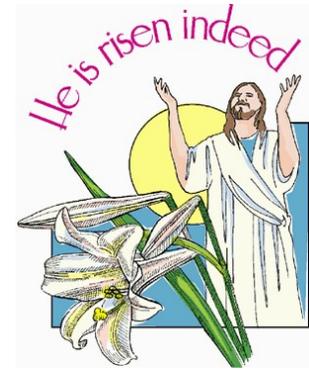




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A Sunday School teacher once reported that her kindergarten class was studying the Creation story. After several weeks, she felt her class was ready to review.

“What did God make the first day?” she quizzed. “Light,” they answered. “The second day?” she again questioned them. “Sky,” they again answered correctly.

“And what happened on the third day?” the teacher asked.

It was then that one little child, face shining with enthusiasm, exclaimed, “He rose from the dead!”

Well, the original creation story from Genesis 1 may not go exactly like that, but the **new creation story** of Easter certainly does! And what better response from any child of God, but to know that which truly is THE STORY of our faith in Jesus Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the essential element of our faith. As the apostle Paul points out in 1 Thessalonians 4, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.”

There are many Bible stories we may not know; there are many points of faith at which we may disagree; but in this is the one essential of Christian faith: to believe that Jesus who was crucified, dead and buried, is risen from the dead, and lives eternally. Thus our faith bids us to celebrate, to give thanks and praise and glory to God for his triumph and for the gift of life to the world.

So, come and celebrate with us the triumph of our Lord Jesus over death! And may God bless you with the renewal of your heart and mind and soul this Easter!

By His Grace,
Pastor Tom Carr

Maundy Thursday (March 29) will offer Silent Communion from 8 am until 6 pm. A Maundy Thursday service for those who desire to share communion in community will be held at 7 pm.

The community Cross Walk will begin on Good Friday (March 30) at noon at the Trinity Lutheran Church and the community Good Friday service will begin at 1 PM at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

Easter Day will include Sunrise worship at 7 am, Morning Light worship at 8:15 am, and Traditional worship at 10:45 am