Schedule of Services During HOLY WEEK

Easter 2020 ◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇ APRIL 5-12

Unfortunately, we cannot gather together as a faith community for Easter this year but we can still support our communities. If you would like to support your church with an Easter offering, please see instructions below. We also have some online options and sermons.

ALBANY

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

840 Lake Ave, Albany MN

EASTER WORSHIP
9:00 AM on Easter Sunday we will be hosting an Ecumenical Easter Worship with Seven Dolors & St. Benedict's! Visit us on Facebook Live https://www.facebook.com/OSLC56307/ or Live on KASM. Tune in to 1150 AM Radio on Easter Sunday to worship with us and tell your friends who cannot easily get online. As Jesus calls us to be, we will be One this Easter (John 17:21).

OFFERINGS
Send your offering by mail
PO Box 670
Albany, MN 56307

Enroll in online giving at our website
https://oursaviorslutheranalbany.org/
Select Give Online Button

Download the Give Plus+ app!
(Directions on our website)

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

23845 County Road 40, Albany MN
320-845-2620
Pastor Kutter 320-290-0778

We are praying for people's health and spiritual strength during this pandemic!
Contributions are Welcome and can be mailed to PO Box 340, Albany MN 56307

ELROSA

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

(St. Francis De Sales & St. Donatus)
302 State Street, Elrosa MN
www.bbecatholicshurches.com

"Broken and made more Beautiful"
A story is told of an eastern village that, through the centuries, was known for its exquisite pottery. Especially striking were its urns; high as tables, wide as chairs, they were admired around the globe for their strong form and delicate beauty. Legend has it that when each urn was apparently finished, there was one final step. The artist broke it - and then put it back together with gold filigree. An ordinary urn was then transformed into a priceless work of art. What seemed finished wasn't, until it was broken.
Easter is upon us and 'The Beautiful' wants to come into our lives. Have you ever had an experience so momentous, so decisive, that you knew your life could never be the same again? It happens, I imagine, when you win the lottery. But it also happens when the doctor says, "I'm afraid it's malignant." It happens when someone you love dies. It is happening when a virus which goes by the name of Covid-19 ravages through our world. All these kinds of experiences initially cause a feeling of disorientation. The world has turned upside-down, or inside-out. The foundations are shaken. Our grip on reality weakens: "Jesus, I Trust in You."
One Easter, a family (Mom, Dad, boy age 9) that seldom went to church, decided to go. After church the Mom said, "I thought the choir was a little off key." The Dad said, "Well, the preacher's message was bland, too." Whereupon the boy said, "I thought they put on a pretty good show for the nickel you put in the collection plate." Easter people, the challenge for you and I during these times is to ask, what are we putting into it? The devil and the world are very seductive and cunning. They love nothing more than when we become critical and intolerant on the sidelines of life. "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31) God has created us in His image and likeness. We are His work of art. Life tests us and like the pottery we can become priceless . . . exquisitely beautiful. Broken = Beautiful. Five words that can rock your world: "Jesus, I Trust in You". Believers in Christ, let's come forth from our tombs and be who we are called to become!

HOLDINGFORD

Community Country Church

Across from school in Holdingford
320-746-0005
www.communitycountrychurch.org

Community Country Church is holding Sunday services via Facebook Live at 9:30 a.m.
We will have a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. via Facebook Live

Donations can be mailed to:
Community Country Church
Attn: Marcy Lawrenz
P.O. Box 37
Holdingford, MN 56340

MELROSE

Birch Hills Community Church

Melrose High School Auditorium
320-905-9138
Death and Resurrection
by Paul Klassen
Pastor, Birch Hills Community Church, Melrose, MN

We are certainly living in a time of great need. Our greatest need, though, is the Good Friday crucifixion of Jesus and the wonderful message of Resurrection Sunday. In fact, look at the priority the Apostle Paul gives it in 1st Corinthians 15:3-5:

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.

It is Christ's Death and Resurrection that we remember and celebrate this weekend. But there is another death and resurrection that matters. You see, Christ's death in our place also put the Old Testament law to death. Following rules, actually, was never God's basis for acceptance. See Galatians 2:19,20:

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

If you've placed your faith in Jesus, admitting you have sinned, and that He died for your sins, then you have died to yourself ("It is no longer I who live"). Your new life is lived "by faith in the Son of God." Your new life "in Christ . . . is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

But that's not all! Not only are we able to live a new life by faith in Jesus NOW, but His Easter Sunday Resurrection from the dead some 2000 years ago seals a promise of our own bodily resurrection. I Corinthians 15:17,21 summarizes it like this:
And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. . . But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Jesus is the first of many that will rise from the dead. Put your trust in Him today for your own death and resurrection.

Good Friday - Facebook Live @7pm
Easter Sunday - Facebook Live @10am
Both can be accessed through our website
www.birchhillscommunitychurch.org

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

207 5 Street NE, Melrose MN
320-256-3847

"Jesus Christ is Risen from the Dead" This truth defines us as Christians, for without Christ, there is no life. We are blessed to celebrate Jesus Christ who has given us forgiveness from all of our sins both big and small, given us a life which does not end, his own life, and given us salvation without merit or worthiness in us. It is our joy to look with hope and confidence to his return and to celebrate with him in his eternal kingdom. We would be honored if you would celebrate Christ with us.

