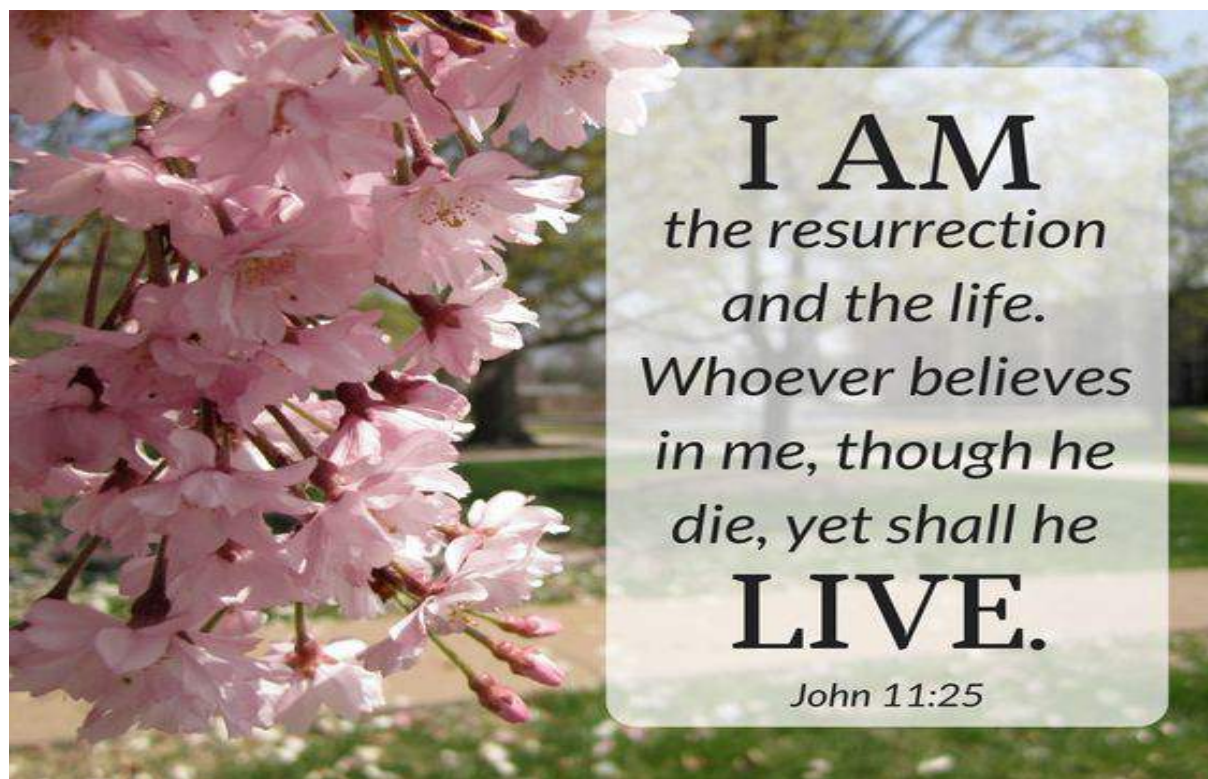


Daniel makes it clear there will be a bodily resurrection of both good and bad, righteous and unrighteous. While all will be raised, their eternal destination will be very different. Isaiah was also assured that people would be raised with a new body and to great joy.

Remember this was well before the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. Talk about faith! Yes, God made it clear to them that every human being lives forever regardless of what age they die, what they believe, or how they lived out their lives. From conception on, eternity is set in the soul of man and can never be removed.

To validate the hope of Job, Isaiah, Daniel and David we have the undisputed historical event of the man Jesus of Nazareth rising from the dead after a brutal and torturous execution. At one time after his resurrection, Jesus was seen by 500 people. That many people can't hallucinate the same thing at the same time. Jesus Christ is alive and in control of all that goes on in our world and beyond.

The greatest news is that Jesus promises to come back and take us up to heaven, and execute justice for every wrong that did not come under His blood for cleansing and forgiveness. Are you looking forward to His return, or are you uncertain where you will spend eternity? Salvation is in a person, not a lifestyle, religious rituals, or education. John 1:12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. Eternal life is through faith in the God-man who died for our sin and destroyed the power of spiritual death by his resurrection. One day we will all be resurrected with a new body able to live forever in one of two places: heaven or hell. God wants you in heaven. The cross and the empty tomb say so.





