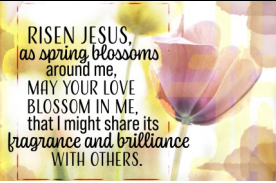


THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER



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From Your Pastor

What is the most important thing in life? We may not actually think upon that question and determine our answers on a daily basis; yet, our decisions and our actions show what is most important for us. For some people the most important thing in life is financial security. They go to school, study hard, and hope to get a well-paying job. Others will work extra hours to provide more security. Ask other people what they consider the most important thing in life, and they will tell you it is their family. They make time for their loved ones and enjoy their time together more than anything else. If you ask someone who has a terminal or even a chronic illness about the most important thing in life, and they will tell you good health is the most important.

What is most important? Stand beside the casket of someone you love—and some day others will stand beside your casket—and we will reconsider. Death makes us pause and consider our own lives, our situation, our direction, and our priorities. Nothing of this world matters when life is over.

God the Holy Spirit tells us without a doubt what is most important in life through the pen of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: “I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” The message of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, our Savior, crucified for our sins and raised to life on the third day for our forgiveness and our life with Him now and forever is of first importance. The Easter message is of utmost importance for this simple reason: We are saved by it and through faith in it!

Jesus once asked the question very pointedly, “**What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul**” (Mark 8:36). So, first things first, God has our life with Him in His attention and His care—the care of our entire

being—our body and eternal soul. That was first and foremost in the mind and action of God. God created us, but we have sinned against Him. Everyone. Daily. Much. Sin separates us from God. Death separates us from loved ones, our spiritual death in sin separates us from the love of God. Without someone intervening on our behalf that separation is destined for eternal separation in hell.

In His great love for us, God first and foremost had in His plan for us to save us from our sins. This is of first importance because this is what God has done to save us from His judgment against sins and the eternal separation from Him that our sins rightly deserve. He sent Jesus, His Son, to become a man to live and die in our place. As God’s Son He and He alone could pay that price. He did for us. Neither death nor the grave could hold Him. He rose from the dead on the third day. He lives forever, and all who believe in His sacrificial death for them for forgiveness, have also the gift of eternal life.

He restored us to Himself and has made this good news known to us. First and foremost in life is daily following Him. Everything else will be left when we die. He who has faith in the Son of God has life, eternal life.

Come worship in wonder with us, and especially during our Holy Week and Easter services. Receive and celebrate our Savior with us!

What is most important in your life, and why? How does it show? Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior gives us eternal security. He also gives us perspective for the rest of this life. He helps to remind us what is truly important. He brings a joy that rises above every sorrow and endures forever. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

Pastor Mahuken



- April 1.....Amanda Bruhn
Shandi Steinkuehler
- April 2.....Weston Bremser
Hannah Mahnken
Mindi McKibbin
Brian Otto
- April 3.....Laurie Leimbacher
- April 4.....Kelsey Clausen
Joyce Miller
- April 6.....Ryan Ernst
- April 8.....Carol Teut
- April 9.....Doug Fredericks
Lydia Hennings
Daryl Pedersen
Jonna Pingel
- April 10.....Jayton Bral
Dick Fredericks
Korbin Palmer
Sara Rosener
- April 12.....Jason Bubke
James Schmidt
Neil Wilken
- April 13.....Aubriella Mallinger
- April 14.....Jeremy Rohlf
- April 16.....Madison Baker
Tim Hennings
- April 17.....Donna Koch (92)
Reed Meseck
- April 19.....Lynette Aldag
Cody Clausen
Mary Claussen
Val Teut
- April 20.....Taylor Teut
- April 21.....Kara Korner
Kris Schultz
- April 23.....Tyler Kline
- April 24.....Everett Lee
Isla Meseck
Susan Schulz
- April 25.....Jesse Boell
Craig Teut
Derek Teut
- April 26.....Kye Bielenberg
- April 28.....Jerod Petersen
- April 30.....Heath Whitenack

- Wayne & Joyce Miller April 5, 1959
- Scott & Kelly Korner April 9, 1983
- Matt & Ashley O'Brien April 12, 2024
- Dane & Payton Treiber April 15, 2023
- Alan & Kathy Weiss April 16, 1994
- Karl & Sandy Wittorf April 16, 1988
- Tim & Jennifer Hennings April 17, 1993
- Brandon & Rachel Jacobson April 18, 2009
- Jason & Amy Schultz April 20, 1996
- Jordan & Jessica Thistle April 21, 2012
- James & Mary Claussen April 22, 1967
- Glenn & Jerrie Wigg April 24, 1971
- Nathan & Nicole Teut April 25, 2010
- Gaylen & Jayne Jepsen (40th) April 27, 1985

Please notify the office of any omissions or corrections.

