

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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The Messenger

April 2023

Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY APR 2
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APR 6, 7:00 PM SERVICE
GOOD FRIDAY, APR 7, 7:00 PM SERVICE

Resurrection Faith

By: Pastor Bruce Greutz

Have you ever doubted that Jesus was raised from the dead? At one point or another, most of us have. Particularly those of us who didn't observe Jesus after his resurrection from the dead. That would be all of us. But do we who weren't there, simply have blind faith in the Scriptures? In addition to **the Spirit of God guiding us into all truth** (John 16:13), there are hard facts about Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 that should help mitigate our doubt.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7 reads, "**For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the**

Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Dr. Justin W. Bass, a friend and member of my college class at one of the churches I served in, has written a wonderful book entitled, The Bedrock of Christianity: the Unalterable Facts of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, Lexham Press, 2020. In "Bedrock," he helps the reader understand, that would be me, how early this statement about Jesus' death, burial and resurrection was made and recorded.

As liberal theologian, Bart Ehrman has told us, "The best sources, of course are those closest to the time of Jesus himself." (Bass p. 82). Historians and Biblical scholars all contend that the closer a source is to the time of the event, the more reliable the source is. Over time as more and more scribes copied the biblical manuscripts the probability went up for additions due to scribe's trying to elucidate the text or adding their own theological spin to it.

Paul uses some very interesting language in these verses. He starts the same way he did in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, "For I delivered to youwhat I also received." According to Dr. Bass, "**received** and **delivered** are technical terms we find in other Jewish writings of the first century AD and afterward. These terms refer to the transmission of oral traditions." Dr. Bass tells us that this creedal statement in 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 was something Paul "delivered to them at the founding of their church, meaning he must have received it sometime earlier - before about 49 A.D." (p.77)

But that's not the only reason we know this was a pre-Pauline formula. Bass asserts that linguistics play another part in our knowing this creed came before 49 A.D. Paul uses phrases in 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 that he doesn't use anywhere else in his epistles. Phrases such as "**died for our sins,**" "**according to the Scriptures,**" "**He was buried,**" "**He was raised,**" "**on the third day,**" "**He appeared,**" and "**the Twelve,**" **are only used here (1 Corinthians 15:3-7) or, if used elsewhere, there has been influence from tradition.** (p.77)

Now, Paul used repeated phrases throughout his epistles so why would he only use these seven phrases here or in a very limited fashion elsewhere? Bass concludes it is because they were not composed by Paul. These phrases along with other traditions and hymns he received from the apostles, Peter and James in Jerusalem in 37 AD (Galatians 1:18-19). This was the original Jerusalem confession to where Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:11, "whether it was I or they (the other apostles) so we preach and so you believed." All the apostles were preaching the same gospel, namely the content of the creedal tradition in 1 Corinthians 15:3-7.

Bass calls 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 a priceless, irreplaceable treasure and says, "It preserves the most ancient statement of Christianity." New Testament scholar, Gordon

Fee, says, "It (1 Corinthians 15:3-7) is unparalleled in the New Testament. In fact, it is unparalleled in all of ancient literature."

In conclusion, Dr. Bass (Justin was in my college ministry at one of the churches I served) says, "even if this creedal tradition was the only thing to survive from the early Christian movement, we would still have the unalterable bedrock source for the most essential claim of Christianity: Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and appearances."

Hopefully, knowing 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 has extremely reliable sources, your doubts will be mitigated this Easter and you will be able to say with even more certainty, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight a couple of things.

1. Over the first three Lenten Dinners, attendance held steady at around 40 participants, and hopefully the remaining two dinners stay true to that trend. This to me is a very positive sign. It is awesome to be moving past the restrictions of the past few years and to have the opportunity to join in fellowship again. And the free food and not having to clean dishes is just a bonus.
2. I attended the initial Vacation Bible School (VBS) planning meeting and was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of those attending the meeting. I attended specifically to offer my support, but from what I witnessed, the only support they really need from me is to stay out of their way! Nevertheless, I do plan to stay involved, and ask each of you to look for ways to support the Grow Ministry team as they resurrect VBS at Our Savior's. They will be looking for donations of time, talents, and supplies.
3. Easter Breakfast is again being hosted by the Men's Prayer Breakfast team, although I am sure they will accept help from whoever. This is yet another opportunity to enjoy a good meal between Easter Worship Services and join in fellowship with other members and guests.

