

**Easter Celebration Service**  
**Luverne Christian Reformed Church**  
**9:30 AM - April 4, 2021**

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn – PH #356 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

\*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

**Younger SS Children Sing:**

“Alive, Alive!”

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

“What Can Wash Away My Sin?” (Congregation, please sing along.)

*What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Oh, precious is the flow,  
That makes me white as snow,  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

“E-A-S-T-E-R” (Congregation, please sing along.) To the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”

*E is for Easter, Jesus is risen,  
A is for angels who told the women,  
S is for stone which was rolled away,  
T is for tomb found empty that day.*

**Chorus:**

*Yes, He is risen!*

*Yes, He is risen!*

*Yes, He is risen!*

*The Bible tells me so!*

*E is for everyone, all are glad,*

*R is for risen, don’t be sad.*

*He’ll come back for us some day,*

*Until then we’ll watch and pray.   **Chorus***

*If you are visiting,  
looking for a church  
home, or have a  
prayer request, please  
fill out the card in the  
pew and deposit it in  
the offering plate.*

Matthew 28:1-10

\*Hymn – PH #357 “Low in the Grave”

## **Older SS Children Sing – “Behold Our God”**

*Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;  
all creation rises to rejoice.*

*Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?*

*Behold our God seated on His throne, come let us adore Him!  
Behold our King nothing can compare; come let us adore Him!*

*Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior risen now to reign.*

## **Congregational Prayer**

John 20:1-18

\*Hymn – PH #361:1,3,4 “Praise the Savior”

John 20:24-31

**Message: “That You May Have Life in His Name”**

## **Prayer**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 20-26, 50-58

Men’s Chorus – “Hallelujah, We Shall Rise!”

\*God’s Blessing

\*Doxology – SP #110 “He Lives”

**April 4, 2021**

**Accompanist**

Today: Darla Timmer  
Next Sunday: Phyllis Vos

**Sound System**

Today: Tim Van Bruggen  
Next Sunday: Eric Haan

**Library**

Today: Open  
Next Sunday: Open

**Offerings**

Today: A.M. – Bible League  
Next Sunday: A.M. – LCSS  
P.M. – Alpha Center

**Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning**

Cleaning: This Week: Sam & Shelbi Gesch  
Next Week: Eric & Amy Haan

**Week's Events**

**We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for  
worship today!**

**Today:** 7:30 a.m. **Sunrise Service**  
8:30 a.m. **Fellowship Breakfast**  
9:30 a.m. **Easter Celebration Service**  
6:30 p.m. **No Evening Service Today**  
**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**  
5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast  
7:00 p.m. **Youth Group**  
**Thursday:** 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast  
**Friday:** 6:30 p.m. **SWC Donation Sale**

**Our Church Family**

- **Happy Birthday** to Jan Van Eck on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 8. We wish you many more healthy, happy years Jan!

# Thank You

- **Thank you** to our Sunday School children and to the Men's Chorus for leading us this morning with ministries of music.
- **Thank you** as well to accompanists: Darla Timmer and Dianne Sparks, and musicians: Kelsi Van Santen, Mason Hamm and Brandy Pilaczynski.
- **Thank you** to the Music Committee for organizing the 8:30 AM fellowship breakfast this morning.

# Upcoming Events

- **UPDATE TO THE .....** The Southwest MN Christian Schools Spring Donation Sale is this week Friday – April 9! We look forward to gathering together to raise funds to benefit each student that attends SWC!  
A few notable changes for the auction:
  - \*There will be no meal served prior to the auctions, but snacks will be available to purchase throughout the evening. Three hidden golden tickets will be a fun addition to the auction this year. If you purchase a snack bar item with a golden ticket attached, you will be able to choose from a list of prize package items.
  - \*The auction will be held in two locations – women at the high school campus, men at the elementary campus.
  - \***There will be some items available to purchase for a set price starting on Tuesday, April 6.** Please check the auction website link below for these items. These are great options for individuals not able to attend the auction. Please stop by the high school office to view all the certificates available and purchase one, two, or more!
  - \*Another generous way to support the auction is with a contribution to the SHARES portion of the auction. The school board has designated the shares portion of the auction to be used for new high school hallway lockers. These lockers have been in place since the construction of the high school and are showing their years of use. These will be slightly larger lockers that will give the hallway a fresh new look.To view items that have already been donated, please go to the SWC Auction Site at: <https://southwestminnesotachristiansc.betterworld.org/auctions/2021-swc-donation-sale>  
Items will be added to the auction website as we receive the donations. Continue to check the website for additions to the both the women's and men's auctions. A list of all the items along with the business/individual who donated the item(s) will also be available to view on the website in the News & Alerts section.  
Our thanks to a SWC supporter who is going to match 3% of the proceeds to increase the impact of your contribution for this year's auction.  
See you Friday night!
- **Let's sing!** Join our hearts and voices together at **Behold Our God 2** Friday, April 16 @ 7:00PM at Bethel CRC, Edgerton. The evening will be full of praise and worship music, a hymn sing and songs led by various individuals and groups. A free-will offering will be received for Southwest MN Christians Schools.