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From the Church Record Book



Baptized: "Let the little children come unto Me...."

Halle Kristin Treiber, daughter of Dane and Payton Treiber, was baptized on March 1, 2025.

Dane Treiber, baptized on March 1, 2025.

Deaths: "I am the Resurrection..."

Bernhard E. "Bernie" Petersen, age 84, died March 14, 2025, and was buried March 20, 2025 in the Morgan Township Cemetery, Schleswig, Iowa.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- April 13 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
- April 17 Holy (Maundy) Thursday
Worship w/HC 7:00 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday Worship w/HC 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship w/HC
- 7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/HC

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If you'd like to donate a lily to beautify our Easter cross, please call the Church Office, at 676-2235.

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2025

Discipleship Programs

May 30-June 1...Kids' Kamp
 June 5-8...JOY Camp #1
 June 22-26...Cub Week #1
 June 29-July 4...July 4 Family Retreat
 July 6-12...Junior High Week
 July 10-13...JOY Camp #2
 July 13-19...Cub Week #2
 July 20-26...Youth Week (High School)
 July 27-August 1...Family Retreat #1
 August 3-8...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

January 24-26...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
 May 2-4...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
 June 8-10...Iowa District West Convention
 June 14...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
 June 15-21...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
 May 25-August 31...Sunday Worship
 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
 October 10-11...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org



Mighty Fortress Skate Party
 Sunday, April 5th @ 2:00-4:00pm

Area Lutheran Youth
 6th-12th Grade



Tia Pugh serves as the 2025 Iowa District West Coordinator for the LCMS Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans July 19-23, 2025.

The Iowa District West event in New Orleans is going to be a great time shared with our Iowa District East youth at the Superdome before the mass gathering. Tia will be sending out information about signing up for the event, our own unique IDW t-shirt, and payment information. We have 400 youth and adults already registered to attend the Gathering. What a great representation of our district! Registration ends May 1. If your child (age 14-19) is interested in attending, please contact the Church Office.



SAVE THE DATE!!
Iowa District West Youth Gatherings

Junior Youth Gathering
 October 18-19, 2025

The Sheraton-West Des Moines
 Theme: Not Just Water
 Theme Verse: Titus 3:5

Senior Youth Gathering
 November 21-23, 2025

Holiday Inn at the airport-Des Moines
 Theme: God's Calling For Your Life
 Theme Verse: Ephesians 2:10

As You Spring Clean ...



Bring your old eyeglasses, sunglasses, even non-prescription reading glasses and all cases! There is a box in the narthex under the mail boxes. LWML thanks you!



Please consider donating any unwanted items to our church garage sale held in conjunction with the annual Schleswig City-wide Garage Sales May 29-31.

The proceeds help support our Mission projects. Items can be brought to the church garage in late May. We are grateful for your support!

UNITY RIDGE
 FUNDRAISER

STALEY'S CHICKEN
 Drive Through Fundraiser

Our Savior Lutheran Church Parking Lot

\$13

APRIL 24TH
 4:30-7:00

Meal includes two pieces of chicken, two sides, a roll and dessert!

Unity Ridge Fundraiser
 Our Savior Lutheran Church
 500 North 24th St
 Denison, IA

NEW CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY

Jodi Lorenzen has accepted the position of church secretary to replace Valerie Teut who will be retiring after 12 years.

Jodi and her husband Rick have lived in Schleswig for 22 years. They have one daughter, Beka, who is married to Casey Polacek and a two-year-old grandson, Max. Jodi owns "The Vintage Peddler" in Denison where Beka works full time. She likes to spend time with her family and in the summer she loves to spend time outside tending to her garden and flowers.



