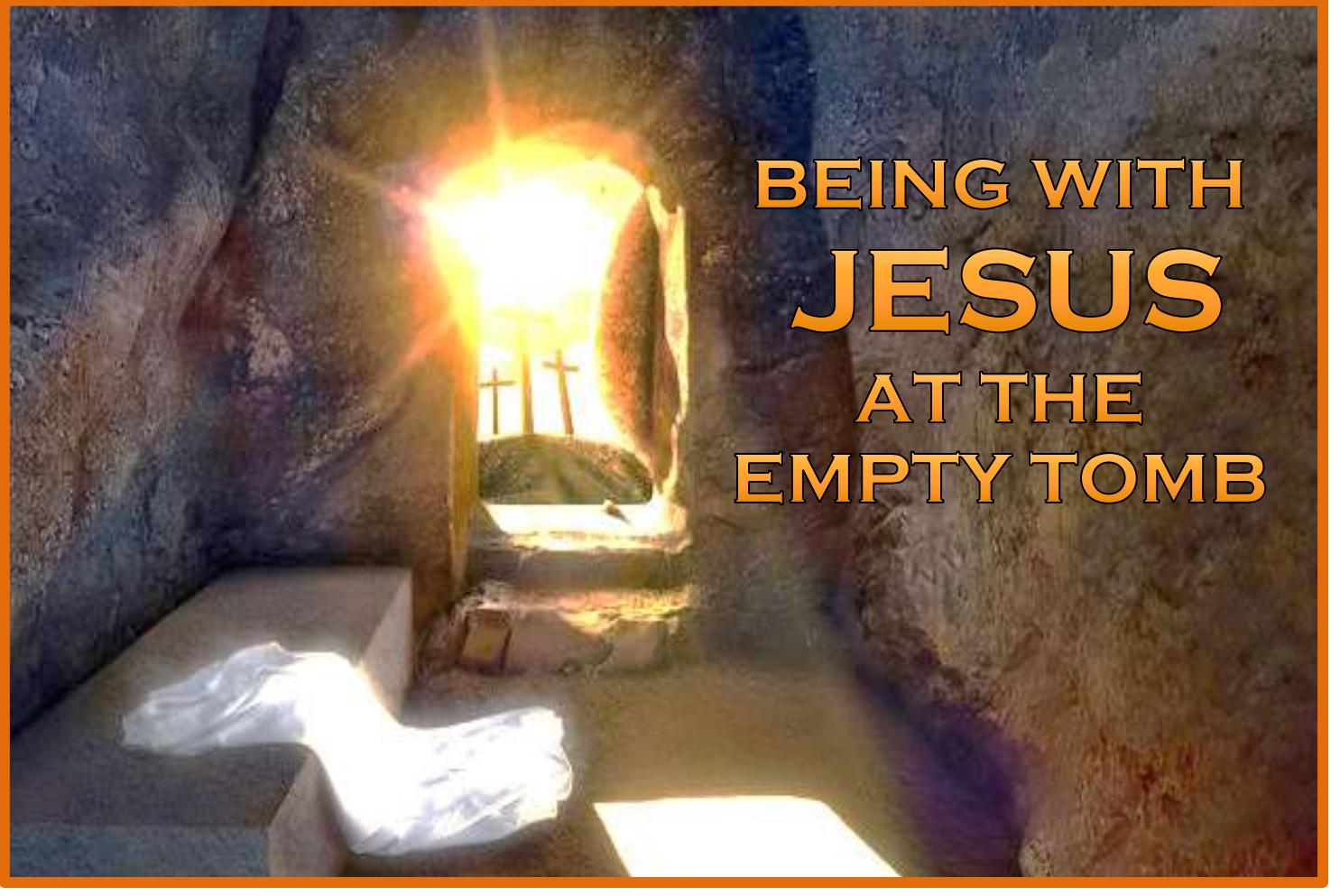




# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Reaching All with the Gospel



BEING WITH  
**JESUS**  
AT THE  
EMPTY TOMB

# EASTER

April 4, 2021 9:15 am

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Better Together Easter Communion Service

Thank you for honoring God with your presence. **PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE CONNECTION CARD LOCATED AT [WWW.EMMANUELLC.ORG](http://WWW.EMMANUELLC.ORG).** We are especially delighted that you are with us either online or in person worship. We hope that your worship with us will be a blessing to you. The congregation is asked to speak or sing those parts of the service in bold print.

