



Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Blessings to all of you in the Name of Jesus!

Christ is risen ... He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit has come ... Hallelujah!

On Easter Sunday, we concluded a series on the Revelation. On Easter Sunday, we began a series on the Revelation. Before Easter, we pondered life as we live it in our world, discovering what the Lord Jesus teaches us about living in troubled times. After Easter, we are pondering life as it is possible to live it in the real world with the New Creation as our goal and guide.

From what I can tell, many have "spiritualized" the Resurrection of Jesus. Too many Christians cling to the Resurrection with a devotional mindset, believing it – even with their questions – celebrating on a Sunday, and thinking it primarily significant for some future life. This is not the way of the Gospels.

The Gospels reveal the Resurrection as taking place in and working with "space, time, and matter." This is Good News. The world of space, time, and matter is where real people live, where real communities happen, where difficult decisions are made, where schools nurture, where hospitals support. It is in the real world of space, time, and matter where governments and business owners are established to benefit the wider community. All of life is lived in the world of space, time, and matter.

At the same time, the Church is being renewed by the message of Resurrection to enter and engage the world of space, time, and matter. We are here as God's claim upon the whole world, the place where God's Kingdom and Authority are established, and the presence and power of the Spirit is made visible. What does this mean for us?

The congregation that affirms all *space* is sacred knows that our sanctuary is not an escape from the world but is a beachhead for God's work in the world, propelling us into the work of enhancing the beauty, well-being, and functionality of God's Creation.

The congregation that affirms all *time* is holy knows the appropriate rhythms of worship and work, retirement and involvement, relaxation and responsibility in the shaping of public life for the common good and health of neighborhoods and environments.

The congregation that affirms all *matter* is grasped by the transforming, renewing presence and power of God will not just seek to celebrate the coming of God in and through the sacramental elements but will also work to make a meaningful, material difference in the lives of others.

This is what we are learning throughout the Easter season. As I mentioned last Sunday, we are discovering the Easter-Egg-Hunt way of life in Jesus! See you soon!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy May Birthdays

05/04 Rosey Idler

05/12 Doug Bradfield

05/16 Amaris Duryea

05/07 Robert Gill

05/14 Mary Oamek

05/17 Michael Moon

05/07 Jerry Thornton

05/16 Craig Henningfield

05/20 Sheryl Henningfield

Happy May Anniversaries

05/05 Mike & Barb Illenberger

05/09 Greg & Suzanne Holm

05/17 CK & Ginger Erickson

2021 Summer WILDVISTA Photo Contest!

Memorial Day - Labor Day



We're excited to announce this summer we will have the **2021 Summer WILDVISTA Photo Contest** from Memorial Day to Labor Day! You can submit your photo entries to: concordia@steamboatlutheran.com, text to: 970-846-0749 or upload them to our [Facebook page Steamboat Lutheran](#). Check out the 2019 & 2020 photo contest slideshows on our [YouTube channel Steamboat Lutheran](#).



**IT'S FINALLY TIME TO
CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!!**

**The Spring Rummage Sale IS HAPPENING
this year!**

Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th.

**Please bring your rummage sale items
the week before May 3rd - May 7th.**

*Join Pastor Craig and Sheryl,
reading the Scriptures each day
throughout the month of May.*

May 1: Isaiah 61
May 2: Isaiah 62
May 3: Isaiah 63
May 4: Isaiah 64
May 5: Isaiah 65
May 6: Isaiah 66
May 7: Malachi 1
May 8: Malachi 2
May 9: Malachi 3
May 10: Malachi 4
May 11: Revelation 12
May 12: Revelation 13
May 13: Acts 1
May 14: Colossians 1
May 15: Colossians 2
May 16: Colossians 3
May 17: Colossians 4