~ THE LWML INVITES
ALL LADIES ~



Immanuel LWML held a meeting on March 6th. Pastor Mahnken led a Bible study entitled “Confessing What We Believe” from the Spring Lutheran Women’s Quarterly.

Marlene Lee brought the two baskets and a tote she made to be donated to the Unity Ridge Auction.

We discussed the Lenten meal we will be serving on March 26. Coleen and Marlene volunteered to be in charge. They will plan the menu and let us know how we can help.

Peggy shared information on the LWML National Convention in Omaha June 26-29.

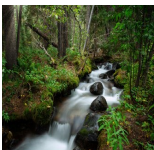
Deb and Loretta reported on the visits they made to Odebolt, Gracewell, Silveridge, Heritage Heights and a home visit to Lillie Petersen. Becky and Loretta will be helping with Bingo at Gracewell in April.

We concluded our afternoon with a time of fellowship while enjoying dessert provided by Chris Mahnken.

Donna Harm, Secretary



Come to the Living Water! (John 7:37-38)



*Inviting all people who care about
our young folks!*

Director of Christian Education at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Denison, **Jarryn Wiley-Pearce**, will share her ministry. Learn what you can do to guide the children and grandchildren in your life through the treachery of our current world – abortion, gay rights, transgender issues, sex trafficking, etc. Satan is lying to them; it’s up to us to pray over them and show them the living water!

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
Spring Rally 2025**

Thursday, April 24 at 9 am

St. John’s Lutheran Church, 17 S. Orchard, Kiron

Hosted by St. John’s Ladies Aid and
Faith Ladies Circle

Bring everyone you know to hear this important information! Lunch is \$10 per person.

From Your library . . .

“Have we got a book for you!”



The Reno Western Saga Series

By Gilbert Morris

There are many books in our library for your reading pleasure—fiction, non-fiction, biographies, self-help, faith building, etc. But did you know, especially those readers who prefer/like westerns, that we have several sitting on our shelves just waiting to be checked out.

One of the outstanding authors of western books is Gilbert Morris. Mr. Morris is the author of many best-selling books, including the series of the Reno Western Saga. Morris spent ten years as a pastor before becoming a professor of English at a university in Arkansas.

The Reno Western Saga series includes the titles “Reno”, “Rimrock”, “Ride the Wild River”, and “Boomtown”.

Rimrock was a frontier town with Jesse Lindsey as its marshal, who has done his best to keep the peace; however Jesse is feeling his age and the town needs a strong man to keep a lid on the violence. The unruly trail hands and greedy saloon owners will listen only to a man who knows how to use force. After Jesse is wounded in a street fight, a new man has to be appointed as sheriff. That man is Reno, who is a war-weary soldier/drifter whom Jesse and his daughter saved from a fever and nursed back to health. As the new deputy, Reno has to face death threats from a saloon owner and the gunslinger the owner has brought to town.

If you are a fan of westerns, you might consider checking out this series and many more of Morris’ outstanding books.

—Submitted by Karen Wood



Shhhh, did you hear that? Nope, it's not the preschool if you need to be quiet to hear us! It's almost April and the volume within our walls is ramping up steam. Yes, the sun stays out longer and the children have a touch of spring fever. Everyone has built friendships and have a lot to say throughout the day.

Yesterday, the morning class was talking about Jesus when He died. We don't officially begin Easter until next week so I'm not even sure how we got on the topic. One of the little girls looked at me and said, "And when they took Him off the cross they put Him in a cage." Pause. Wait. "Could you repeat that for me?" Sure. "They put Jesus in a cage and locked Him in there."

Needless to say, after a moment of reflection it occurred to me that the referenced cage was actually a "cave." I often refer to the tomb as a cave with the children. It seems to be more like something they can put into context. This little girl had heard me refer to the cave and was positive Jesus was being locked in a cage after He was taken down from the cross. She had the right idea, just the wrong wording.