During this time of pandemic, all of our services are online.

Our Holy Week services are:

Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm
Good Friday - 6:30pm
Easter Sunday - 7:00am & 9:00am

All services can be watched live @
facebook.com/stpaulsmelrose

To support our ministry, you can give online by:
on our website: stpaulsmelrose.org/give-now
by using the giveplus app,
or by texting a dollar amount to 320-314-3576

If you have any questions, please call
the church 320-256-3847 or visit our website.

SAUK CENTRE

Faith Baptist Church

124 4th Street
Sauk Centre, MN 56378-2113
320-352-5356 -- Church
faithbc.org

***Easter is the time of year that we look forward to gathering, unfortunately we will not be able to gather this year due to this Covid-19 pandemic. While there are many theories about this pandemic there were also many theories about who Jesus was during His earthly ministry. Some thought he was a liar. Some thought He was a Lunatic. He was in fact neither of those! He is Lord! He is the Messiah! Celebrate the risen King of Kings and Lord of Lords with us this Sunday at 10 AM!

Website: http://faithbc.org
Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/faithbcsc/
Youtube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIMV-Mym5zdpM-fmZ8nWTIAw (Youtube.com then search faithbc, and click on our leaf logo!)
Online Giving: http://faithbc.org/wp/onlinegiving/

First Lutheran Church

304 Elm Street S., Sauk Centre, MN
320-352-3623
Join us for worship at First Lutheran Online! 9 am Sunday mornings. You can access the service by going to www.flcsauk.com, or our Facebook Page, or by going to YouTube and searching for First Lutheran Church ELCA Sauk Centre. Also check out our Facebook Page for daily devotions and other information, and remember, We ARE the Church, wherever we might be!

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

207 S. 7th Street, Sauk Centre, MN
320-352-3502
Holy Week is an amazing time to connect with Jesus as we recount His last three days before the Resurrection. Join Fr. Greg for the following liturgies. They will be celebrated by Live Video from St. Paul's.

Good Friday Service – 3:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 p.m.
Easter Day Masses – 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Kettler will also be celebrating Holy Week by Live Video.
Click the link for more info
https://www.catholic-sc.org/diocesan-holy-week.

River of Life Church

705 12th St. S., Sauk Centre, MN
320-352-2315
CORRECTION: Not a Wednesday service!

We are doing online services at our website:
www.rlcmn.com and our
facebook page: www.facebook.com/RiverofLifeSC

Livestream service times:
Good Friday, April 10th at 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 am

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St. Paul's Catholic Church

304 Sinclair Lewis Ave, Sauk Centre, MN
320-352-2196
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Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

316 Maple St., Sauk Centre, MN
320-352-3447

Reading: Matthew 28:1-10
Fear - it's one of the most powerful and crippling emotions we have.
When you're locked in fear's grip, it's a very real and powerful thing. It can be overwhelming. There are fears of known things we face in the world. And then there is fear of the unknown. What does the future hold? What is the doctor going to tell me? What will life be like without my loved one? Am I going to suffer? How am I going to die?
How about fear of a virus? An invisible enemy that is wreaking havoc in our lives.
That's a lot of fear to deal with. How are you going to deal with it? One way is to ignore it - just pretend it doesn't exist, and that might work for a while. But ignoring it never works for long, although it seems to be the most popular method.
There is another way. And that is what we celebrate this Easter. For it is not to ignore our fears - but to know and trust and rejoice that we have a God and Savior who has dealt with everything that causes us to fear. He has come and conquered everything that is against us.
And so He comes this day. Triumphant from the grave. Triumphant over death, over our sins, and over Satan.
And He has a very simple message for us – spoken first by the angel, and then by Jesus Himself. The message of what Easter is all about. "Do not be afraid."
He is the One who confronted whatever it is that is causing your fear and defeated it. There is no sin, no enemy, no trouble, no disease - there is nothing in all creation that escaped His victory.
Christ has risen.
Easter changes everything.
So when He says to us today: "Do not be afraid" – those are not mere words, but words that do what they say. Words filled with forgiveness, with victory, with hope, and not just for a life after this one - but for our lives already here and now.
It's true - there are times in our lives when it looks as if even God's not in control. And we get afraid and confused. Things don't seem so clear. It happens to all of us - just ask the ladies who went to the tomb that Easter morning.
But today we point to the empty tomb - to our risen Lord, and confess "I know that my Redeemer lives! And I have nothing to fear" And that is the confidence that we have because of Easter.
So no matter what you are facing in your life - whatever challenges, whatever fears, whatever doubts, whatever enemies. . ."Do not be afraid."
Your Savior has triumphed, and He comes to you, triumphing still, with His precious Words of the Gospel. He comes to you with His precious Body and Blood in His Supper. He speaks words of forgiveness into your very ears in His Absolution.
It's true. All of it. For you.
He comes to you forgiving your sin – giving and strengthening your faith – and providing all you need, and saying to you..."Do not be afraid."
For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
If you have questions or burdens - please feel free to reach out to me at Zion Lutheran. (352-3447)
Pastor Porter

WEST UNION

St. Alexius Catholic Church

11 Oak St S., West Union, MN
320-352-2563
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