**A NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION:** We believe that in Holy Communion when we receive the bread and wine we actually receive the Lord's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to serve God. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, we believe that by communing you are publicly declaring that you share in our understanding of Holy Communion. In addition you are expressing your oneness in faith with us in Close Communion at Emmanuel as part of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Only those who have been instructed in Holy Communion should commune. If you have any questions, speak with the pastor or an Elder. An usher will gladly direct you. If you desire to commune regularly with the congregation, please make an appointment with the Pastor.

**QUIET AND NURSING ROOMS:** Both are located at the back of the sanctuary, with dark glass doors and blinds; please use the rooms as needed.

PRELUDE

**“RESURRECTION PRASE”**

*Priscilla Acuff, Organist*

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“FANFARE”**

*By Mendelssohn*

*The Emmanuel Brass*

*Kim Merritt & Jim Sattler*

*Please stand and face the Processional Cross at the back of the Sanctuary*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Priscilla Acuff, Organist & Emmanuel Brass*

**“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY” (LSB #457 vv. 1-4)**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## WELCOME & GREETING

### INVOCATION

**P** Alleluia! He is Risen!

**C** **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

**C** **The old has gone, the new has come!**

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **AMEN AND AMEN!**

**P** Alleluia! He is Risen!

**C** **HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

## CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION OF SINS

**P** Let us Pray

**C** **Most Holy God and King over all, I humbly come before you today in the shadow of the cross where Jesus paid for all my sins. I have often been comfortable living in my sin and will never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross. My sins are always before me and you are justified in your judgements. I confess that I have broken all of your commandments and not lived according to your Truth. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind and I have not loved my neighbor as myself.**

**Merciful Father, my only hope is in the light of the empty tomb that could not hold Your resurrected Son Jesus Christ. Let my heart receive your forgiveness. Embolden me, like Mary that first Easter morning, to share your**

**message of forgiveness with others. Let me hear joy and gladness and create in me a clean heart, O God.**

**P** The Lord Jesus Christ in His Crucifixion and Resurrection grants you full pardon of all your sins of thought, word and deed. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, exercising the Keys of the Kingdom, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, He is Risen!

**C HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYERS OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and the grave and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. On this Easter morning we lift to you the following petitions ... 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** A - men.

**CONFSSION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*)**

**P** Let us confess our faith.

**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!

## THIS IS THE FEAST

Priscilla Acuff, Organist &amp; Emmanuel Brass

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be - blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PREFACE

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so 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** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI

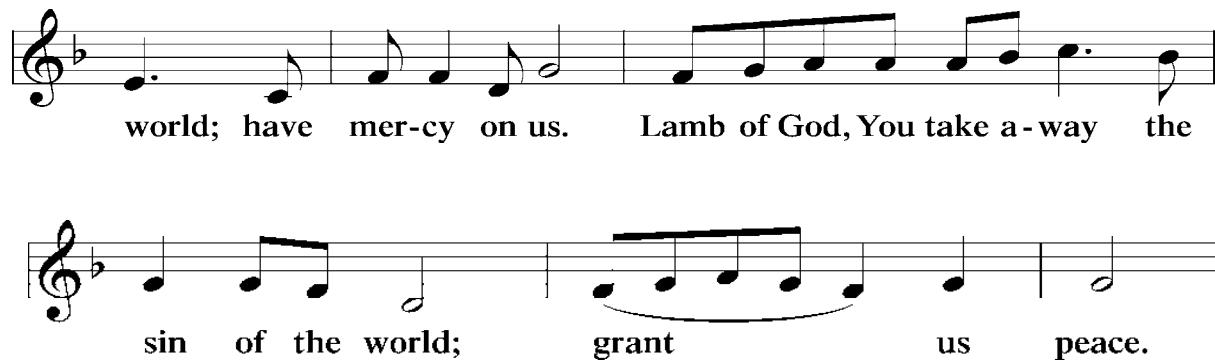
LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