I am a bit taken aback upon reflection of her wisdom. How often do we do this same thing? We read the Word. We hear a sermon. We take what we are hearing and plug it into what we know. We connect it to what we think we heard? It becomes more about our own experiences than the truth of what Scripture actually says. John and I are attending a Bible study and it's a very "back to the basics." Yet, I feel like I'm in complete new discovery mode. It's the fundamentals of the faith. Even the professional athletes continue to practice the fundamentals. We cannot

walk in the victory God has for us without being rooted and grounded in the truths of His Word. How often do we hear cage rather than cave? I am so grateful that a little girl heard the wrong word so I could be reminded of how often I read Scripture and then try to fit Jesus into my box versus reading Scripture and allowing God's Spirit to blow up my box and transform my life. Oh, the gift of these little people to keep providing the Lord situations to teach us!

Please pray for us as the end of the year quickly approaches. As we head into Easter, I pray the Gospel and His love will be at the forefront of each child's mind. May this season draw everyone closer to His heart as we share in the celebration of His victorious resurrection.

Serving Him with you,
Leslie Gustafson

FAMILY FUN NIGHT FUNDRAISER CARNIVAL & MEAL

APRIL 11, 2025
LOCATION: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH

RAIN DATE: APRIL 25, 2025

CARNIVAL BEGINS: 4:30
MEAL SERVICE BEGINS: 5:00

STEAK SANDWICH BASKET \$13
(CARNIVAL ADMISSION INCLUDED)

HOT DOG BASKET \$5
(CARNIVAL ADMISSION INCLUDED)

CARNIVAL ADMISSION W/NO MEAL \$3

PEACH WAVE ON-SITE FOR DESSERT

**CALL IN TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE
MUST BE PHONED/TEXTED IN BY 6:00 P.M.
(515)468-8844
(515)468-7084**

NO TICKETS WILL BE NEEDED FOR CARNIVAL GAMES. ALL GAMES
FREE ONCE ADMISSION IS PAID.

SPONSORED BY: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL BOARD

AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS**Ethiopia Update***17 new believers!*

Shewaye, a radio listener, shares his inspiring story: "One evening at my father's home, we gathered around the dinner table with our usual coffee and enjoyed each other's company. As always, we turned on the radio to catch up on the news. That night, I decided to switch the station and stumbled upon the Africa Radio Oromo program broadcast by ARM. Suddenly, our family fell quiet, as we listened to the preacher talking about Jesus. We felt so uplifted by the message that we started tuning in every week. At that time, I wasn't a believer, but after hearing the Bible messages repeatedly, my whole family and I found faith in the Lord.

Our lives were transformed; we began reading the Bible together, and a wonderful peace filled our home. Not long after, we invited our neighbors to join us in listening to the radio broadcasts, and thankfully, they also came to believe!

Our group has grown to 17 members and counting. At first, we met in my dad's house to gather, then eventually we rented a small house for worship. We love Jesus, but we sometimes feel lost without guidance in understanding God's word, especially since there isn't a church nearby. In these challenging times, we support each other through prayer, together and individually. Today, we are so excited that Rev. Fekadu from ARM took the time to visit us and guide us forward."

Liberia Update*Ministry of Reconciliation*

Rev. Tengbeh shares this story of reconciliation. Two years ago, Mararti and Oritha Johnson's relationship was on the verge of ending due to family interference in their disputes. The Johnson's said, "Most of our family members were not being truthful with us. They were jealous of our relationship but tried to hide it in a clever way. We are grateful to Almighty God for His goodness and for guiding us to listen to His truth. You spoke about what makes a good Christian marriage and valuable principles. Since God used you to help rekindle our marriage, we have both decided to learn more about Jesus and become active in this church where the preacher is."

Your partners in the harvest.

Missionary Linda Kurtz
John & Kathy Duitsman

Funds are needed and can be sent to:

African Radio Ministries
9811 W. Charleston Blvd. Ste 2-209
Las Vegas, NV 89117

!AMIGOS EN CRISTO and GRACIA!

News from *Las Iglesias Evangélicas Luteranas*
Amigos en Cristo in Denison and Gracia in Storm Lake
Pastor Pedro Lopez

Blessings to all mis amigos and prayer warriors! Such a joyous time to share the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Looking forward to continuing to share the good news of Jesus with new families and friends as we start this new year with our programs. Here we are sharing with you the latest about our Hispanic Ministry, your Hispanic Ministry.

