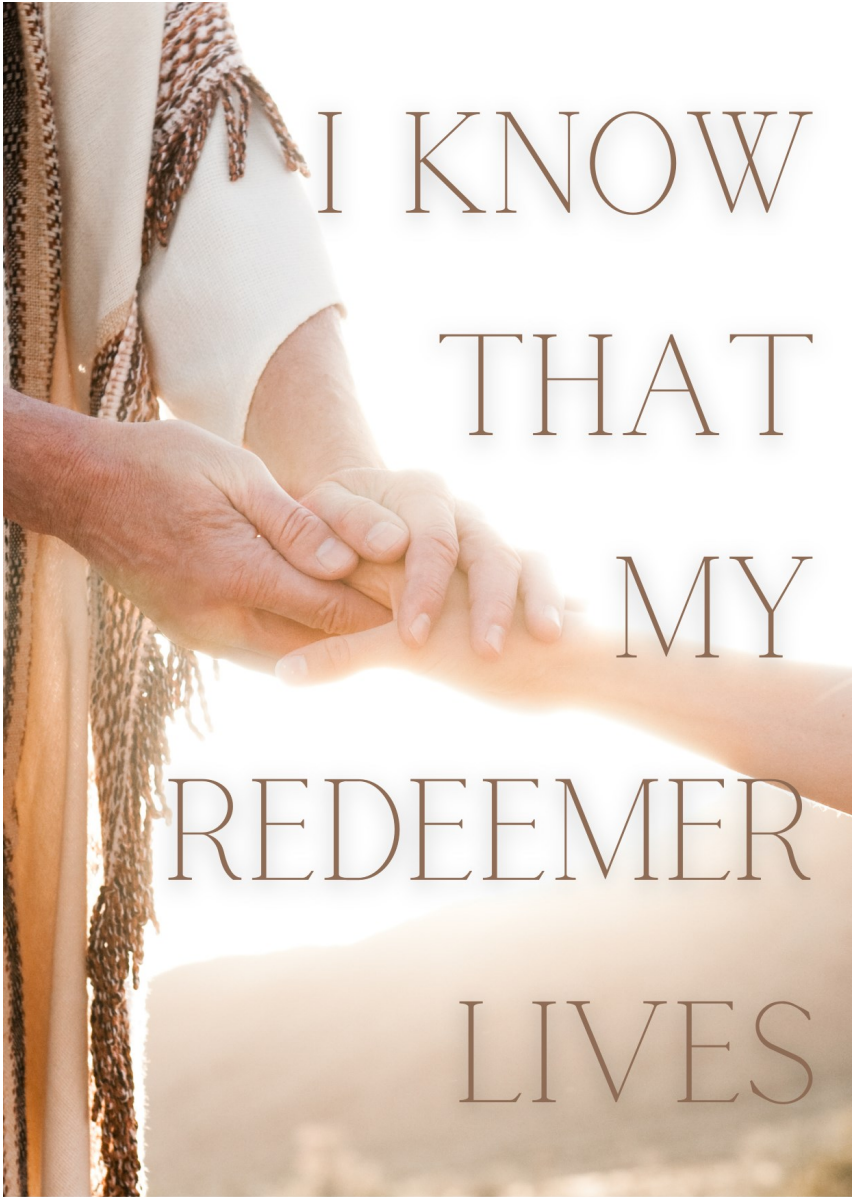


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I KNOW
THAT
MY
REDEEMER
LIVES

Easter Festival



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

THEME OF THE DAY: Studies have shown that most people fear death to some degree. One of the biggest reasons people fear death is the perception of its permanency. Today, Christ proves to us that death is not final at all! Just as Christ rose, "so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). That changes everything: the way we grieve the death of a Christian loved one. The way we feel when our health fails. The way we look at the purpose of life right now. Let us rejoice in this resurrection reality: All will be made alive!

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Since Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, we know the reality of his identity and victory and we know the reality of his promise. Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Jesus' resurrection brings eternal life and eternal hope. The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE AT EASTER: This candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. Its size symbolizes the mighty Victor over death and sin. Usually located at the Baptismal font, it is lighted at every baptism, for "*we are buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*" (Romans 6:4) It is also lit for Christian funerals to show the close connection between Christ's resurrection and the Christian's resurrection to life eternal.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Keyboard: Luke Dorn
Choir Director: Luke Dorn Handbell Director: Jessie Wolfe

Order of Worship



Easter Acclamation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: Where, O death, is your victory?

C: **Where, O death, is your sting?**

M: Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again.

C: **Death no longer has mastery over him.**

M: Our Savior has promised us, "Because I live, you also will live."

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

ALL: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us worship him!

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

The congregation sings with handbells and choir. Follow the directors to know when to sing each stanza.

All Sing: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Women: Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.

Men: Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end.

All Sing: Then praise we God the Father, And praise we Christ the Son,
With them the Holy Spirit, Eternal Three in One;
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan’s power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font at the gam service.