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**APRIL**  
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Dear Friends

Spring has sprung and with that new life is all around us.

The church council is busy with a few projects you will see in the next few months. We are looking at updating the banners in the front of the church and adding more color to the fellowship area. We are also looking to give the kitchen a good coat of paint with a back splash behind the stove to keep our kitchen looking clean and bright.

In March we sent some support to the Ukraine and Pastor Scott Yount which is also where our Easter offering will go this year. I cannot even imagine what the people of the Ukraine are going through. Please keep them in your prayers and continue to lift them up.

Our Living Last Supper is just around the corner. Thank you to Barb for directing and all the cast and support people who make this annual event happen. If you have not seen the performance, you really should make a point to watch it. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Soon we will begin working on sprucing up the grounds. Thank you, Jeff and Donna, for spearheading that.

Congratulations to Joel Showalter on your Confirmation of Faith. And a big welcome to the Keels and Reese families on becoming new members of our parish. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Yesterday, I attended the funeral visitation for my cousin who must have felt totally alone and helpless when she took her own life last week. When I arrived, the line of people was out the door and around the block. If only she had known how loved and supported, she was. Be sure to hug those you love tight – tell them how much they mean to you – and that you and Jesus love them very much.

Council Chairperson

Cathy Caldwell

## Easter Cookies (To be made the evening before Easter)

You need:

1 cup whole pecans

1 tsp vinegar

3 egg whites

Pinch salt

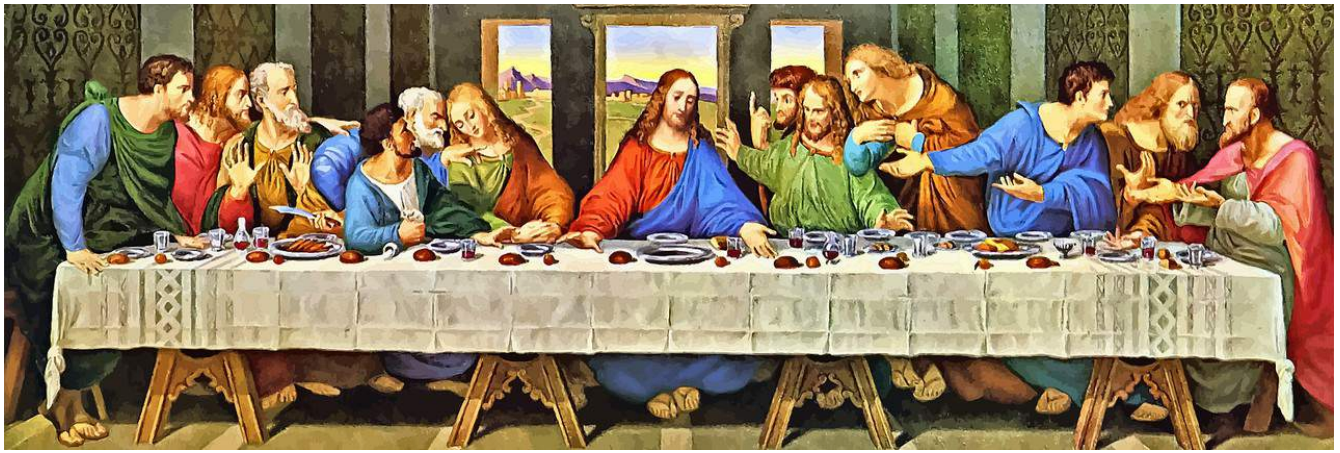
1 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important- don't wait until you're half done with the recipe!)



- Place pecans in ziploc bag and let children beat them with a wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3
- Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30
- Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11
- Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27
- So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16
- Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3
- Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto waxed paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60
- Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66
- GO TO BED!
- Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22
- On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9
- Share the Easter Cookie Story with your Friends!





## *The Living Last Supper*

Over the past five years Pilot Knob Lutheran Church has put on a presentation of the Living Last Supper a total of six times. Over the years, Barb and Cathy have directed more than twenty men in their roles as disciples.

