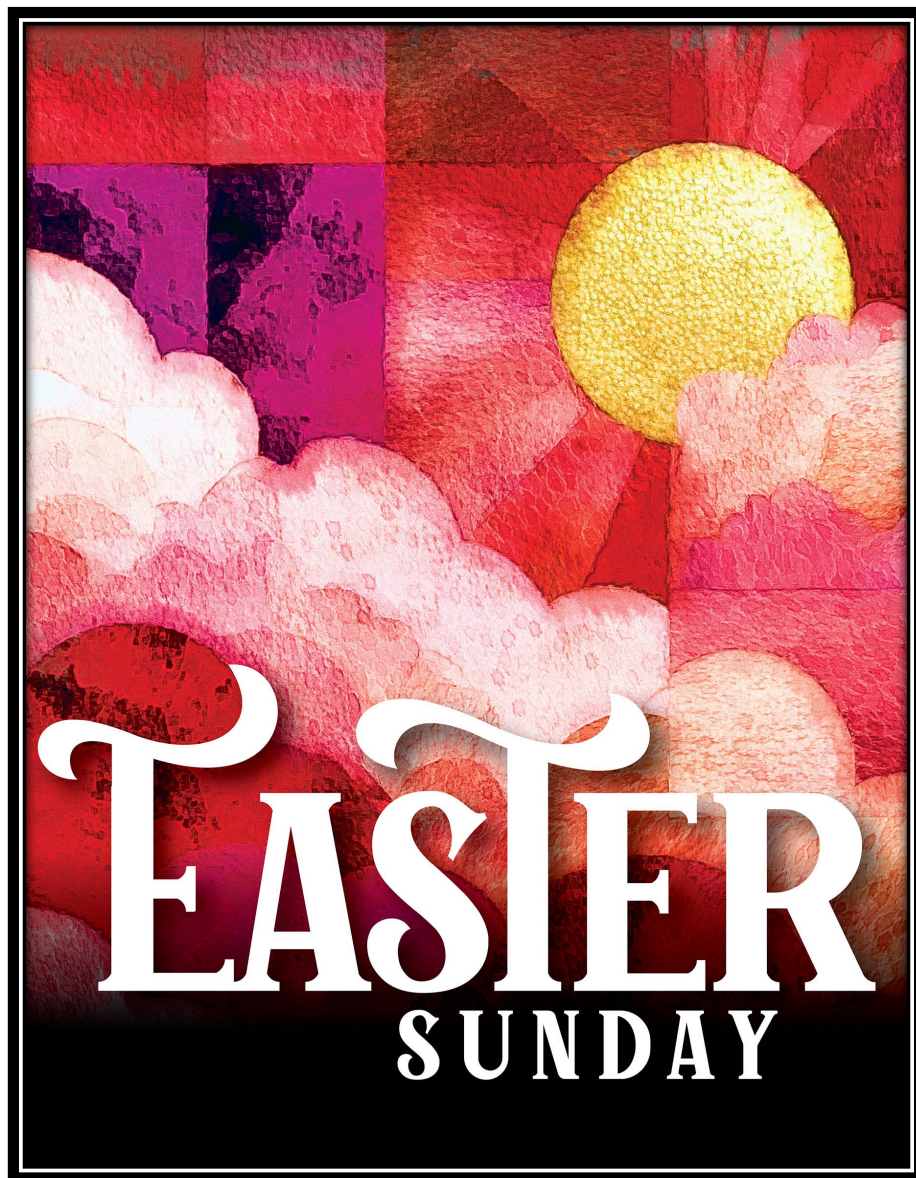


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**As We Gather...** Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing—to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ’s brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed—in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaim “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await—with the same confidence—our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPS...** Please know we have two children’s worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

**1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!**  
**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

△ **4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.  
**C Amen.**

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**Service of the Word**

## **Kyrie**

**LSB 204**

**C Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis    *LSB 204***

**C 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**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.

**CAmen.**

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### **Old Testament Reading**

*Psalm 16:5–6, 9–11*

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 15:12–14, 20–23*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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## **Alleluia and Verse**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by

themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

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

### **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.**

### **Children's Sermon**

## **461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**
  
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**
  
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**
  
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**
  
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**
  
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;**



## **Preface**

*LSB 208*

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.**

P "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, let us now and evermore praise God's glorious name, singing:

## **Sanctus *LSB 208***

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim**

**shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth**

**as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei LSB 210**

**C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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### **Distribution Hymns**

#### **Hymn 461**

**1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives,  
In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,  
God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never,  
I also shall not die forever.**

**I am content!**

**I am content!**

**2 I am content! My Jesus is my head;  
His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection  
For me by Jesus' resurrection.**

**I am content!**

**I am content!**

**3 I am content! My Jesus is my light,  
My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,  
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation  
And everlasting exultation.  
I am content!  
I am content!**

**4 I am content! At length I shall be free,  
Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be  
With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever;  
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content!  
I am content!**

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## **Hymn 469**

**1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

- 2 Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**
- 4 Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?**
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

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**475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing**

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

**1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!**

**Death no longer can appall me;**

**Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!**

**From the grave will Christ recall me.**

**Brighter scenes will then commence;**

**This shall be my confidence.**

**2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne**

**High above all things is given.**

**I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.**

**3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!**

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**Easter Lilies and Flowering Plants have been given by the following members:**

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who gave his or her Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter morning. The list of donors will be repeated in the bulletin next week and will also include anyone who gave flowers after the bulletin printing deadline this week, provided you let someone from the Altar Guild know that you gave the flowers and how you'd like your announcement to read. Once again, thank you to all!

