

FIRST READING. Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL. Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for 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 handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 21, 2019

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!
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“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Flowers

The flowers adorning the Church this Easter Day are placed to the Glory of God from the Altar Guild Flower Fund. May their beauty express our cherished memories of family members and friends.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Assisting Today

April 21

Assisting Minister	Darlene Mackler
Reader	Bob Hansen
Usher/Welcomer	Bob Hansen
Acolyte.....	Adam Kleinsmith
Counters	Bob Hansen and Darlene Mackler
Hospital Visitor	Carole Bender

This Week at St. Matthew's

TODAY	10:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Kottmeier Room 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m. – Pickleball (and Friday at 9:30 a.m.)
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. – Niagara Leadership Team Symposium with Dr. Allen Jorgenson , followed by lunch; at St. Luke's, Ridgeway

Next Sunday

April 28

Assisting Minister	Sinikka Speck
Reader	Morley Yungblut
Usher/Welcomer	Brian Speck
Acolyte.....	Mason Teather
Counters	Carole McLeod and Carole Bender
Hospital Visitor	Marilyn Schultz

Dates to Remember

May 10	6:00 p.m. – Ladies' Night Out
May 12	<u>Newsletter items for June-August 2019 are due</u>
May 22	1:30 p.m. – Lutheran Women Bible Study, Kottmeier Room

Thank you to everyone who participated in the midweek Lenten services, made soup to share, and gave generously in support of the Hope Centre Soup Kitchen. With our combined efforts, and a boost from FaithLife Financial and our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, the Hope Centre will be receiving a cheque for \$1,645.00 from the people of St. Matthew's. THANK YOU!!!

Ladies
Night Out **Friday, May 10, 2019**
6:00 p.m.
St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall

* Fantastic Food	* Invite a friend
* Penny Auction	* Bring your smiles and Appetite
* Ladies of All Ages Welcome	* Free Will Offering

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Refrain Robert Buckley Farlee



On this day the LORD has act - ed; we will re -
joice, re - joice and be glad in it.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;* his mercy endures forever.
²Let Israel now proclaim,*
"His mercy endures forever."
¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,* and he has become my salvation.
¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory* in the tents of the righteous:
¹⁶"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!* The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
¹⁷I shall not die, but live,* and declare the works of the LORD. R.
¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely,* but he did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;* he who is righteous may enter."
²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me* and have become my salvation. R.
²²The same stone which the builders rejected* has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD's doing,* and it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴On this day the LORD has acted;* we will rejoice and be glad in it. R.

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