We are excited to share that on March 18, we will open our newest ESL program in the Storm Lake area with the assistance of people from St. John and Grace Lutheran Churches. We are hoping to meet the needs of this community and create avenues to share about our churches in the area. We have been volunteering at St. John Lutheran Church at their swaddling clothes program. We have met the people who come to their program and have invited them to the ESL program. We have approximately 17 people registered to take the class. Several people have shown interest in our ministry there and a couple of families have asked about baptizing their children. If anyone from this area would like to be a volunteer, please contact me for more information.

At St. Paul-Hartley, we will begin our Spring ESL class in April. We will be calling on our great volunteers and partners in that area to make this possible again. We have made new friends and have been blessed to have a couple more people participating in our English worship services. Our Deacon Noel continues to help with new families by sharing the Word of God.

At St. Paul-Carroll, we continue with our Praise, Prayer and Bible Study on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. We also offer individual Bible Studies at people's homes. Our ESL class will begin in April. We are hopefully on our way to continue with our Hispanic LWML in the area. My wife is leading the effort of getting some of our new members together.

We continue to serve the people of Denison with our Sunday worship services and family Bible studies. We meet on different days as they are available to continue learning about our Savior.

We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. Please keep in mind that we are always ready to share with you about what God is doing among your Hispanic brothers and sisters in the Lord, gracias and Bendiciones.

Pastor Lopez



**Join Us As We Celebrate
a Passover Seder
Wednesday, April 9 at 5:45 p.m.**

In place of our regular midweek Lent worship on Wednesday, April 9, we will participate in a Passover Seder in our Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. The Passover Seder is a celebration of redemption, a memorial of God's deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. As Christians we celebrate the Passover Seder to also recognize its fulfillment in Jesus our Redeemer.

A Passover Seder has symbolic foods, Bible readings, and fellowship. Each food consumed as part of the Seder recalls an aspect of the Israelites exodus from Egypt. These foods remind us of the bitterness of their enslaved life, their tears and suffering, and the haste which they left.

After the Seder portion, we will have a supper of more traditional foods served today at Seder celebrations: chicken and matzo ball soup and chicken cacciatore.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the board in our Narthex. Please do sign up if you plan to attend, so we know how much food to prepare.

**Orphan
Grain
Train** 

**Orphan Grain Train
Rated as a Charity**

Orphan Grain Train has received Charity Navigator's yearly evaluation and OGT numbers have changed slightly. For those not familiar with Charity Navigator, it is America's premier evaluator of charities. If you are interested in knowing about other non-profits and how they spend donor's money, you can check them out at charitynavigator.org

OGT Ratings: 97.72% of all donations go to serving those in need worldwide. 2.28% of all donations go toward administrative/marketing costs. This is down slightly from 98.2%, but are still very good numbers. OGT continues to have a 4-Star rating which is the highest possible rating and 100% in Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community and Leadership and Adaptability.



WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Few believers ever learn to truly love the cross of Christ. For though it offers great deliverance, it also demands great sacrifice. Isaac Watts drives this truth home through the words and music of this powerful hymn. Watts was deeply disappointed with the hymns of his day, which failed to inspire his parishioners to genuine worship and holy living. His dissatisfaction led him to compose more than six hundred hymns, all designed to call his congregation to a deeper knowledge and worship of God.

The music of this hymn was borrowed from Gregorian chant. Its rich, grave tones call those who sing it to realize the seriousness of Christ's sacrificial death. What shall we offer to God in grateful return of His gracious gift? All that we are and have is but a small offering in return for such great love.

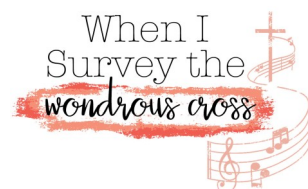
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

~Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



*Excerpt from The One Year Book of Hymns
by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.*

A New Creation

*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)*

Two men attending a convention committed every transgression they could. Traveling to the airport, a sinfully sacrilegious idea came to one of them: Why not top off the trip with a shockingly scandalous bit of irreverence? "I dare you to go into the first church we come to and confess everything you did last night. I'll bet \$100 you can't do it," he challenged. His companion accepted by saying "Sounds like easy money to me."

