



*The Best Is Yet to Come!*

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

***Hanover Lutheran Church***

2949 Perryville Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

573-335-8583

Rev. Rod Benkendorf, Pastor

## ***Welcome!***

Welcome to Hanover Lutheran Church! What a blessing from the Almighty God that he calls us and allows us and desires us to be in worship together. We are pleased and thankful that you are here today to hear God's Word and receive His Gifts. As Redeemed Children of God, it is our goal to fulfill the "Law of Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:21) which is to Love God and Love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). Again, thank you for joining us in worshipping the One True God who sent His Son to suffer, die, and rise for us! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Pastor Rod Benkendorf (314-704-8202) or the church office (573-335-8583).

We invite you to join us in the Activity Center at 9:00am this morning as we continue our adult Bible study.

## ***Office Hours***

The church office will be open with the secretary present 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday

Pastor will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Pastor's day off will be Monday.

Vicar will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Vicar's day off will be Monday.

In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Benkendorf at (314)704-8202.

## ***Calendar***

Sunday 3/31	6:30am 8:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Easter Sunrise with Communion Pancake Breakfast Easter Activities Communion
Monday 4/1	ALL DAY 1:30-5:30pm	OFFICE CLOSED Blood Drive
Tuesday 4/2	8:30am 6:30pm	Quilt Tacking Church Council Meeting
Wednesday 4/3	9:30am	Bible Study
Friday 4/5	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 4/7	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am	Worship SS/Bible Study

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

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6:30 & 10:15 am

Prelude/Ringing of Church Bells

Lighting of the Candles

Announcements

Prayer for Worship

(see inside cover of LSB)

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” LSB 463

Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy...of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 16

**P** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C** **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

**P** As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**C** **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

**P** The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**C** **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

**P** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C** **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

**P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**C** **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

**P** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Kyrie** (sung)

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** (sung)

*LSB 155*

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** (sung)

*LSB 156*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** **he has put all things under his feet.**

## Special Music

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse (sung)

*LSB 156*

**C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** (response is sung)

*Mark 16:1–8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn**

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” *LSB 466*

**Sermon**

“The Best Is Yet to Come!” *Isaiah 25:6-9*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory (sung)**

*LSB 159*

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**Prayer of the Church**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

**Preface (sung)**

*LSB 160*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**Proper Preface**

**Sanctus (sung)**

*LSB 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen. (sung)

**Agnus Dei (sung)**

*LSB 163*

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Distribution & Hymns**

- “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633*  
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB 474*  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” *LSB 475*  
“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won” *LSB 490*  
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” *LSB 477*

**Post Communion Canticle** (sung)

*LSB 164*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen. (sung)

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord ... and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

**Closing Hymn**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

**Postlude**

*Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

**Acknowledgments**

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**Easter:** He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Finally, after forty plus days of reflection and repentance, after seeing Jesus die for us, we celebrate! We celebrate with unbridled Joy! Not only has God paid the price for our sins, He has fully and completely defeated death and Satan. We celebrate that because He Lives, we too shall Live! “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). The color of Easter Sunday and the Easter season is white. The light of the world has returned, FOREVER!

**COMMUNION GUIDANCE:** We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD's Supper. Indeed, the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself"* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Confirmed members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice “Close Communion” and it is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran, Christian faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor Benkendorf. As you are comfortable, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing as you cross your arms in front of you. Please respect our position of love in this matter of Christian and Pastoral care.

### *Serving in Worship*

**Ushers**            7:45am -Dwayne Kirchhoff, Steve Miller, Todd Roth, Clay Vangilder, Scott Vangilder, Mark Aufdenberg, Ian Roth  
10:15am-Larry Hale, Mark Koerber, Ron Seabaugh

### *Serving in Sunday School*

*Teachers for March – “Littles”, Travis & Katie Roth, “Middles”, Sandy Lowrey, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Tom Hadler*

<b>Acolytes</b>	Garrett Michael	Ian Petzoldt
<b>Next week (4/7)</b>	Mason Biri	Declan Stevens

***The Easter Lilies adorning God's House  
are given to the Glory of God  
in honor and memory of loved ones  
and in Thanksgiving for  
His graces and blessings  
by the following  
friends and members of Hanover***

***Given in memory of our parents Milton & Ruby Ahner and Wilbur & Ethel Behring  
by Rich and Dotty Behring***

***Given in memory of Rich's brother and sister Bill Behring and Patricia Williams  
by Rich and Dotty Behring***

***Given in Love for our children Kim, Sandy, & Eddie, and our grandchildren; Madison, Lucas,  
and Tessa  
by Rich and Dotty Behring***

***Given in loving memory of our loved ones in heaven.  
by John & Jerre Hall***

***Given in loving memory of Pam's mom Marilyn Huttegger  
by Woody & Pam Woodruff***

***Given in loving memory of my husband Jerry Brown  
by Jeanie Brown***

***Given in loving memory of my parents Paul and Grace Hanf  
by Jeanie Brown***

***Given in loving memory of Jim and Sharon Davis  
by the Davis and Mendoza Families***

***Given in loving memory of my husband Fred Bendel  
by Agnes Bendel***

***Given in loving memory of Terrence's dad Claude "Nip" Kelley  
by Terrence and Kim Kelley***

***Given in honor of our parents Wanda Kirkpatrick & George and George "Dude" & Shirley Jo  
Huey  
by Terrence and Kim Kelley***

