



I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name. For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning...Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. -Psalm 30

Grace and peace to you from God our Parent, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen. Alleluia Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Happy Easter to you this Paschal season. We call it the Paschal season because this is when Christ passed over from death to life (in Greek the verb for pass-over is *pascha*.) The candle we light at baptisms is also called the paschal candle for the same reason, it is the candle that represents our own *pascha*, as we daily die to sin and rise through those waters to new life.

These *pascha* moments are not just fancy Greek words, or things that happened long ago on some distant Easter Morning when Christ's body refused to be there in the tomb for its spice bath appointment that the women had prepared. But the paschal resurrections of Easter, are things we can experience in our day to day lives. The psalmist here celebrates one of those *paschas* from death to life. Sometimes, like with the psalmist we need to be dragged through them by God, as God had to drag the psalmist's soul from the place of the dead and restore him to life.

You would think the way my daughter approaches nap time, that it was the end of the world. All that is needed is for us to pass over the threshold into her room and the screaming and crying starts as if I was dragging her off to die. I keep telling her, that I do not understand why she is so averse to sleep. Because everyone, including her feels better once she gets some. But she is still not convinced that nap-time is a good thing. All the same, I have seen her pass over into sleep. I have seen her restored and freshly energized after she has been dragged through to a nap. And I know that sleep is good for her and for us as parents. I am living out with her every day the psalmist's phrase: "weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

In the same way, the beginning of a *pascha* in our lives is not always pleasant. Once we cross over the threshold of change, there are plenty of excuses for us to scream and wail. But the promise of Psalm 30 is that this discomfort is not permanent. God's anger is but for a moment, but God's favor is for a lifetime. The tears before nap-time do not last nearly as long as the energy that my little one gets once she is rested. The weather might be throwing tantrums and having cold fits and snow flurries well through March

and April, but they will not last as long as the new growth in the trees that comes with spring, and the blooming of the flowers. The first-day jitters of a new school year or a new job might be very daunting, but they do not come close to the outlasting growth and verdure that the year(s) ahead will bring.

So sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to god's holy name. For this Paschal Season, God has once again passed over from death to life, and turns our mourning into dancing.

Amen



Thank you so much for the opportunity to help beautify and make your church more comfortable.

We appreciate your ministry to the community and the business you provided for us.

Merle & Marie Sellers
Manistique Upholstery



The Family of John Gauthier. John passed away on March 19th.

The Family of Arliss Larson who passed away on April 5th.

The Family of Evelyn Flodin Brock who passed away on April 9th.



(Joey
and

staying with Larry and Rebecca Peterson this school year. Lucas, Enrique and Joey will be honored during worship on May 22nd.

Congratulations to Manistique High School graduates Lucas Weber, Enrique Martin, and Jeonghee

)Kim. Lucas is the son of Becky and Steve Weber and grandson of Rita Bruce Rossier. Enrique and Joey are exchange students who have been

Circle News

The Circles will have their last meetings for the year and will resume their regular schedule in September.

Have a GREAT SUMMER ladies!!

Join us for Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study group will be and 4th Mondays with the last meeting on May Bible study will start and if would like to join and have a book of the Bible you would like to study, let Pr. Richter know.



meeting at 6:30, every 2nd 9th. In September a new

From the Decorating Committee

Pentecost is June 5th this year and we would once again like to decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums. An order form is included in the Beacon for your convenience. The cost is \$4.00 and you need to have your orders in by May 23rd.

From the Evangelism and Membership Committee:

The State wide highway spring clean-up is May 7 thru May 15, 2022. We have scheduled our clean up day to be May 7th at 10:00am and will meet in the church parking lot for needed equipment and instructions. If you have never helped but would like to, our highway section is a two mile stretch beginning at Wolf Lodge to just past Shunk's Furniture on US2 east of town. If you are unable to participate on our designated day but would still like to help, you are welcome to clean anytime during that week. You can pick up supplies at the church Monday or Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm or at Donna Mott's home (526 Manistique Ave.) You can contact Ruth Jones at 906.283.3209 or Donna Mott at 906.341.6414 or 906.450.4579.



Our church picnic will be held Sunday August 14, 2022 at Lindsey Frenette Park (formally the Pines) immediately following worship. Look for more information to come from the Evangelism and Membership committee.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated socks and underwear during the 40 Day Lenten Challenge. We collected 137 pairs of socks and 55 pairs of underwear. Donations were made to Helping Hotspot, Tri County Safe Harbor, Schoolcraft County Jail and St. Vincent DePaul.

