

## Pastor's Message

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I wish you and your family a joyous and blessed Easter. I hope this letter finds you in good health and well.

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26*

The text show Jesus' promise of eternal life and His power over death and life. Jesus Christ points to Himself as the source of hope, salvation and resurrection.

We will gather in worship on April 20th, 2025, to celebrate Easter Sunday. I am filled with joy and gratitude for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter is a time of renewal, hope, and new beginnings. Easter reflects on the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who conquered death and promised us eternal life. In a world that often feels uncertain and challenging, the message of Easter reminds us that God's love is steadfast and unchanging. Remember that we are redeemed through Christ's sacrifice and given the gift of eternal life through His resurrection. This is a time to rejoice and give thanks for our Lord's boundless love and mercy.

As I drive around Arcadia, I see flowers blooming, reminding us of growth, transformation, and the beauty of fresh starts.

We at Christ Lutheran Church would like to encourage you, friends, and family to join us for any of the worship services:

Palm/Passion Sunday at 9 am-April 13th, 2025

Thursday Maundy Service at 7 pm-April 17th, 2025

Good Friday Service at 1 pm-April 18th, 2025

Easter Sunday at 9 am-April 20th, 2025

As Midweek Lenten Worship Services and Soup and Sandwich Supper came to an end, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for what you have done to make them possible. Your financial support, time, energy, participation, dedication and prayers have been a true blessing to our faith community. Also, a special thank you to Brad Duellman for all that he did for those five weeks.

Happy Easter! Christ is risen!! He is risen indeed!!! Alleluia!!!!

Peace, *Pr. Rufus*