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The Resurrection of Our Lord

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**



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Resurrection Sunday

17 April 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Jeremiah 31:1–6 / Colossians 3:1–4 / John 20:1–18

Sermon Title: Mary Magdalene

Sermon Text: John 20.1-18

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ.” (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

When I say the word *orchestra*, you probably picture woodwinds, brass, and strings. But one orchestra is made up of kids who play instruments made out of trash. It’s called the “Recycled Orchestra of Cateura” (in Paraguay). Cateura is not really a town. It’s actually a slum built on a huge landfill.

Every day, about three million pounds of waste is dumped in Cateura. Many families eke out their existence by scavenging trash from the landfill to resell, and kids get pulled out of school to help. “To be honest,” violinist Noelia, age 16, said, “there was nothing in Cateura. What there was most was drugs.” Her violin, like many in the orchestra, is made out of cans, wooden spoons, and bent forks. One of the ensemble’s cellos uses an oil drum. Another teenager plays a saxophone made out of a drainpipe, melted copper, coins, spoon handles, cans, and bottle caps.

Several years ago, a short video was made. The hope was to raise \$175,000 to make a full-length documentary. Not only did they raise the money, but also the video went viral. Since then, the Recycled Orchestra has performed all over the world. The group plays Mozart, Paraguayan folk music, even Frank Sinatra.

God makes music with misfits. That’s what Easter is all about! *God loves to make music with misfits!* I’m a misfit. You’re a misfit. We’re all misfits! We all fall short of God’s will and ways. But fellow misfits, it’s time to make music!

What do I mean? The biblical orchestra is made up of the most unlikely musicians. Peter is a first-chair trumpeter. He denied Christ—three times! Paul plays the violin. But there was a time when Paul played a religious thug and persecuted Christians. And the guy on the harp? That would be David. Womanizing, bloodthirsty—yet repentant David. Today, on this Resurrection Day, we add

another person to the misfits who make music. Her name is Mary—Mary Magdalene.

Mary begins as a mess. “*Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out*” (Luke 8:2). There are five Marys in the New Testament, which is why this one is identified with “Magdalene.” Magdalene isn’t her last name. Magdalene refers to her hometown—a little fishing village on the northwest coast of the Sea of Galilee called Magdala.

Luke tells us that Mary had been demon possessed—with seven demons, the biblical number for a complete set. Can you imagine being that messed up?

Here’s how it happens. Compulsion to prove. We begin a job or a task or a class with high hopes and high endeavor. “I’ll show them! I’ll be the best!” Intensity. We arrive early. We stay late. We give it *all* we’ve got. Subtle deprivations. To keep going, we begin to deprive ourselves. Maybe we stop exercising, stop getting enough sleep, or stop reading our Bible and attending church. We pick up bad eating habits. “More donuts will do the trick!” Distorted thinking. We tell ourselves, “Things will get better *after* I finish this project.” “I’ll get back on track with my family *after* tax season or *after* this business trip.” Heightened denial. People close to us begin to see what we can’t see. We have less joy in a hobby, in a sport, or in life in general. We’re often tired. We begin watching too much TV.

Disengagement. Life becomes a checklist of things to do. One thing after another. We live for vacation, and then vacation never lasts long enough. Observable behavior changes. People who *don’t* know us see that something is wrong. Our survival strategies become unhealthy: too much internet, too much eating, too much sleeping, too much shopping, too much caffeine. Depersonalization. We become robotic. We just go through the motions. We play the part, we put on a face, but we’ve got nothing left in the tank. *We hit rock bottom*. We internalize everything. We talk to no one. And we feel as though we’ve got at least seven demons.

We can all get in a mess like Mary. We can all get down, depressed, and hit rock bottom. Did you know that 20 percent of all people on disability are on it because of severe depression? Did you know that, despite being the richest nation on earth, the United States is, according to the World Health Organization, also the most depressed nation on earth? Did you know that in the last decade, depression among American teenagers has increased 200 percent?

For many years, the Chevy Nova was a successful American car. But the Nova didn’t sell well in Mexico. For a long time, there was an urban myth that it was because in Spanish the word Nova means “no go.” And though this myth is used as an example of marketing folly, it sums up life sometimes, doesn’t it? *No va*. No go! We hit rock bottom with no way up. *No va*. No go. That’s Mary’s mess and ours as well. And music? *Music*? We have no song to sing!

Mary was down, but her Messiah had lifted her up! Jesus lifted Mary up from her pit of seven

demons. That's why Mary Magdalene follows Jesus all the way to the cross to watch her Savior bleed and die.

