

**He showed them His hands
Brothers and sisters!**

**Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis
&
Grace/Deadwood
April 2025 Newsletter**

Easter Sunday is April 20, and I want to talk about the hands of Christ on the morning of His resurrection. John 20:20 specifically says that when Christ first appeared to His disciples after rising from the dead, **He showed them His hands and His side.** It was like Jesus was saying, “Look here, my disciples and friends, it is really Me, the One who was crucified, see now, I am alive! I have overcome sin and death and the grave; the victory has been won!” Jesus made a point of showing them His hands, where the nail marks were, and His side, where the spear had been. What once were dead man’s hands, was no longer the case. Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

The disciple Thomas, you remember, was not there when Jesus first came, and when the other disciples told him they had seen Jesus alive he doubted what they said. So, a week later, Jesus came back, just for Thomas, and showed him His hands and His side. Christ said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve but believe.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:27-28)

It is worth contemplating Jesus’s mercy toward Thomas. Thomas doubted; he wanted proof. In the Greek it is very abrupt, Thomas’s doubt is the equivalent of disbelieve or the opposite of belief. Sad, but many doubt the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, because of Thomas’s doubt, we get this wonderful example of our Lord’s patience and kindness toward one of His disciples. Jesus came back just for Thomas. He was not going to let one of His disciples, one of His flock, go astray. And Jesus doesn’t condemn him, He simply and patiently says to Thomas, “Look here, you want the proof, here it is! Look at My wounds, it is really Me, Thomas!” What an awesome thing our Lord did for Thomas. And Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29).

The same compassion that Christ showed to Thomas, He shows to us every Lord’s Day. I think especially of the Lord’s Supper, where see and touch the risen wounds of Christ in His true Body and Blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Even in our daily lives we can experience the love and compassion of Christ and how He is faithful to us, for time and again He shows Himself alive and reveals His power to us. His Word is true. He said He would rise again, and He did, and our lives are forever changed.

My wife and I, indeed, my whole family, are excited and happy and pray daily for the ministry of Grace/Deadwood and Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis. We have Christ, our living Lord, who is with us to redeem and to bless. The victory has been won! His living hand will lead us to the promised land. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

A Blessed Easter Season to you all

Pastor Hinckley and family

IN OUR PRAYERS



Gene Harms, Jeanine Harms, Jolene Young, June Kosola, Lavera Chord, Phyliss Beitelspacher, Sheila Derr, Al Ramero, Kelley Hoffmann, Brielle Trimble, Randy Wilson and his daughter, Darci, Dave Gross, Theresa Sinner, Kim Schlecht, Davey Dale, Lou Hampton, Doug Daniels with ongoing health issues.

Also for **Drake Sundstrom** who is currently at training for the US Army.

Home Visit Members: **Jane Andersen, Jeannine Jones, Al Ramero, Lois Sorenson, Fred Straub, Millie VanDerWerff, Arlene Gustafson.**

9 Ken Pickett
11 David Derr
27 Laurie Denke

29 Howie Albrecht
30 Justin Lux



Baptismal Birthdays

2 Kim Schlecht
5 Robbie VanSickle
17 Gene Harms



Anniversaries

6 Cal & Debbie Meredith
7 Colin & Kelley Cranny
11 Ken & Eileen Pickett



“We Care Program”

Don't forget to save your Lynn's receipts! Please put them in Gene Zurcher's box at Blessed, and in the black mailbox labeled “Lynn's Receipts” on the table at Grace, and Erin will pick those up each week to give to Gene. This is a great way to raise funds for our churches!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Grace Lutheran:
8:30am

Blessed Emmanuel:
10:30am

Maundy Thursday

Blessed Emmanuel:
5:00pm

Grace Lutheran:
7:00pm

Good Friday

Blessed Emmanuel:
5:00pm

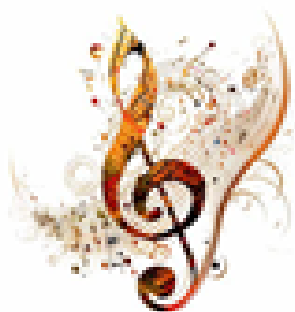
Grace Lutheran:
7:00pm

Easter

Grace Lutheran:
8:30am

Blessed Emmanuel:
10:30am

Blessed Emmanuel Goings On



Are you looking for a way to be more involved in the life of Blessed Emmanuel? Looking for *volunteers to play music on Sundays and for special services*. For more information see Sandy Dale.

Adult Bible Study every Wednesday
3:45pm and Sundays at **9:15am**.



Sign up to bring an Easter Lily or Easter flowers to decorate to altar. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can then take your plant home after Easter Sunday Worship Service!

Grace Lutheran Goings On



Volunteering at Feeding Deadwood.

On March 21, 2025, the winds blew in blessings to community members needing a little extra help. A few of Grace Lutheran Church congregational members helped in the distribution of food from Feeding South Dakota. There were about ten volunteers from the Deadwood community serving over 140 families. Many thankful residents! God always finds a way to care for His children in need.

Lenten Meals



There is a sign-up sheet to bring dinner on Wednesday night Lenten Worship Services.

Grace Lutheran is looking for volunteers to play music during Worship Services. Sign up today!




Adult Bible Study every
Wednesday at **2:00pm**



2025

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 *Holy Communion is celebrated 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at Grace and every Sunday at Blessed Emmanuel

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 Grace Bible Study 2:00pm Grace Dinner 5:30 Grace Lent Worship 7:00pm BELC Bible Study 3:45pm BELC Lent Worship 5:00pm | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent Grace Council Mtg 7:15am Grace Worship 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15am BELC Worship 10:30am BELC Confirmation 11:30am | 7 | 8 Grace LWML 9:00am | 9 Grace Bible Study 2:00pm Grace Dinner 5:30pm Grace Lent Worship 7:00pm BELC Bible Study 3:45pm BELC Lent Worship 5:00pm | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Palm Sunday Grace Worship 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15am BELC Worship 10:30am BELC Council Mtg 11:30am BELC Confirmation 11:30am | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Maundy Thursday 5:00pm Service at Blessed Emmanuel 7:00pm Service at Grace Lutheran | 18 Good Friday 5:00pm Service at Blessed Emmanuel 7:00pm Service at Grace Lutheran | 19 |
| 20 Easter Grace Worship 8:30am BELC Worship 10:30am | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 178th Anniversary of LCMS  |
| 27 Second Sunday of Easter Grace Worship 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15am BELC Worship 10:30am BELC Fellowship 11:30am BELC LWML 12:30pm | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

LCMS April Bible Verse Challenge

Week of April 6, 2025 *Galatians 6:14*

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Week of April 13, 2025 *Romans 5:8*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Week of April 20, 2025 *Job 19:25-27*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Week of April 27, 2025 *Romans 6:8-9*

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

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