***Given in honor of children and grandchildren; Quentin, Ashley, Liam & Levi Kelley and Justin, Lindsay Jo, Emmy & Evy Trout***  
by Terrence and Kim Kelley

***Given in loving memory of our parents Robert & Helen Sinn and Clayton & Margaret Davis***  
by Junior and Jane Sinn

***Given in memory of our grandson Jared Sinn***  
by Junior and Jane Sinn

***Given in loving memory of my husband Danny Conklin***  
by Lois Conklin

***Given in loving memory of my husband John Edwards and our parents Bill & Lois Edwards and George & Pauline Heuer***  
by John & Charlotte Edwards

***Given in loving memory of Lee Brothers***  
by Gloria Brothers and Family

***Given in loving memory of Melanie Brickhaus***  
by Gloria Brothers and Family

***Given in loving memory of Jeanne's parents Otto & Fay Amelunke and Curt's father Walter Wills***  
by Curt & Jeanne Wills

***Given in loving memory of my loving late wife Sharon***  
by Harry Schilling

***Given in loving memory of my husband John Trinka***  
by Jennifer Volkerding-Trinka

***Given in loving memory of my brother Jeff Volkerding***  
by Jennifer Volkerding-Trinka

***Given in loving memory of my parents Vernon & June Volkerding***  
by Jennifer Volkerding-Trinka

***Given in loving memory of my parents Milford & Violet Klaus***  
by Karen Mangels

***Given in loving memory of our parents Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mruzik and Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Groh***  
by Andrew & Diane Mruzik

***Given in loving memory of our daughter Michelle Perkins***

by Ken & Janet Enke

***Given in loving memory of my parents Clement & Irene Birk***

by Sandra Farrington

***Given in loving memory of my husband Tom Farrington***

by Sandra Farrington

***Given in loving memory of my wife Charlene***

by Mike Hahn

***Given in loving memory of our unborn son Jeffrey Michael Hahn***

by Mike Hahn

***Given in loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reimann and Mr. & Mrs. Harry French***

by Paul & Carol Reimann

***Given in honor of our children, Stephen, Jules, Cyrstal, & Jason, and our grandchildren, Mikay, Kyra, Caed, McKenna, Jazzy, Rayln, & Reese***

by Paul & Carol Reimann

***Given by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gerlach in loving memory of their parents, Harold & Maxine Gerlach and Kenneth & Vivian Rhodes***

***Given by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gerlach in thankfulness to God for their children and grandchildren, Tyler, Megan, Travis, Veda, Harrison & Silas Gerlach***

***Given in loving memory of Carl Jank***

by Jean Jank

*If your gift has been overlooked,  
we apologize and please bring it to our attention. Thank You!*

***If you purchased a lily,  
please feel free to take it home with you  
after the Easter Sunday service.***

## *Announcements*

*The OFFICE will be CLOSED on Monday, April 1, 2024.*

*There will be no evening (6:30pm) Bible Study on Wednesday, April 3, 2024*

**Thank you** to everyone that participated in our Workday. Your help is much appreciated!

### **Children's Mental Health Tip**

Studies have shown that providing a positive, supportive, and loving relationship to a child is the single biggest way you can help improve their mental health. For more mental health tips, please visit [LFCSMO.org](http://LFCSMO.org) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

**Open Positions at Trinity Lutheran School** for the 2024-2025 school year.

Teaching Positions

- Science 5 - 8th grade with 7th grade homeroom
- Part-time computer/typing teacher K-8

A degree in education is required with synodical training and experience preferred. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church or other Lutheran affiliated churches are invited submit names for prayerful consideration to Anthony Boren, call, at 573-986-1746 or [tboren23@gmail.com](mailto:tboren23@gmail.com). Names may also be submitted to Mr. Cory Crosnoe at the Trinity school office at 573-334-1068.

**Trinity Lutheran Church-Egypt Mills**-Spring drive-thru dinner, Sunday, April 14, 2024. Drive-thru only: chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, slaw, bread, and dessert. Serving from 11:30am-3:00pm. (Cost: Free will donation to be collected). See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Saxony Lutheran Annual Fish Fry**-Dine in or Carry Out, Sunday, April 28, 2024. 11:00am-1:00pm. Fish Hush Puppies, fries, slaw, and dessert. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in the church office, Saxony Lutheran or see Lynn Petzoldt.

Give blood

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.



**Blood Drive**  
**Hanover Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall  
2949 Perryville Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Monday, April 1, 2024  
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter: HanoverLutheran to schedule an appointment.

## ***Weekly Catechism and Scripture for Reflection***

We are Lutheran! Why are we Lutheran? We are Lutheran because we are people of God's Word - the Bible. We Believe teach and confess that Lutheranism is the absolute best explanation of the Bible.

God wants us to be in His Word and listen to Him (Luke 11:28). With that in mind, each week there will be a teaching from the Bible and a Bible verse upon which to reflect. You and your family are encouraged to discuss, memorize, and own the teaching and the Bible verse. (Note: Some teachings and Scripture will repeat from week to week. That is intentional.)

### **The Fifth Commandment**

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

### **Deuteronomy 5:17**

“You shall not murder.

### ***Bible Story for the Week***

*“The Young Man of Nain”*

A Child's Garden of Bible Stories pp. 102-103

Luke 7:11-17

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