

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns'
- Thursday – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
- Saturday – Baby Shower for Andrea Vander Ark, 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesday, April 14 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
- Saturday, April 18 – Helping Survivors of Domestic Abuse Seminar, 9 a.m - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Saturday, April 25 – Women's Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church
- Saturday, April 25 – Baking Day, 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall
- Tuesday, April 28 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
- Friday, May 1-2 – Men's Retreat, Bend Guard Station, details to come
- Sunday, May 3 – Ladies' Spring Tea, 2 p.m. at the church

APRIL

DEACON OF THE MONTH Micah Hill
 NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Hearn
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Uzzis
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Chelcie Miller
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Cathy Hanson
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Deacons' Breakfast
 COMMUNION PREP..... Fosbery
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Hanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 12

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Sharon Salyer
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Russells
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Carlsons
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Jenaé Schmutz
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kate Anderson & Tami Jentz
 COMMUNION PREP..... Eileen Pierson
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Yvonne Hernandez



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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 5, 2015



*“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?
 He is not here, but has risen.*

*Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men
 and be crucified and on the third day rise.”*

Luke 24:5-7

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY** - Hymn #277 vs. 1-3,5

***UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE** - Hymn #276

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!** - Hymn #267

***All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles' Creed – Hymnal page 845

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Faith Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for J & E (and their baby daughter N), who are now in the Middle East with Arab refugees, teaching the English language there, and then becoming part of a pastoral plant team for the next two years in USA, before leading a new team in an unreached area. Intercede for direction and wisdom during the next seven weeks in regards to relationships becoming strong in Christ and in the Holy Scriptures, as they transition state-side in mid-May. Petition that God would use even the terrible events in the region to bring people to Himself!

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY, Easter Sunday. Join us downstairs for Easter breakfast served by our deacons at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 12.

BABY SHOWER: Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Andrea Vander Ark Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Come join us as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of this little one into our church family. If you would like to contribute to a group gift card, contact Kristin Bay in the church office (752-2400).

BAKING DAY: There will be a baking day for fellowship time goodies on Saturday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. for two to three hours -- not sure how long we'll need so this one is our trial run to figure it out. It will be a great time and is open for whoever can help, for as long as you can, to get a stash of goodies in our freezer! Please let Dar (249-6589 or darwassink@gmail.com) or the office know if you'll be there. Thank you to all who have come forward to say you'll help! You are a sweet blessing! ~ The Fellowship Committee

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - JOY: Join us for another Bible study journey using spiritual disciplines to explore the concept of joy as the quiet and confident assurance of God's sovereignty. The next class will be Saturday, April 25, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

HELPING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE — SEMINAR: Mark your calendars for a free seminar Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Pastor Shane will teach about the dynamics of domestic abuse and how to support survivors. If you would like to learn how to help abusive families or just want to learn more about the Refuge, please attend. Refreshments provided. Contact the church office at 752-2400 to register or for more information.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, April 9, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS DONATIONS: If you would like to make a financial contribution to the Whitefish church plant with Pastor Aaron Scott, please make your check out to "Church of the Cross" and mail to P.O. Box 1012, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. In Matthew 28:9, Jesus first word to the women was almost casual. It was a familiar greeting: “Hello” or “Rejoice.”

2. Why is death not the final word for the believer? Consider:
“Christianity is not reconciliation with death ... Christ is the revelation of life. And only if Christ is life, is death what Christianity proclaims it to be, namely the enemy to be destroyed, and not a ‘mystery’ to be explained.”—Fr. Schmemmann

3. When you consider the two fires that Peter stood by at the end of the gospel of John (Peter’s denial and Peter’s reinstatement), what hope does the resurrection give those of us who need second, third, and fourth chances?

4. Jesus makes us take his resurrection on his own terms. How does this foster grace in our hearts? In what way do some foster rebellion instead?

5. “O God, who by your One and only Son has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant, we pray, that those who have been redeemed by his passion may rejoice in his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord.” — 5th century prayer

****IN CHRIST ALONE***

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev’ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand,*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.
Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
11:15 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

SERMON – First Words – Luke 24:36; Matthew 28:9

(See pages 4-5 for sermon outline and text)

****I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVES—GLORY HALLELUJAH! - Hymn #281***

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

****LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - Hymn #263 vs. 1,3-5***

****BENEDICTION***

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.

SERMON OUTLINE

April 5, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Title: *First Words*

I. The First Word of Jesus — hope of new life to come

II. The Final Words of Jesus — living in joy now

SERMON TEXT

Luke 24:1-12, 33-40 (ESV)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ 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? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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...

³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.