## PARTICIPATION IN HOLY COMMUNION

### BLESSING TO THE FAMILY

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

**“NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS” (LSB # 465 vv. 1-4)**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings,  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

In  
 There -  
 Set  
 And



praise of love that still a - bounds:  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings:  
 heart and will on things a - bove  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing:

“Christ has tri - umphed!  
 “Christ has tri - umphed!  
 That we con - quer  
 “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly  
  
 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - - ing!  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - - ing!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - - ing!  
  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## THE NEW TESTAMENT *1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ESV*

**R** A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

### CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# KINGDOM KIDZ VIRTUAL CHOIR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Fishers of Men!”

*Chris Schonsheck*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“THE POWER OF THE CROSS”

*Amy Wilcox and Cathy Rosenbaum  
Piano and Organ Duet*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:1-10 ESV*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

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



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

**“FOREVER” with “THE WORD” by Isaac Wimberley***Verse 1*

**The moon and stars they wept  
The morning sun was dead  
The Savior of the world was fallen  
His body on the cross  
His blood poured out for us  
The weight of every curse upon Him**

*Verse 2*

**One final breath He gave  
As heaven looked away  
The Son of God was laid in darkness  
A battle in the grave  
The war on death was waged  
The power of hell forever broken**

*Pre-Chorus*

**The ground began to shake  
The stone was rolled away  
His perfect love could not be overcome  
Now death where is your sting  
Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated**

*Chorus*

**Forever He is glorified  
Forever He is lifted high  
Forever He is risen  
He is alive, He is alive**

*Bridge*

**We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah  
We sing hallelujah the Lamb has overcome  
We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah  
We sing hallelujah the Lamb has overcome  
We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah  
We sing hallelujah**

*Chorus*

**Forever He is glorified  
Forever He is lifted high  
Forever He is risen  
He is alive, He is alive**

## **INSTRUMENTAL WITH POEM**

*The “Word” poem by Isaac Wimberley*

## **VOICES READING POEM**

*Dan Deisher Elisha Foreman, Andrew Lloyd, Bruce Phillipi, Eric Sauer, Kevin Wilcox*

## **AUDIO AND VIDEO PRODUCTION**

*Kevin Wilcox and Randy Holdeman*

### *Chorus*

**Forever He is glorified**

**Forever He is lifted high**

**Forever He is risen**

**He is alive, He is alive**

### *Ending*

**Now death where is your sting**

**Our resurrected King has overcome**

**He's overcome**

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## HOMILY

### **“Being with Jesus At the Empty Tomb”**

*Pastor Mark Carlson*

*John 20:11-18 ESV*

## BENEDICTION

**P** Alleluia, He is Risen!

**C** He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

**P** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

**P** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and remain with us always!

**C** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### **“LIVING HOPE”**

*ELC Praise Band*

#### *Verse 1*

**How great the chasm that lay between us**

**How high the mountain I could not climb**

**In desperation I turned to heaven**

**And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness**

**Tore through the shadows of my soul**

**The work is finished the end is written**

**Jesus Christ my living hope**

*Verse 2*

**Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

*Chorus*

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

*Verse 3*

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

*Verse 3*

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory**

*Chorus x2*

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

*Ending*

**Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope**

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"As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that 'He is risen! He is risen indeed! It changes everything!' *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* ◊ [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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