

April Calendar 2023

Events		Anniversary & Birthdays	
Sunday	2-Apr	(H) Palm Sunday (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Mon.	3-Apr	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid meeting	3-Apr (B) Bonnie Clark
Wed.	5-Apr		5-Apr (A) Steve & Caryl Hickerson 1986 (A) Albert & Colleen Wefer 1964
Thurs.	6-Apr	(E) 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	
Fri.	7-Apr	(E) 12pm Tre Ore @ St. Peter, IL (E) 7pm Good Friday Service	
Sunday	9-Apr	(H) Easter Sunday (E) 9am Easter Egg Hunt (E) 10am Worship Service	
Tues.	11-Apr		11-Apr (A) Mark & Andrea Meadows 2015
Fri.	14-Apr		14-Apr (B) Rev. Timothy Landskroener
Sunday	16-Apr	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Sunday	23-Apr	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Wed.	26-Apr		26-Apr (A) Clarence & Lisa Smith 1986
Thurs.	27-Apr		24-Apr (B) Alan Harrison
Fri.	28-Apr		28-Apr (B) Sharon Dolly
Sunday	30-Apr	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	

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April, 2023

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

April begins with Holy Week. Palm Sunday (4/2) begins with a Palm Procession and we'll hear the reading of our Lord's Passion from St. Matthew. On Holy (Maundy) Thursday, we hear (and celebrate) once again the institution of the Sacrament of the Altar. Good Friday gives us two opportunities to contemplate our Lord's suffering and death for us. First, the Tre Ore service which will be held at St. Peter's at noon and lasting until 3:00. If you haven't attended such a service, you don't know what you're missing. Second, we will have a Tenebrae service at Augsburg. On Sunday, April 9, we will celebrate Easter. What a glorious day that always is.

In our latest Sunday morning Bible Class, we've been studying Martin Luther's Easter hymn "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (LSB 458). We won't sing it on Easter because I don't think many know it (yet), though it is certainly worth learning. Still, it's worth reading and meditating on.

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia!

2 No son of man could conquer death,
Such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth,
And therefore death had brought us
Into bondage from of old
And ever grew more strong and bold
And held us as its captive.
Alleluia!

3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down,

His people to deliver;
Destroying sin, He took the crown
From death's pale brow forever:
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;
An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;

He died on the accursèd tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!

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God grant you a blessed Holy Week and Eastertide.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

April 2 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
John 12:12-19 (processional)
Is. 50:4-9a
Phil. 2:5-11
Matt. 26:1-27:66

April 6 Maundy Thursday
Ex. 24:3-11
Heb. 9:11-22
Matt. 26:17-30

April 9 The Resurrection of Our Lord
Acts 10:34-43
Col. 3:1-4
Matt. 28:1-10

April 16 Easter 2
Acts 5:29-42
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 23 Easter 3
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

April 30 Easter 4
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

HOLY WEEK PODCASTS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee," The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross, The Hymn "Upon the Cross Extended," Apparent Contradictions in the Events of Holy Week and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Special Collection – Maundy Thursday: Christ Our Rock High School

Easter Lillies are being purchased to decorate the Church for Easter; the cost is \$15.00 each. If you would like to purchase 1 or more Easter Lillies, please contact Susan Williams or Andrea Meadows. After our Easter morning service, you may take home and decorate your home or give another party to enjoy.

Ladies' Aid will meet April 3rd at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.

Tre Ore - Apr. 7, Good Friday 12pm - 3pm, St. Peter's is hosting this year's Tre Ore Service for the Altamont Circuit. Tre Ore means "three hours" and denotes the hours of darkness in which Christ hung on the cross until His death. The three-hour service (12pm-3pm) is comprised of meditations preached by CID pastors on the 7 words of Christ on the cross. All are welcome.

Easter morning there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children at 9:00 am.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont will be hosting a meal on Sunday, April 16th to raise funds for current sanctuary renovations. It will be held at The Carriage House Event Center in Altamont. You are invited to the free-will donation event which is from 10:30 AM -- 1 PM. Carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, bone-in ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, beef & noodles, vegetable, slaw, roll, dessert and drink. Sponsors include Deb's Catering, The Giving Plate, the Schultz Family and the Ramsey Family.

Trimming Stamps for Mites -- Trim each stamp leaving paper measuring 1/8 of an inch or less around the stamp. Be careful not to trim too close to the stamp. No corners or edges should be cut. The stamps must be 100% complete. If there is a group of stamps trim around the whole group.

Please Sign attendance books in the pew, so Pastor is better able to serve you.

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

Do you have a cell phone? Do you text? Do you have a home phone? Some do some don't. How do you want to be contacted by the Church? The Church would like to contact you via text with any info, updates or closings. To receive a text message, you will need to give us your cell number. Normal text fees will apply. Please provide info to Scott with a note or email storbeck@augzburgchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

Contact Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 for a Pastoral visit.

Augsburg is collecting Christian materials, Bibles, Portals of Prayer, Sunday School and VBS materials, Lutheran Witness, books, etc., to be given to the mission in Butler to distribute worldwide. Please put them on the table in the middle of the basement.

The Church will be sending some of their unused materials to the Butler mission. There will be a table in the Parish Hall to view the materials that will be sent. If you would like to take any materials for home use, feel free to do so.

77. Jesus Is Coming Again

Luke 21:25-28 KJV

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Matthew 24:30-31, 36, 40-44 NIV

"At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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