The above, along with many other things that are happening, are all indications to me that we are an active congregation striving to support each other and serve our church. Admittedly, we have our challenges, and our striving may not always be perfect. However, if we stay focused on supporting each other and serving our church, then we will be able to continue accomplishing great things regardless of what may lie ahead. And I am blessed to be counted as a member of this congregation, and truly, it is every bit the members of this congregation as much as it is my Lutheran faith that bind me to this church. Many of you may have noticed that I generally stand at the back of church

during Worship Services rather than sit in the pews. This is a habit that I developed many years ago after my wife had chosen to no longer be a member, and I had to think long and hard if Our Savior's was still the right place for me to be. It is from this vantage point that I can not only see the cross behind the altar, which is the cornerstone of my relationship with our awesome God; but I am also able to see all the other members attending the Worship Service, a reminder of my fellowship with and the support of those members, which is also a critical component of my faith. And this is especially true in my role now on Council and as Council President, where being able to look over the congregation takes on even greater meaning and reminds me of the commitment I made to represent and serve every member of the congregation to the best of my ability. Of course, even with years of experience in leadership positions, to the best of my ability does not mean that I always do everything exactly right, or that I am not subject to occasionally stumble. It is for this reason that I not only ask for your continued understanding and patience, but also for your prayers, both for me and the rest of your Council representatives, that we may be the leaders you deserve and that we may make decisions that best serve the entire congregation and the church as a whole.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter. Christ is Risen!

MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

Worship & Music Ministry:

Mark Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Minuette Grentz (Co-Chairman)

Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Worship Service with Tradition Hymns and Via de Cristo Songs at 9:30 a.m.

GROW Ministry Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Contemporary Christian Radio Songs at 11:30 a.m.

(No Wednesday evening Service on Holy Week)

Maundy Thursday, April 6th, Worship Service at 7 p.m.

(With the Rite of First Communion ceremony)

Good Friday, April 7th, Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Worship Service with Tradition Hymns and Via de Cristo Songs at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Brunch at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Worship Service with Contemporary Christian Radio Songs at 11:30 a.m. *(with "He's Alive!" by Mark Nourse)*

We extend a very special thank you to our Altar Guild under the leadership of Sandee Isaacson, Coordinator of the Altar Guild. Thank you to Sheila Courtney, Coordinator of Acolytes. Thank you to our Coordinators of Ushers and Greeters, Pat Simonson and Gail Gildemeister. Thank you to our Media Team, Barb McFarland, Antonio Ramirez, Gail Gildemeister, Doug Gildemeister, Cat Smith, Anden Ramirez, Lexi Grentz and Mackie Grentz. Thank you for allowing us all on the Worship & Music Ministry to serve the Lord and you all at OSLC in Christian love.

In God's grace and spiritual friendship,
Mark Nourse, Alan Huss and Minuette Grentz

Grow Ministry:

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)

Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

Happy Spring!

Adult/Children Sunday school and confirmation are every Sunday at 10:30 in the fellowship hall.

Last month, Grow held a meeting and we had approximately 20 people attend that gave great input and ideas for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Thank you so much to everyone who came! It was decided we would do a weekend VBS on June 9th and 10th with a family lunch each day along with a short skit to be performed that Sunday the 11th for the congregation. We will have another meeting on April 16th right after first service to discuss further VBS details. Please attend so we can plan meals, assign volunteer roles, set the schedule and have everyone on the same page. Your support is so appreciated!

Thank you to all who donated eggs and candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt that is on April 2nd!

No Sunday School on Easter, instead, come to the Easter breakfast between services!

Are you or someone you'd like to recognize graduating this year? If so, please email their name, grade/degree/program they're graduating from, and their picture to the church office or to Vicki at Antnvik@gmail.com so we can honor and celebrate them at the end of May!