The first church they came to was Catholic. The man found the priest and began, "Father, forgive me for I have sinned." In graphic detail, he told of his escapades. The perceptive priest, discerning the man's insincerity, replied, "My friend, I give you a simple penance. Go to the front of the church, kneel before the statue of Jesus, look into the Savior's suffering face, see the nails in His hands and feet, the crown of thorns on His head, and say, 'Jesus, all this You suffered for me, and I couldn't care less.'"

The man came out of the confessional and demanded his friend pay up. He replied, "first, do your penance." The confessor went to the altar, looked up to the Christ on the crucifix and facetiously began, "Jesus all this You did for me and I ..." At that moment something he had learned, and ignored, flooded his head and heart. He cleared his throat and tried again, "Lord Jesus, all this You did for me ..." Then he burst into tears and the Savior Christ reclaimed and redeemed a lost soul. That man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, became a new creature.

Scripture says if you are in Christ, you are a new creation. So, are you? You can find power in the cross and hope at Jesus' empty tomb. Human hearts that are hardened find themselves convicted and converted. At the cross, sufferers find solace, repentants find redemption. And the unforgiven find freedom.

You can do just about anything to the cross and the empty tomb, except ignore them. You can't disregard the cross upon which your sins were crucified. You can't discount an empty grave that says, "Here death has been defeated." Why? Because the cross and the empty grave are God's power to create a new creature (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

Excerpt from The Lutheran Hour sermon preached on July 13, 2003 by the late Rev. Ken Klaus.

A Prayer for Good Friday

O Christ, Lamb of God, slain for the sin of the whole world, with penitent heart I come to Your cross, pleading for mercy and forgiveness. My sins—and they are many—have added to the burden of Your suffering and have nailed You to the accursed tree. For me You tasted the agony of the utter darkness that I might not perish, but have everlasting life. Have mercy upon me.

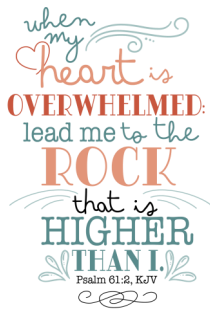
O Christ, Lamb of God, embrace me with Your love, and forgive me all my sins. Your death brings healing to my soul, peace to my mind, cleansing to my heart. If You would mark iniquity, I could not come for my hands are unclean, my lips are sullied, and my heart is blackened by sin. But beholding You bleeding, despised, forsaken, dying, pierced, I come to be cleansed and forgiven.

O Christ, Lamb of God, grant that I may hate sin and wickedness more and more as I behold You in Your great agony. My grateful heart today finds hope in Your words, comfort in Your promises, and salvation in Your finished work on the cross, by which You have overcome sin, Satan and death.

A Prayer for Easter

O almighty and eternal God, who through the death of Your Son has destroyed sin and death, and by His rising to life again restored innocence and everlasting life, that being delivered from the power of the devil, I might live under You in Your kingdom, grant that I may be forever comforted by true faith in the resurrection of Your dear Son. Do not let the thought of death fill my heart with terror, but give me the blessed assurance that, just as You raised Christ from the dead, I will not remain in the grave but will rise again at the end of days. And when, by Your grace, I have finished my course, let Christ's resurrection be for me a sure pledge that an inheritance that does not fade is reserved for me in heaven. While I live, guide me with Your holy counsel, and when I die, give me the crown of life, that with all the holy angels and the elect I may praise and glorify You, world without end. Amen.






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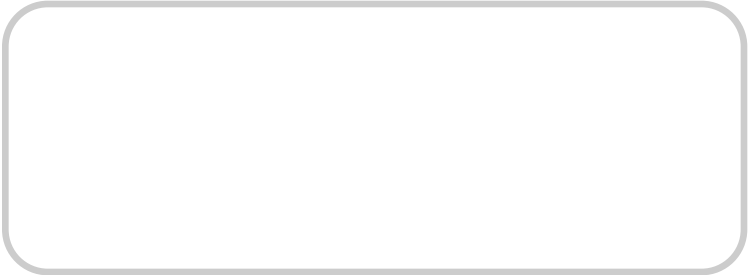
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