(9am) Sacrament of Baptism

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”*

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

M: Axtyn Barrett Stewart, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

(9am) Exhortation to Parents & Congregation

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Axtyn and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Axtyn as your own child and made him a member of Christ’s body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

CW 471 sts. 1-2



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Job 19:23-27

By faith, Job knew that because the redeemer lives, even though Job would die and his body would decay, he would see his God with his own eyes in the resurrection.

²³“Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ gives us hope in this life. But Christ's resurrection gives us hope also for the eternal life that is to come.

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

By Donal Fishel

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, shout for joy loud and long;
Alleluia, alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.
Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to the Savior. *Refrain*

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Early Easter morning, angels announce that Christ is not dead, but alive, just as he said it would be.

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441

Verses 1-2: All

Verse 5: All

Verse 7: Men

Verses 3: Women

Verse 6: Women

Verse 8: All

Verse 4: Men



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sermon

Based on Luke 24:1-12

"Death is NOT the end!"

Hymn: In Christ Alone

CW 510



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Handbell Offertory

Easter Exaltation

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: Father in heaven, you raised Your Son Jesus Christ from the dead as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Fill all your baptized people with the joy of his victory, and send us forth as witnesses to his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lover of mankind, prosper your Gospel wherever it is preached throughout the world, that it may give and sustain faith in all who hear it, delivering them from the power of darkness and bringing them into the joyful kingdom of your risen Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord of glory, your Son established your Church to be a refuge of peace in a troubled world. Raise up servants of your Church in every place who will devote their lives to the spread of the Gospel and the service of your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Rock of refuge in every time of need, hear the prayers of those who call upon you in times of distress, especially those who are lonely and homebound, the sick, the dying, and the mourning. May your Son ever be for them their joy in sorrow, their health in sickness, and their life in death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: God of the living, receive our thanks this day for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fellowship and who now rest from their labors. Bring us by your grace to share with them in the triumph of your resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

Easter Blessing

M: The events and victory of this Easter Day happened for you! Christ is risen and with that he has brought you life and forgiveness; and he gives you purpose, peace, and hope. May these truths guide you and be a blessing to you. Go and live each day in that victorious joy!

C: **Amen**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

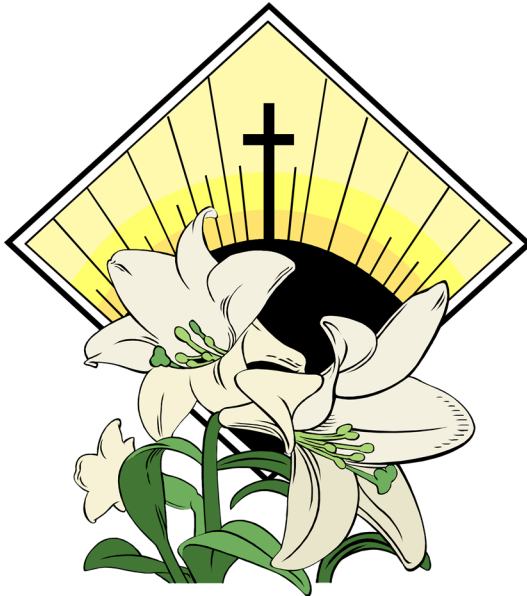


Easter Fellowship & Celebration

All are invited to enjoy breakfast and fellowship downstairs between 8 and 10:30am. Bible study and Sunday JAM for kids will return next Sunday.

Easter Flowers on the Altar are placed in memory of...

Gary Campbell	Tom & Dorothy Gerson	Darlene Zolldan
Gilbert & Rosella Ecker	Walter Bremer	Douglas Lange
Tracy & Ella Berdan	George & Adeline Light	John & Ella Mardaus
Kay Berdan	Robert & Delores Splieth	Schultz Family
Duane Palmberg	Alice Gatzke	Eliana Eudora Shah
Luella Jozwiak	Brenda Ross	Callum Fitzgerald
John Falck,	George Mackler	Faylee Fitzgerald
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Paul & Bernice Roth	Burdette & Darlene Vrieze	Robert Raasch
Connie Sweeney	Richard Kerr	Anna Rogotzke
LeRoy & Nancy Kaminski	Maynard Ask	Knute Lewis
Howard & Pearl Elder	Alfred & Johanna Stoller	Dave Genter
Franklin & Verna	Kent Hadrits	Carl & Emma Bourman
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Charles & Amanda Dahlke	Darroll Thompson	Alberta Childs
David Richert	Susan Carney	Friends gone too soon
Lyle Doerr	Bill & Lois Polzin	
Emma & Wilbert Miller	Barbara Lange	
Sue Galler	Marietta & Harold Lange	
John & Arlene Cromien	Helena & Adolf Lange	



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

For our guests

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

For those with young children

We love to see families worship together, and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, on the wall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome, too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