- **SWC Schools upcoming events:**

**Friday, April 9:** Donation Sale – 6:30 p.m. with women at high school, men at elementary

**Monday, April 12:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade play - The Snow White Variety Show

**Saturday, April 17:** SWC Pizza Ranch Night in Edgerton

**Thursday, April 29:** Elementary Fine Arts Day

**Wednesday, May 5:** High School Play – *Choose Your Own Oz*

**Thursday, May 6:** High School Play – *Choose Your Own Oz*

**Friday, May 7:** K-4 Music Program

**Friday, May 7:** SWC Track & Field Day

**Friday, May 7:** SWC Junior Car Wash

**Friday, May 7:** SWC High School Circle/Parent Group Bake Sale and Pre-order meal pick up

**Saturday, May 8:** High School Play – *Choose Your Own Oz*

**Monday, May 10:** Elementary 5-8 Music Program

**Wednesday, May 12:** Junior High Track Meet at Dordt

**Monday, May 17:** High School Spring Music Program

**Friday, May 28:** High School Graduation

- **CREAM CHICKEN (to-go) and BAKE SALE:**

With planting season just around the corner, beautiful weather and busy spring schedules or upcoming graduation parties to think about, SWC Circle #5 has a NEW Fundraiser that will help feed your family at a moment's notice! Let us do the work for you and prepare the meat for any occasion! Our **CREAM CHICKEN** is a simple and easy way to meet your needs when you don't have the time to prepare it yourself! Just thaw, heat and serve. Packaged in a handy to-go container, you'll get a 2.5 pound pan for just \$20.

Advance orders for Cream Chicken can be placed through April 23 by calling or texting Brigitte (507-935-8215). All orders must be received in advance and can be picked up at about 10:30am after the K-4 Spring Musical at the SWC Grade School Campus on the morning of **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

And as an added bonus, when you're picking up your Cream Chicken after the program, you can also choose from a variety of *delicious Baked Goods* that will be offered at our **ANNUAL BAKE SALE!** There will only be a few pans of Cream Chicken available for sale at the Bake Sale, so please support this to-go fundraiser for SWC Schools and Pre-Order your Cream Chicken today! And don't forget to stop in at the Grade School and check out the Bake Sale on May 7th!

- This coming May 6 and 8 at **7pm Southwest MN High School students are putting on the production *Choose Your Own Oz*** by Tommy Jamerson. *The Wizard of Oz* meets *Choose Your Own Adventure* in this fresh and fast-paced retelling of the L. Frank Baum classic in which the audience gets the chance to assist the character in changing many things from Dorothy's footwear (silver slippers or ruby red...clown shoes?) to Toto's species (lion, tiger or octopus?—oh my!) to the Witch's flying footmen. This story is a delight for children and adults of all ages, *Choose Your Own Oz* reminds us all that at the end of the day, there really is no place like home.

# Announcements

- **Welcome to all** who gather with us in worship to celebrate our Savior's victory. It's also "cookie Sunday" today.
- **Offerings** may be left in offering plates by the doors of the sanctuary.
- **Schedule** to read through the Bible in a year from [www.fivedaybiblereading.com](http://www.fivedaybiblereading.com) **Week 14**
  - Joshua 14-17; Luke 17
  - Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18
  - Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19
  - Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20
  - Judges 4-6; Luke 21
- **Note from** the Congregational Meeting, held Wednesday, March 31. Thanks to all who participated! The proposal from Council was approved: to upgrade Audio/Visual equipment in the sanctuary, to make improvements to the church kitchen, and to complete the patio project.
- **LCSS would like to thank the congregation** for their continued support. Total due to the schools for the 2020-2021 school year is \$60,200. Offerings received through February for the education is \$36,500. We pray you will continue to support LCSS.
- **LCSS TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT:** I am planning on doing TRIP every week from now until payout, which is set for the week of **April 12**. There will be no TRIP that week. Please let me know before April 12 of any changes you would like to make regarding payout. Thank You! Cheri
- **A Reminder to please fill out your sheet that was in your mailbox a few weeks ago** that will be used to update the church directory and info for the birthday calendar. Please complete the sheet with your address, phone #'s, and family members and they're birthdays. When they are completed please place in box marked for then on the table in the fellowship hall. Thank You.
- **Saturday, April 17:** Dordt University seniors Ashley Van Engen, organ, and Loyal Tillotson, piano, will present a joint recital on Saturday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Van Engen, of Sioux Center, Iowa, will perform a wide range of repertoire, including the piece *Fantasy for the Organ on Psalm 150*, written by Gerhard Krapf for the dedication of Dordt's Casavant organ 40 years ago, and the well-known *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* by Charles-Marie Widor. Tillotson, of Rapid City, South Dakota, will be joined by Dordt University senior Andrea Veldman of Hudson, South Dakota, for a piano duet. Tillotson's repertoire includes a sampling of different styles: a lively and charming Mozart duet, a grand and dramatic solo by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, a reflective and comforting hymn arrangement, a jovial, toe-tapping Scott Joplin rag, and more – a colorful assortment of pieces by some of his favorite composers. This recital is open to the public and will not be ticketed. Masks are required for those attending and seating groups will be socially distanced.