Christ is Risen! Have a blessed Easter!
Justine Ashcraft

Connect Ministry:

VACANT (Chairman)

Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)

March is getting close to being over or should I say April is here already, including the Showers! (Much better than Snow.) Can you believe it? I sure am ready for Summer! Our Ministry has been quite busy this month! The Hospitality Teams has been helping with our Lenten Dinners! How fun has this been with at least 40 of us at each one! We still have a few more left until Holy Week in April so come join us on Wednesdays to find out. We have had some delicious Soups, Baked potato bar a couple of times, Chili Dogs are coming up and I for one will be there, with my own sweet relish. YES, Sweet Relish and Chili Dogs go quite well together! At least in my crazy mind!

We have had so much fellowship in the last month, with the gathering for dinners on Wednesday, that it feels just like old times, almost as if COVID didn't happen! ALMOST ... But we are getting there! Looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt that Justine is getting ready for and I am sure she would not mind if I mention it here.... EGGS, EGGS and More Eggs. We would love for any of you to bring some pre-Filled plastic eggs for the kids to hunt for! Or if you have Candy to share or fun items to put in them, I am sure all of the Sunday School Parents would love you to bring that also!

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on April 1st, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth) can be expected by all who attend.

The men will host the Easter breakfast this year. There are sign-up sheets in the back. More information will follow.

As the Council Liaison for Connect I have been writing these updates for a few months, WELL we are going to have a meeting on the 26th. It will be between services in the fellowship hall. You may get this by then, we will be discussing some of our wonderful things we do for our Fellowship here at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, of course BC (Before Covid). Not sure if we will be able to do a big meeting this year with All of our Ministries but we will see.

If you are interested in **Helping** in any way at all, please reach out to me and I will make sure we are able to get together and discuss what we have coming up from our Connect Ministry.

God Loves You and So Do I,
Annie Coyle Baugh
801-808-1999

Service & Outreach Ministry:

Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)

Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

The 2nd Sunday offering in April will go to Ogden Rescue Mission, on April 9th. The Ogden Rescue Mission is a faith-based nonprofit organization that helps the homeless and restores broken lives.

The Rescue Mission is also in need of clothing and hygiene items. Spring is here and it is the perfect time for spring cleaning, and cleaning out your closets. We will be holding a clothing and hygiene drive throughout the month of April. Current needs include men's jeans, new underwear and socks (all ages), clothing, shoes, bath towels, and hygiene items (men's razors, tooth brushes, toothpaste, lip balm, band-aids, tissue packs, wipes, etc.). A table will be set up in the fellowship hall after Easter Sunday, from April 16th-April 30th.

APR HOSPITALITY TEAM

Joan & Larry Underwood – Coordinator
Liz Boll
John Crossfield
Jack & Dawn Baldor
Jean Sojourner
Stacy & Nathan Ames
Carla Cross
Elly Lund
Dale Toone
Shelly & Roger Nielsen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Apr Justine Ashcraft
2 Apr Duane Kaiser
8 Apr Pat Simonson
9 Apr Anden Ramirez
10 Apr Liam Ashcraft
11 Apr Doug Gildemeister
19 Apr Don McFarland
20 Apr Nancy Gerry
23 Apr Lexi Grentz
24 Apr Mackie Grentz
25 Apr Trent Schmid
29 Apr Courtney Barrett
29 Apr Richard Schaffert
30 Apr Janet Tow

CONGRATULATIONS, BLESSING & THANK YOUS

Thank you to the individuals who have invested time, materials and energy toward our much-improved bathrooms. Tim Fasig, Garrett Fasig, Terry Schmid, Dan Kartak, John Crossfield, Jim Campbell, Trent Schmid, and (whoever donated the changing tables)

Thank you, Pastor Bruce, and OSLC congregation for all your prayers during my chemo & radiation Treatment for cancer. Thank you too for all the encouraging cards, phone calls & texts. I am so grateful to my church family for all the support you have given me.