We welcome into membership at Zion through letter of transfer Jodi and Greg Lindroth and their children Zoey and Bryce. Welcome home!

The Congregation Council has designated Noisy Offering recipients for the next four months:

- In May offerings will go to Answer the Call which is a program to help pastors and other church leaders with seminary debt.
- The Manistique Ministerial Association will receive June's offerings. They provide funds to families to help with emergency heating and electric bills, motel rooms for travelers and other community emergencies.
- Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand will be the designated community group for July. Habitat provides safe and stable housing through home repairs and new builds. Habitat

provides a hand-up, not a hand-out. All families receiving the services of Habitat must be able to pay for the assistance provided.

-The Helping Hotspot, a student run closet, providing free clothing, toiletries, books, and food for students in need.

Zion will be joining with other congregations in our conference, participating in a joint confirmation program. Classes will be held in Escanaba June 13-15 from 9:00-2:00 each day. Carpools will be arranged, and drivers will be paid mileage. Any children in grades 6-12 (during the 2021-2022 school year) are welcomed to participate in confirmation.

Backpack Buddies Food will be distributed on Thursday, May 28 from 2:30-4:30 in the Zion parking lot. All children ages 0-18 are eligible to receive food.

Help us pay off the new roof on Augustana Hall! On the wall going up the steps into church, you will find a wall full of envelopes. The envelopes have dollar amounts written on them from \$1 to \$100. Please pick an envelope or envelopes and put in the amount of money listed on the front. Then, simply place the envelope(s) in the offering plate. Thanks for your generosity!

We collected \$34.58 during April's Noisy Offering. This offering will be given to Northwoods AirLifeline. Northwoods is a non-profit organization of volunteer pilots from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northeast Wisconsin who donate their time and aircraft to help patients and their families with urgent medical needs.

Christ in Our Home, a devotional booklet published by the ELCA, is available on the turnstile in Augustana Hall. Large print copies are available. Please help yourself!

Thank you to Ken and Bonnie Groh for serving as our delegates to the 2022 Synod Assembly on May 14, 2022.



If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar, Bulletin, Bread and Wine or the coffee hour you can use the sign up sheets in Augustana Hall.

Gifts to our congregation have been given in memory of

John Gauthier

Greer & Benie Fish—Memorial Fund
Doris Ribblet—Memorial Fund
Mia Broullire—Memorial Fund
Darrell & Carol Dixson—Memorial Fund

Arlis Larson

Mary Ansell—Quilters
Lila Panek—Quilters
Linda Levin—Endowment Fund
Marilyn Larson—Quilters
Dorothy Brandstrom—Quilters
David & Gloria McGuire—Quilters
Karen Klaus—Quilters

Upcoming Scripture Readings

May 1—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

May 15—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

May 22—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22—25:5, John 14:23-29

May 29—Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21,
John 17:20-26

Those Who Serve In May

Lectors: 5/1 Gloria McGuire

5/8

5/15

5/22

5/29

Ushers: Pete Mathson

Altar Flowers: 5/1

5/8 Johnson Family

5/15 Clyde Johnson

5/22 Jim & Ellie Russey

5/29 Dan & Kathy McDonough

Bulletin, Bread and Wine: 5/1

5/8

5/15

5/22

5/29 Dan & Kathy McDonough

Church Attendance Report

| | Saturday | Sunday | Zoom | Midweek Worship | Midweek Zoom |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|------|--------------------|-----------------|
| April 2/3 | 16 | 35 | 12 | | |
| April 6 | | | | 12 | 3 |
| April 9/10 Palm Sunday | 13 | 45 | 10 | | |
| April 14 Maunday Thursday | | | | 16 | 5 |
| April 15 Good Friday | | | | 15 | 3 |
| April 16 | 15 | | | | |

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| Easter Vigil | | | | | |
| April 17 Easter | | 63 | 9 | | |
| April 23/24 | 14 | 37 | 11 | | |

Congregation Council Highlights April 2022

- +The treasurer's report showed offerings for March in the amount of \$8,897.47 with expenses of \$20,565.85.
- +The congregation received a note from Pastor Nat Erickson thanking Zion for the plant sent in honor of his installation as the new pastor at First Baptist Church.
- +Pastor Tommy reported making seventeen visitations and calls and he officiated at three funerals during the last month.
- +The Worship and Music committee recommended singing hymns during communion.
- +Our congregation welcomes Jodi and Greg Lindroth and children Zoey and Bryce through letter of transfer.
- +The Evangelism and Membership committee has set Sunday, August 14th as the date for our church picnic. It will be held at Lindsay Frenette Park near the airport on US2.
- +The "Pay off the Roof" campaign has begun and will run through the month of May.
- +Noisy Offering designations were set. May – Answer the Call, June – Manistique Ministerial Association, July – Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand, August – Helping Hotspot.
- +The council was informed that the elevator/lift in church passed state inspection.
- +Camp scholarship letters were sent to all Zion families. No one has requested a scholarship.
- +Zion will take part in confirmation classes with other churches in our conference June 13-15. Confirmation will be held in June in Escanaba.
- +The Christian Education and Youth committee is looking for people to assist in helping with Sunday School beginning in September.
- +The Sock and Underwear Challenge in which our congregation participated collected 137 pairs of socks and 55 pairs of underwear.

Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly workshops are open to everyone! The interactive programs listed below are 50 minutes long, with time for questions and comments. Zoom links will be posted on the Synod Assembly website prior to each workshop. Advance registration is not required and everyone is welcome!

My Bias, My Privilege: How Do We Continue The Conversation of Racial Equity?
with the Rev. Jared Howard, Faith, Calumet

Monday, May 9 at 5 ET / 4 pm CT & Wednesday, May 11 at 11 am ET / 10 am CT

As the topics of race and racism continue to be points of hurt for our siblings of color, we are called to confront those pieces of ourselves that participate, known and unknown, in systems and scenarios that continue to harm our neighbor. Using resources from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the United Church of Christ, we will continue to have difficult conversations about race. Together we hope to identify some of our own biases in an effort to actively address racial disparities in ourselves and our own communities.

All Creation Sings

with Lucas Wickstrom and Dave Dagenais

Monday, May 9 at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT

An introduction to the newest worship supplement from Augsburg Fortress. Hand in hand with Evangelical Lutheran Worship, this supplement invites us to expand our prayer and song, joining our voices with the praise and sighs of the whole creation God so marvelously made. We will explore briefly:

- Two new liturgies of Holy Communion with new musical settings.
- A Service of Word and Prayer designed especially for contemplative worship.
- More than seventy-five new prayers and liturgical forms for diverse occasions and circumstances.
- Approximately 200 hymns and songs, many of them newly created over the last fifteen years, supporting the church year and a wide range of topics.

Youth Ministry in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

with Stefanie Ehle, NGLS Youth Ministry Coordinator and Amanda Rasner, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Director

Monday, May 9 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT & Thursday, May 12 at 10 am ET / 9 am CT

Join Stefanie Ehle and Amanda Rasner for an update on youth ministry in our Synod. There will be time to learn about upcoming faith formation opportunities for youth, share ideas about what is working in your congregation, and hear what we can all do to “Grow Younger.”

Nurturing Hope: Building a Lay Visitation Team

with Rev. Micah Cavaleri, Grace, South Range

Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT & Thursday, May 12 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT

Lynne Baab’s book *Nurturing Hope: Pastoral Care in the Twenty-First Century* challenges us to reimagine how we care for one another in the Church. “Pastoral care” isn’t just for the pastor anymore. As Christians, we are all called to care for one another.

Using *Nurturing Hope* as a framework, we will look at Grace Lutheran Church’s experiment in building a Lay Visitation team.

Creating, Maintaining and Crossing Bridges

with Sister Noreen Stevens, Minister of Word and Service

Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT and Wednesday, May 11 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT

Called to serve at the intersection of church and society, ELCA Deacons create, maintain and cross bridges in their ministry. Explore the diversity of their ministries grounded in diakonia and consider the bridges needing attention or needing to be constructed in God’s beautiful, broken world.

One Size Fits Nobody: A Tiered Approach to Stewardship

with Pastor Mike Markwell, Immanuel, Escanaba

Wednesday, May 11 at 1 pm ET / 12 noon CT & Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT

Does your congregation send out one stewardship letter to all your members? Does a recent college graduate receive the same materials and messaging as a top tier donor in their 90s? In this workshop we will look at how a tiered approach to stewardship will better meet the needs and resources of the members in our congregations and encourage generosity.

Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza: Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today

with Rev. Sarah Semmler Smith, Campus Pastor, Finlandia University

Wednesday, May 11 at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT

When two people look at a frog, they both can agree it is a frog. But one might see an amphibian in the web of life, where the other sees only the potential for warts, and still another, a possible prince. When two Christians from different backgrounds look at the Bible, they can both agree it is sacred scripture. But how? To what end, and what authority? How can two people look at the exact same passage, and come to vastly different understandings of what it means? In this workshop, we'll explore how ELCA Lutherans approach the Bible, and participants will walk away with a stronger sense of how to apply the Word to their daily life and values.

Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

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