It is exciting to see how the Lord provides for the men to step forward and to become disciples who walk, live and learn from Jesus. We started on April 13, 2017 with these men:

Pastor Bob, Jack Smith, Russ Daggett, Randy Stensrud, Tony Gray, Greg Flugum, Steve Abele, Jesse Stensrud, Rick Caldwell, John Jordan, Nick Smith, Michael Brown, and Danny Lenz.

We didn't know how many would come, but the Lord was good to us and we had 200 people, and so we chose to add another performance. Each performance since has attracted about 150 people to witness the last day of Jesus. Over the course of these five years, most of the men have faithfully stayed the same. This year's cast:

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| ★ Dave Reese as Nathaniel         | ★ Jeff Edelen as Philip               |
| ★ Tony Gray as Thaddeus           | ★ Billy Lawrence as James the Greater |
| ★ Steve Abele as James the Lesser | ★ Bill Keel as Simon the Zealot       |
| ★ Don Elbert as Thomas            | ★ Mike Brown as Judas Iscariot        |
| ★ Matt Keel as Andrew             | ★ Pastor Bob Snitzer as Jesus         |
| ★ Greg Flugum as Peter            | ★ Devon Snitzer as the Roman soldier  |
| ★ Jack Smith as Matthew           | ★ Danny Lenz as the Narrator          |
| ★ Joel Showalter as John          |                                       |

This could not have happened without the rest of the wonderful crew who have given of their time and talent in order to put on this production:

Costumes: Bobbi Elbert

Sound: Lydia Gray

Computer: Tristan Koopman (2017-2019), Bobby Snitzer, Devon Snitzer and Donna Edelen

Piano: Sandy Damm (2017-2019) and Val Johanson

It is a blessing to direct these men and watch them transform into disciples. Thank you one and all. This year's performance will be Thursday, April 14 at 7pm. Remember to pray for this event, and that it will impact those who come to watch. Spread the word by taking as many flyers as you wish and pass them out to your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.

“Go into all the world and make disciples...and I will be with you to the end of the age.” Matt 28:19-20

Blessings,

Barb Snitzer

# LIVING LAST SUPPER

Please join us for a dramatization of the Last Supper with Jesus and his apostles. Transport yourself to the Upper Room to share in this historical event.



Thursday - April 14, 2022

7:00 pm

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**The American Association of Lutheran Churches  
Commission for World Missions**

March 8, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In whose name alone comfort and salvation are found.

I am writing you today to update you on the work of our missionary to the Ukraine Pastor Scott Yount. Pastor Yount is an AALC rostered pastor who is the founder of Joy 4 Ukraine, an orphanage which caters to disabled children. Our AALC World Mission Commission has and continues to support Pastor Yount's ministry.

Pastor Yount and his wife Lena fled the city of Bila Tserkva February 24 when they awoke to explosions. After 15 hours of driving and waiting 16 hours in line at the border they arrived safely in Slovakia. They are staying at a church/youth center and have taken up the duty of making runs to the border to pick up women and children and then care for and feed them.

Pastor Yount writes:

*"People arriving are shell shocked, they have been listening to air sirens all day long, constantly going to the basement, taking cover, listening to loud explosions, then they take what they can fit in a small duffle bag or carry-on suitcase and leave the country on a 20-35 hour trip, stand in the freezing cold for hours to cross the border with no idea what the place they're going will be like or when or if ever they can go home. We are praying with people, giving them a safe, quiet place to rest, until they can come to some sort of peace and try to make decisions on what to do from here."*

In addition, they are also collecting funds and literally walking them across the border to assist a Lutheran congregation near the city of Odesa in feeding their people. This includes the disabled and shut-ins. Please pray for Pastor Alexander Gorss and his congregation there.