**THE LADIES AID PROVIDED 2 LILIES TO BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH AT EASTER**

**IN MEMORY OF all loved ones,** from Norm and Nancy Fibiger.

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<b>Attendance Last Week: 298</b>
<b>General giving last week: \$8,426.00</b>
<b>Budget giving needed: \$ 7,500.00</b>

**Calendar of Activities this week at St. John**

6 Monday Men’s Ministry 5:30 pm

9 Thursday Ladies Aid Meeting 1:00 pm

**9 Thursday Thursday Evening Service/HC 6:30 pm**

**12 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am**

12 Sunday Sunday School 10:30 am

12 Sunday Bible Class 10:30 am

**MEN’S MINISTRY:** The next meeting will be Monday April 6th at 5:30, in the church basement. We will be going over our last study, until we dig into “Disciplines of a Godly Man” the following months. We will also discuss the future of the group, and where it is headed. This will also be our last meeting at the church for the foreseeable future as we look forward to getting outside, and having some more active events.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION:** Beginning April 12th, we'll be studying selections from the book of Revelation using Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" in our post-Sunday Service Bible Study. This will hopefully be a jumping off

point to go a little deeper into the book for the rest of the year. I hope you'll join us!

**LWML:** Our LWML Spring Rally will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield on Saturday, April 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Bennett Reisler, Mission Advocate for LCMS Mission Advancement, as our guest speaker. His message will focus on current mission initiatives and how we can continue to support the spreading of the Gospel.

**CHURCH ALERT NUMBER:** Please put (855) 248-7295 in your contacts as "St. John Alert" - when we need to reach everyone in the church, our software will use this number to call you. Thank you!

**BABYSITTING AT THE SCHRADER CONNECTION GROUP:** Pastor Rob & Paige's Connection Group for people 40ish and under is now going to be held from 5:30-7:30 at the school and have a babysitter in the gym. We hope some of you who couldn't join us before will be able to join us now! Beginning March 23rd, join us on any 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

**CHURCH PICNIC ACTIVITIES:** We'll be hosting our church picnic on July 19 and we're looking for someone to plan some activities for kids and adults. If you're interested, please talk with Pastor Rob. Thanks!

**ST. JOHN SERVICE AVAILABLE ON RADIO!** Tune in to AM 1600 or FM 93.1 at 9:00 am each week to hear our abbreviated St. John service broadcast.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** Whether it's before the service begins or while you're waiting during communion time, the elders wanted to provide you with suggestions for growing spiritually. In the front cover of your hymnal is a list of suggestions for things to do during that down time in church. Additionally, after the final hymn is sung during communion time, there'll be a special monthly suggestion on the screens. Please make the most of your time here to learn how to be with God and grow closer to him by adopting some of these practices. Thank you!

**LOOKING FOR USHERS:** If you're interested in serving the church one month a year as an usher, please sign up in the back of church. It's a great way to start getting involved and give back to the Lord who has given so much to you!

**LOOKING FOR MEDIA HELPERS:** We could use more helpers to advance the slides during both Thursday and Sunday services and to video record the Sunday services. Both tasks really help us to proclaim the Gospel and neither require much computer savviness. Please sign up in the back of church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Just a reminder there is no Sunday School today, we will see you all next Sunday at school. Remember as we celebrate today that Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! "He is not here; He has risen!" — Luke 24:6

**PIZZA SALE:** St. John School 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be selling pizzas after church on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for their class trip to Catalina Island in May of 2027.

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## **Sermon Notes – 4-5-26 – The Resurrection**

-That's why this series is important. I think it behooves us as rational, thinking people to understand who we are, where we're going, and why things are the way they are so that we can think about, understand, and live life the right way instead of where our fickle whims take us.

-No other event has impacted our world, our lives – our eternal lives – more than Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

-“Who are we?”

-When Jesus rose from the dead, the check was cashed. All that he said, all that he \_\_\_\_\_ came true.

-“What is buried is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is buried in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is buried in weakness; it is raised in power.” (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

-“Where are we going?”

-“God has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

-If you believe in Jesus then where you're going is 100%, completely, totally certain – you're going to \_\_\_\_\_!

-“Why are things the way they are?”

-Have you noticed that by and large humans are filled with \_\_\_\_\_?

-Only \_\_\_\_\_ explains why things are the way they are, why we're filled with hope. God built it into us and gave us a real, solid, tangible, beautiful, incredible reason to hope!

-As we know from Jesus' resurrection who we certainly are and where we're certainly going, we also understand why things are the way they are – why we have hope. We have it because the resurrection is a real, solid, proven reason to know that things will be better.

-Knowing now that you have a real hope – \_\_\_\_\_ like it.

**Chop Suey Supper –Wed. April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Drive Thru only. 4:30 pm until out**

**Tickets \$13 in advance**  
**\$15 at the door**

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