

ABOUT the RESURRECTION of OUR LORD
[EASTER DAY]

Theme: Life out of Death

- highlighting the Scriptures for the week -

Peter summed it all up for Cornelius the centurion: how Jesus went about demolishing the kingdom of the devil in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, how the authorities killed him on the cross, but God raised him from the dead. (Acts) Now repentance and forgiveness of sins are proclaimed for all in Jesus' name. What was promised to everyone is conferred on all the baptized faithful. (Colossians) Dying and rising with Christ in Holy Baptism, the life they lead is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ appears in glory, then their true life will be made known. Till then we lift up our hearts to the unseen things, fixing our minds above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father. For us it is no different than it was for the women at the tomb. We, like they, cannot grasp the things above by human understanding; these things must be revealed to us. While they first saw and then believed, we, for now, believe what yet cannot be seen, having received the testimony in God's Word and holy Sacrament.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

Sunday	Acts 10:34-43 How did God prepare salvation for all peoples beginning with His people Israel? What happened in Galilee after the baptism of John? What happened to Jesus in Jerusalem? What happened on the third day? Who saw Jesus alive and well after He was dead? What is His stipulated command? What is His absolute promise? What does this mean?
Monday	Colossians 3:1-4 Having died and risen with Christ in Baptism, where are our hearts to be fixed? Who/where is our life? When will the true nature and extent of our life be revealed? What does this mean?
Tuesday	John 20:1-18 What was the initial explanation for the empty tomb of Jesus? What did Peter and John see as they looked in? What did John believe? What had they not understood previously? Why therefore is Scripture so important for us? What signs and seals of the resurrection are we given today? What does this mean?
Wednesday	Psalms 118:15-29 Read this Psalm through first as Jesus' prayer, reflecting on His victory over death and the grave. Then pray it as your own. How does Jesus' completed victory lend confidence for what still awaits you? What does this mean?
Thursday	Acts 5:29-42 What is the central point of Peter's defense before the Sanhedrin? Where do we find that kind of testimony today? What therefore do we need to hear in every sermon? How is this done?
Friday	I Peter 1:3-9 When and where did you receive your new birth into a living hope? What does this mean in the face of grief and trials? What is the purpose of such affliction? How do the realities we cannot see affect the way we handle the realities we can see? How is that we are already receiving what will be the ultimate outcome of our faith? What does this mean?
Saturday	John 20:19-31 What was the gift given in the greeting of the risen Lord to his disciples? What did the disciples see in His hands and side? When do we hear the exact same greeting in the Divine Service? How does Jesus give us His Body and blood as a sign and seal of His gift to us? How does Jesus forgive sins in His church? What is the reason the Bible was written? What is the outcome of faith? What does this mean?