

April

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*Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace as 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!
(LSB 458:7)*

There is no sweeter time of year than Easter. New life is all around us bursting forth into glorious bud and flower. God brings out His lovely pastels to repaint the dull and brown landscape with the most delicate greens, palest yellows, and softest lavender. The brighter and bolder colors of the tulips and other garden flowers are straining to come out and astound us with their bright, bold brilliance. The beautiful flowers with which we bedeck the Altar here at CTK bear witness to our love of life.

God's good springtime makes us restless to make new also. Spring-cleaning is happening in our homes and garages. We want everything to look as fresh and clean as possible. Mighty efforts are taking place in our garden spots and backyards as we prepare for new growth. Out with the old! In with the new!

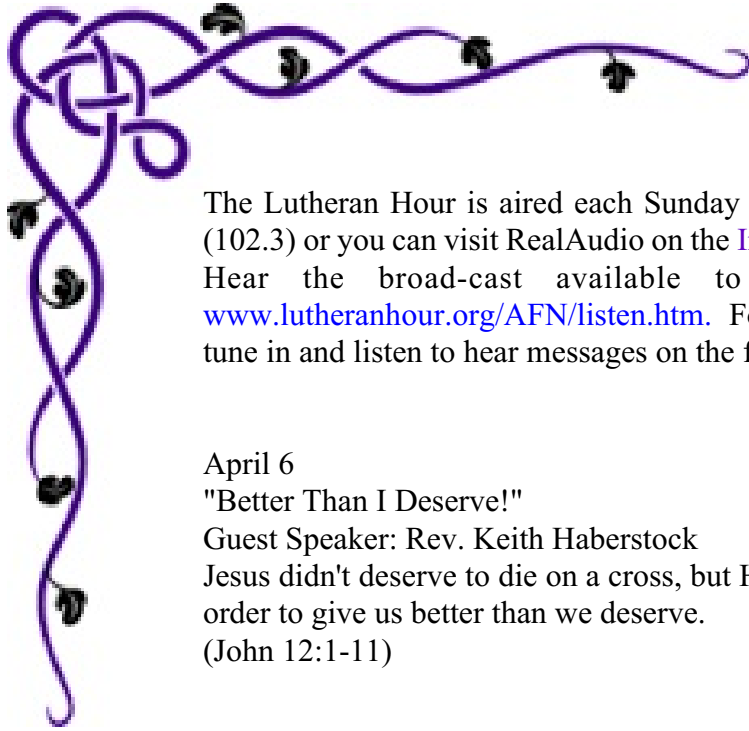
Dear friends, that's what God does for us in Christ's resurrection from death. He makes all things new. His Word causes us to see ourselves as we truly are and as He truly makes us. Certainly we see the brown barrenness of our lives lived in a world of sin and death—and we as sinners in it. But we also see something more, something immeasurably exciting and superbly real. What we see is Christ living for us; Christ living in us; Christ living through us.

We, God's holy church, His holy nation are the subjects of God's grace palette. He strips off the old dank winter growth of our sinful lives and replaces it with the beautiful and sinless life of Christ. And we begin to get busy! We clean out the old stuffiness of pride and aggravation. We make room for Jesus Christ to bring His treasures of forgiveness, holiness, and good works into our hearts.

Then we are made beautiful, then we are made the people God wants to serve Him. Then we are fit to bring others into the springtime of God's grace in Christ by telling the Good News and inviting others to hear and partake of it.

Dear ones please, this Eastertide Grow! Let God open your eyes to see the glory of resurrection life in Christ. Yes! You will live forever with Him in your resurrection body! Let Him open your ears to hear and respond to His Word of immortality through His Son. Let Him open your hearts to truly believe that forgiveness and eternity are His free gifts.

Come, and often come to worship and praise and dine upon the one who makes you new, our resurrected, living Lord Jesus Christ. Happy Easter. God bless you.



The Lutheran Hour is aired each Sunday at 7 a.m. on WPOS-FM (102.3) or you can visit RealAudio on the [Internet at www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org). Hear the broad-cast available to our military at : www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm. For April we invite you to tune in and listen to hear messages on the following topics:

April 6

"Better Than I Deserve!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock

Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve.

(John 12:1-11)

April 13

"In the Middle"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us.

(John 19:18)

April 20

"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation.

(John 20:5-7)

April 27

"Through Locked Doors"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus.

(John 20:19)

SERVICES

APRIL 6

MUSIC SOS
I-TEC Dave Mulligan
DEACONS Tom Miazgowicz & Dave Mulligan
ALTAR CARE Paula Cilley & Cyndy Higgins

APRIL 13 Palm Sunday

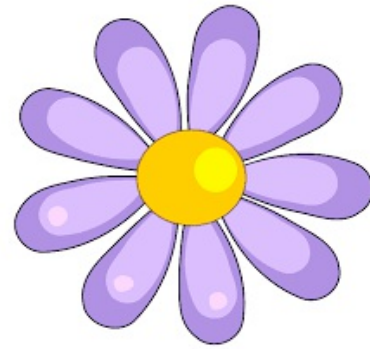
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 14 Ed & Brenda Meggitt
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- 23 Sherry Zapko
- 25 Michael Haupt
- 26 Steve & Cyndy Higgins
- 28 Larry & Brenda Blum



APRIL COLLELCTION



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