God bless you all!
Diane Nath

Worship Assistants							
Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Gail Gildemeister 801 564-2357	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 425-3356	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Altar Guild Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694
Palm Sunday 2 Apr	9:30		Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid	Dave Engen		
Palm Sunday 2 Apr	11:30		Sabrina Wolfe	Darrell Wolfe			
Maundy Thur 6 Apr	7:00p		Barb McFarland	Don McFarland			
Good Friday 7 Apr	7:00p		Annie Baugh		Dave Engen		
Easter 9 Apr	9:30		Pat Simonson	Bill Lange	Antonio Ramirez	Anden Ramirez	
Easter 9 Apr	11:30		Katherine Redwine	Stacy Ames			
16 Apr	9:30	Brady Kaiser	Gerri Wessner	Russ Smith			
16 Apr	11:30		Mary Leschke	Mary Leschke			
23 Apr	9:30		Kris Gibson	Larry Underwood	Antonio Ramirez	Anden Ramirez	
23 Apr	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			
30 Apr	9:30		Katherine Redwine	The Campbells			
30 Apr	11:30		Mary Leschke	Mary Leschke			

Church Wide Info

Secret Sister - Ladies, we have a lot of new secret sisters this year so I wanted to take a moment to welcome everyone and let you know more about the secret sister program. Each sister has a pouch with her name on it for you to leave secret notes or gifts. The pouches are located on the door across from the ladies bathroom in the church. If you have a gift for your secret sister that does not fit in her pouch, place it on the shelf in the communion set up room and leave one of the place cards that says "there is a gift for you on the shelf" in her pouch so she knows to look.

There are blank notecards in one pouch for you to use. If you arrive at church and you hear your sister has had a hard week or needs a note of encouragement, feel free to use those complementary note cards to leave her an encouraging note. We also stocked pens, post it notes, and sharpies in case you need to label things.

Traditionally secret sisters acknowledge holidays and special events such as birthdays with notes or gifts. We are nearly into April so if you have not done so already, please take a moment to leave your sister a note or small gift to let her know she is thought of and prayed over.

If for any reason you are unable to fulfill your commitment to participate in the program, please let Pam or I know as soon as possible. We hate to leave a sister hanging and would happily rearrange so everyone is covered!

Have a fun year ladies.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on April 1st, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM.

Easter Breakfast – The men will host the Easter breakfast this year. There are sign-up sheets in the back. More information will follow.

Yoga –Saturday, April 22 at 4pm for yoga with Stacy Ames.

Easter Egg hunt – Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at 10:30 is our annual Easter egg hunt for the kids. Please invite your neighbors, friends, and grandchildren to join us! Oh, and say a prayer that there's no snow on the ground by then!

Open House Baby Shower for Mallory Carpenter – Saturday, April 15th, 1:00 to 3:00pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. RSVP to Justine Ashcraft, 801-528-8826. She is registered at Target and Amazon.





Silver Celebration

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Utah Via de Cristo

Invites you to join as we

Acknowledge that we have held weekends for Twenty-Five years!

Praise God for approximately 1,300 weekenders!

Thank God for those who served VdC as we held 71 weekends!

Saturday, April 22, 2023 3:00–6:00 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

8575 S 700 E Sandy, UT

Music + Speakers + Communion

A necessary business meeting

Light Refreshments

Palanca + Fellowship + abrazos

NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING

April 2023

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2  8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Egg Hunt 11:30a Contemporary Worship	3 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	4 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	5 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice	6  6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #807 6:00p Praise Band Practice 7:00p Worship Service	7  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710 7:00p Worship Service	8 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
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Apr Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
2 Apr	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:1-27.66
6 Apr	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 24:3-11	Psalm 116:12-19 or 22	Hebrews 9:11-22	Matthew 26:17-30
7 Apr	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22 or 31	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
9 Apr	Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunrise)	Exodus 14:10-15:1	Psalm 118:15-29	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
9 Apr	Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 16	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
16 Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:29-42	Psalm 148	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
23 Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-14	1 Peter 1:17-25	Luke 24:13-35
30 Apr	4 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10