We in the AALC are a small but mighty group of prayer warriors. As the chairman of the AALC World Mission Commission I have been asked how a congregation or individual might help support Pastor Yount and his continued ministry. Today we are announcing that we have created a special fund through the AALC to send monies to Pastor Yount. These funds will be used for his personal needs, the extended humanitarian effort in the Ukraine, and the care of refugees in Slovakia. Please send your donations to the AALC National Office:

**The AALC  
921 East Dupont Road # 920  
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The deadline for donations is Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please make checks payable to The AALC. These funds will be sent to Pastor Yount through a safe and secure agency. In addition, please keep Pastor Yount and all those whom he cares for in your prayers.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support

Pastor Jamie M. Strickler  
AALC WMC Chairman





# Meet Your Neighbor



## **Brandon , Amanda, Diesel & Cambrie Cink**

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Brandon & Amanda met through a mutual friend when they were 15 years old and started dating. Life took them in other directions but they ended up connecting again after college and have been together ever since. They were married September 6, 2014 in Buffalo Center by Pastor Nicholas Thackery.

Brandon grew up in Duncan and Amanda is from Emmetsburg.

Brandon works at Lake Mills Motorsports as a service manager/lead mechanic along with many other side jobs. Amanda works at MBT Bank in Forest City as the Director of Deposit Operations.

**Amanda's** favorite scripture is John 16:33 "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart! I have overcome the world." **Brandon's** favorite scripture is Psalm 23:4 "Even though I walk through the darkest

valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

**Favorite Hymn:** **Amanda-** Blessed Assurance. **Brandon-** Nobody by Casting Crowns ft. Matthew West.

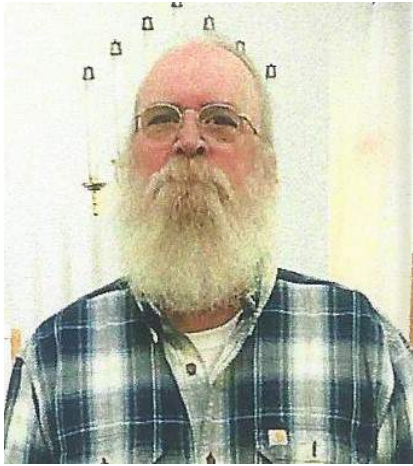
Who is the one person you would like to visit in the Bible? **Amanda** says "well, the goal in life is to meet Jesus when our time on earth has come to an end, so I would say Jesus. I can't even describe the overwhelming feeling of when I meet Jesus, my Savior for the first time." **Brandon:** "Jesus, why wouldn't you want to visit your Savior?"

Where would you travel, all expenses paid, and why? **Amanda:** For me, it doesn't matter where I am; it just matters who I am with. Right now, our children are ages 4 and 6, so I could go anywhere expenses paid as a family. I would say a private resort with sunshine, sandy beaches to build sand castles, and clear water to swim in and explore. **Brandon:** The Caribbean for the natural beauty.

Hobbies? **Amanda:** My hobbies as a wife and working mother are currently supporting my husband's drag racing on the weekends and taking my kids to the park, pool and Clear Lake whenever the weather is nice. We also enjoy mini golf, bowling, spin art and playing drag racing. **Brandon:** Work, working on my racecar and racing my racecar. Last year I started drag racing in Humboldt. Through racing I have met some great people and it has become a great family event.

We were both raised as Lutheran's - baptized and confirmed. Our children were also both baptized Lutheran. We moved from Woden to Forest City in 2019. We attended another Lutheran Church but when churches temporarily closed because of Covid, it gave us the opportunity to look for a new church that was a better fit for us and followed the word of God.

Jesse Stensrud gave Pilot Knob Lutheran Church a 5 star rating! That is why they chose to come here.



## Profile of Joel Showalter

Joel lives at 542  
Main Ave. S,  
Britt, IA 50423  
with his wife.  
The two met  
because of

their sons being best friends. They were married  
on August 9, 2009 in the Lutheran Church.

Family members are from 2 families. Daughter  
and son in law Amy and Nate Juhl with a step  
grandson Gage Juhl, granddaughter and grandson,  
Levi Wood and Haley Wood. Daughter in law Katy  
Showalter and her children Lilly, Devon and  
Landon. Stepson Mike Trayer and children Riley  
and Mahaylu; Stepdaughter Shannon Robinson  
and daughter Nia.

Joel's occupation is a Millwright.

His favorite scripture is Ephesians 2:8-9.

