



The Testimony of Jesus Resurrection

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Hanover Lutheran Church
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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 4/7	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am 1:00pm	Worship SS/Bible Study Meeting Room Rsvd
Tuesday 4/9	9:00am 4:45pm 7:00pm	PEO Meeting Finance Board Potter's Clay-Good Shepherd
Wednesday 4/10	9:30am 1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Bible Study Ladies Aid Handbells Bible Study
Friday 4/12	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday 4/13	1:00pm	Activity Center Rsvd
Sunday 4/14	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am	Communion SS/Bible Study

Second Sunday of Easter

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7:45 & 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” *LSB 469*

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 Almighty God ...and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 148

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

P Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

P Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

C **And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

P Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C **fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

P Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

P Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**
- 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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.**

Epistle

1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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)

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB 474*

Sermon

“The Testimony of Jesus’ Resurrection” *Acts 4:32-35*

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. 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

Lord's Prayer

(see inside back cover of LSB)

Collect for the Church

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461

Postlude

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

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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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** -Brett Heuer, Jeff Heuer, Quentin Kelley, Zach Lewis, Fred Vincel, Kevin Eakins
10:15am-Mark Bonney, Nathan Edwards, Jim Frank, Cody Kertz, Jonathon Michael

Serving in Sunday School

*Teachers for April – “Littles”, Heather Miller “Middles”, Kim Kelley,
5th-8th grade, Tom Hadler*

<i>Acolytes</i>	Mason Biri	Declan Stevens
<i>Next week (4/14)</i>	Liam Kelley	Xavier Franks

Announcements

Plus One Project: Volunteers Needed Are you good at walking people through recipes and what they might need to do to cook, bake, or make them? Do you like cooking and baking food yourself? Are you interested in helping Vicar sort the donations received for the project? Then we have a volunteer spot for you! Please contact Vicar Heitshusen with any questions and sign up on the signup sheet on the donation table. The Project will take place April 20 from 1:30-3:30pm (Please note that organizing donations will take place April 14 directly after second service).

Plus One Project: Donations We are still collecting donations for the Plus One Project. Please pick up a card with the ingredients on it and bring the ingredients back to Hanover by April 14 second service. Prefer to give money? No problem! Just designate it to the Plus One fund!

Youth Group-SAVE the date-Spring is here and time to plant. The youth group will have their annual plant sale Sunday, April 28th. It will be between services and after late service. More information to come.

Trinity Lutheran, Friedheim will hold its Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sun., Apr. 14 7am - 12 noon. Free Will donation. Carry out Available. Sponsored by the Men's Club.

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.

LWML Spring Celebration-You are invited to join us for our Spring Celebration held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Check in is at 8:30am, the program begins at 9:00am. Our guest speaker is Rev. Craig Muehler, Director LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$5.00, please RSVP to your local LWML President. Hosted by Southeast Missouri's LWML Potter's Clay.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altenburg, MO will hold its Annual Fried Chicken Supper on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Serving time 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Adults \$12.00 – Children \$6.00 and Children under 5 free! Dine in or Carry Out. The LWML and Congregation Ladies will provide a Country Store.

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.

Blood Drive at Saxony Lutheran High School on April 29, 2024-1:30-5:30pm in the Moeller Commons. Sponsored by the Saxony Lutheran Student Council.

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. Names may also be submitted to Mr. Cory Crosnoe at the Trinity school office at 573-334-1068.

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 or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Giving for March

Count from March 5, 2024-General Fund \$17,628.25 Designated \$290.00, Building Fund \$710.00, Old Hanover \$0.00 **Count from March 19, 2024-** General Fund \$12,529.12, Designated \$836.46, Building Fund \$300.00, Old Hanover \$100.00

Memorials Given in Memory of

Gail Hennecke

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 Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Bible Story for the Week

“The First Easter Day”

A Child's Garden of Bible Stories pp. 137-138
Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:11; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-8

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