Joel's favorite hymns are "Come to the Table" and  
"How Great thou Art".

If Joel could visit with anyone from the Bible it  
would be Paul because his faith was so  
unshakeable.

If Joel could travel anywhere, expenses paid he  
would go to Israel and walk where Jesus walked.  
In Israel where the Bible was founded. I really  
think it would help me in my walk with Christ our  
Lord.

How and why did Joel choose to come to Pilot  
Knob Lutheran Church?

Pastor Bob was our preacher in Calvary Lutheran in  
Crystal Lake. I enjoyed his messages and teaching  
right out of the Bible. So, I visited Pilot Knob  
Lutheran and the people were very welcoming and  
warm, therefore I felt comfortable and stayed.

## Come to the Table

We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in  
Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us  
He said come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come meet this mighty crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
That sin and shame that you brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near  
So, come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come to the table  
To the thief and to the doubter  
To the hero and the coward  
To the prisoner and the soldier  
To the young and to the older  
All who hunger all who thirst  
All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princess  
All who fail, you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer  
All who loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free  
All who follow all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down  
All the lost you have been found  
All who have been labeled right or wrong  
To everyone who hears this song  
Oh, Come to the table  
Come join the sinners you have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Oh, Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come to the table  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table







# April Sermons/Scriptures

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● April 3, 2022

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Morning Worship Service and Holy Communion*

*Sermon: The King on the Cross*

OT Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:35-44

● April 10, 2022

## Palm Sunday

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: The King Explains*

OT Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-43

● April 15, 2022

## Good Friday

*Evening Worship Service*

*Sermon: The King Forsaken*

OT Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-53:12

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:45-55

● April 17, 2022

## Easter Son-Rise Service

*Sermon: The King Raised*

OT Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-20

● April 24, 2021

## Second Sunday of Easter

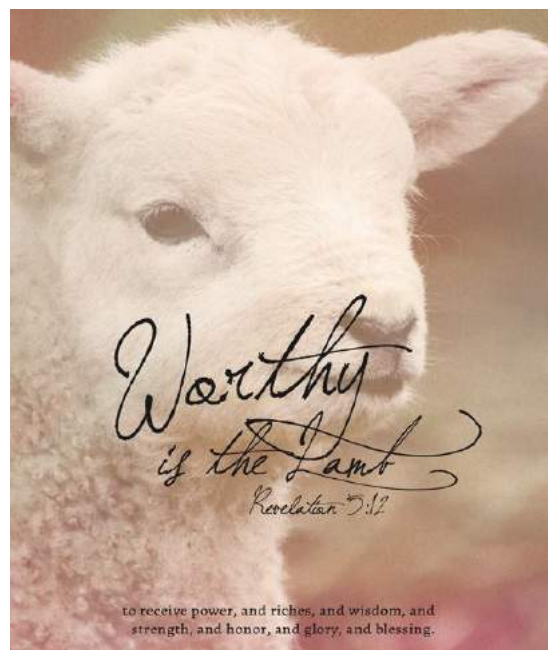
*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: Secret Power of Healing*

OT Lesson: Acts 5:12-20

Epistle Lesson: Romans 1:4-18

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Communion Sunday Greeters: Betty/Vickie Reader: Matt LLS Practice	4	5 7pm- Men's Study	6 4:30pm-Confirmation Bday: Barb Snitzer	7	8	9
<b>10</b> Greeters: Dave/Alicia Reader: Jeff LLS Practice	11	12 5:45pm- Deacons 6:30pm- Council Bdays: Diane Swanson Jan Abele, Rich Pedelty	13 4:30pm-Confirmation LLS Practice	14 7pm- Living Last Supper Bday: Kinsley Keel	15 6:30pm-Good Friday Communion Service	16
<b>17</b> Easter Greeters: Bill/Sarah Reader: Don	18	19 2pm- WOL Study 7pm- Men's Study Bday: Pat Hagen	20 4:30pm-Confirmation	21	22	23
<b>24</b> Greeters: Don/Susan Reader: Shelly	25	26 7pm- Men's Study	27 4:30pm-Confirmation	28	29 Bday: Kambrie Keel	30