Mary's Messiah is your Messiah too. His face is caked with spit and blood. His throat is so dry He can't swallow. His voice is so hoarse He can scarcely speak. To find the last time moisture touched His lips, we need to rewind the clock twelve hours to the meal in the Upper Room. Since drinking from the Passover cup, Jesus has been betrayed, condemned, mocked, beaten, and crucified. No liquid has quenched His thirst. The Savior has no song to sing!

That's how things stand just before dawn on Sunday. There had been so much hope, so much promise. But now, it had all come to what? Nothing! *Nothing!* The famous Rabbi? Dead. His disciples? In hiding. Other followers? Scattered. One—Judas Iscariot—has even killed himself.

Mary Magdalene gets up early on Sunday to anoint Christ's dead body. But the body isn't in the tomb! Mary breaks out crying. She tells her story, first to Peter and John, and then to the angels, and now, for a third time, to a man she thinks is the gardener. "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away" (John 20:15).

"Mary." The voice is unmistakable. "Mary." No one ever said her name with such tenderness. "Mary." She looks up and, in sudden recognition, cries out, "*Rabboni!*" It's Jesus. *It's Jesus!* He's not dead. He is risen from the grave. He's alive. *Christ is alive!*

Emotions flood Mary's heart—can you imagine?—as she transitions from the depths of grief and sorrow to the heights of ecstasy and joy. Just when it appeared as though it was all over—to the shock and surprise of everyone—the Father raised Jesus bodily from the dead. Mary's song—better, *her symphony of celebration*—commences with great joy!

Mary's music is a five-word song: "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). "Lord" isn't just a polite way of talking about Jesus, like "Sir" or "Mister." With "Lord," Mary is saying, "I have seen God, the King of the universe." "I have seen the One through whom and for whom all things were made." "I've seen the One who is coming again, riding on the clouds, as King of kings and Lord of lords!" That's why Thomas's parallel confession, in John 20:28, has these words: "*My Lord and my God!*"

What's it all mean? It means that there's more to our lives than what we think. It means that there's more to our story than what we see. It means that there's more than just death and taxes. Christ's resurrection means that, just like Mary Magdalene, we have a song to sing!

Remember? *God loves to make music with misfits!* It's time, it's high time, for all of us misfits to make some music! I'll take the tuba. You take the trombone. You take the tambourine! And you? What instrument will you play today?

One thing's for sure. We have a song to sing! And we sing it with our lips and with our lives. What's the song called? Our song has six words? What are they? *I know that my Redeemer lives!* Amen.

The peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

MARY MAGDALENE

John 20:1–18

One of John's themes in his Gospel is seeing Jesus. He states, "We have seen His glory" (John 1:14). John doesn't say, "We glanced. We glimpsed." John doesn't say, "We previewed. We peeked." John doesn't stand at the back of the room or listen to someone describe Jesus. John pulls out his bifocals and his binoculars. John gets out his telescope and his microscope. John focuses and fixes his eyes. John *sees* Jesus.

AND WITH THAT, THE REST OF THE GOSPEL IS SATURATED WITH THE IDEA OF SEEING JESUS. IN JOHN 1:29, JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMS, "BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!" IN JOHN 1:46, PHILIP INVITES NATHANAEAL TO JESUS WITH THESE WORDS, "COME AND SEE." THE SAMARITAN WOMAN INVITES THE TOWNSPEOPLE IN JOHN 4:29, "COME, SEE A MAN WHO TOLD ME ALL THAT I EVER DID." THE MAN BORN BLIND MAN IN JOHN 9:25 CONFESSES, "I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE." ON PALM SUNDAY, JOHN 12:15 ANNOUNCES, "BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING." ON THAT SAME DAY, SOME GREEKS COME TO PHILIP AND SAY, "SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS" (JOHN 12:21). NOW, ON EASTER MORNING, MARY IS BESIDE HERSELF WHEN SHE SAYS, "I HAVE SEEN THE LORD" (JOHN 20:18).

SERMON RESOURCES

Romanus Melodus writes:

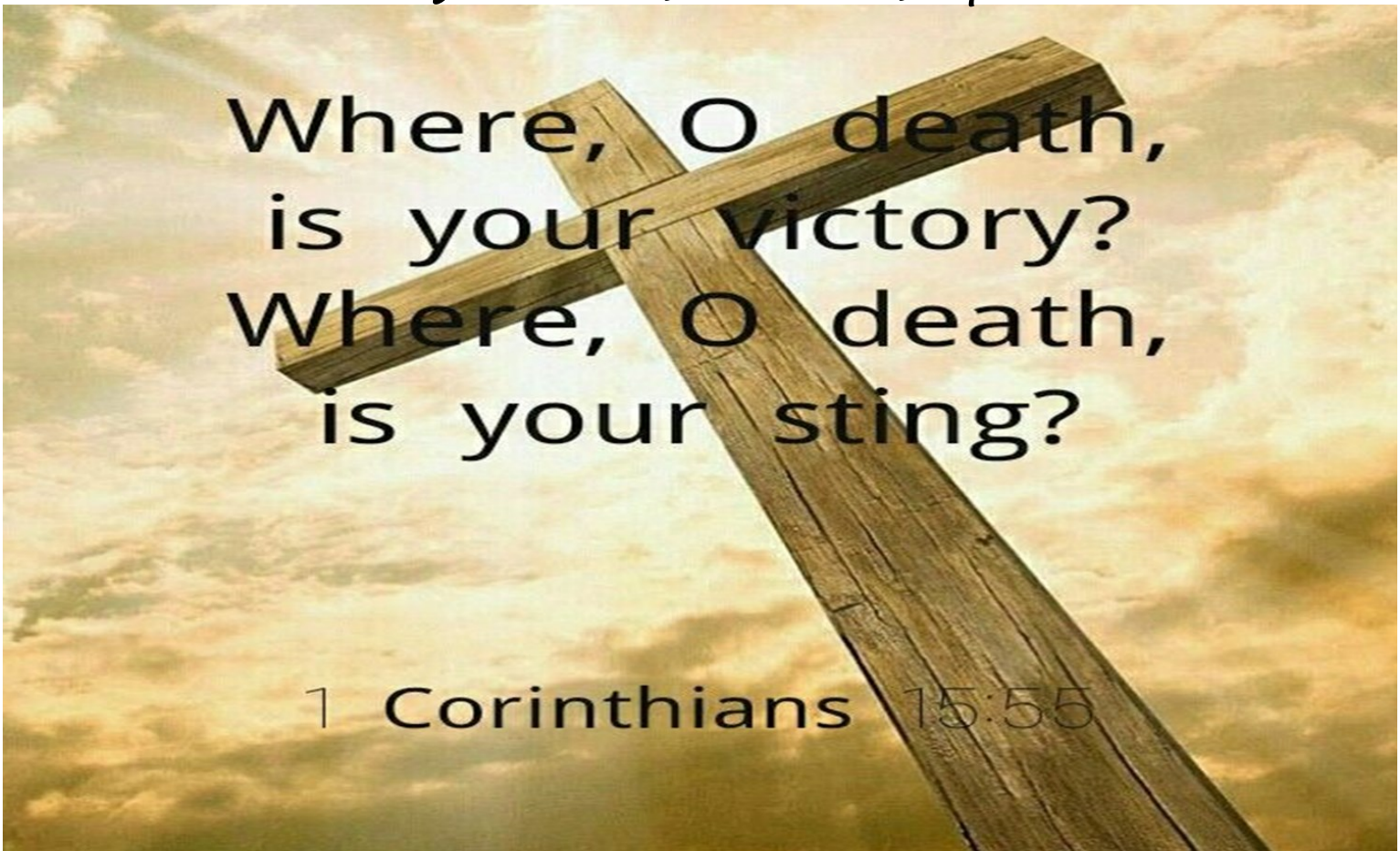
He who searches the hearts and reins and watches over them, knowing that Mary would recognize His voice. Like a shepherd, called His crying lamb, saying, "Mary." She at once recognized Him and spoke: "Surely my wonderful shepherd calls me; in order that from this time forward He may number me among the nine and ninety lambs." (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, John 11–21*, 346)

For fifty-one years, Bob Edens was blind. Bob couldn't see a thing. But Bob Edens graduated from Furman University, got married, had a daughter, and even coached Little League baseball. Through it all, Bob Edens was blind. He felt his way through five decades of darkness.

Then, he could see! Bob Edens could see! A surgeon repaired a detached retina and performed a corneal transplant. For the first time in his life, Bob Edens could see! He found it overwhelming. "I never would have dreamed that yellow was so . . . so yellow. I can see the shape of the moon. I like nothing better than seeing a jet plane flying across the sky leaving a vapor trail. And of course, sunrises and sunsets. Those are my favorite colors—orange and red."

Let's be honest. We all suffer from some kind of blindness. Just because we witness a rainbow a thousand times doesn't mean we really see its beauty. We can plant a garden and fail to see the splendor of its flowers. And we can attend church in our Easter best, sing the hymns, feel faithful and festive, and still never see Him. Him? That would be *Jesus*.

LCMS Memory verse of: Week of April 17, 2022

A wooden cross is positioned diagonally across the frame, set against a background of a bright, cloudy sky. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. Overlaid on the cross is the text of the memory verse.

Where, O death,
is your victory?
Where, O death,
is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:55

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voters Meeting to be held on 04-24-2022 after the Worship Service.

Nominees for Office, April 2022 Election

President: Mark Witzel, running for re-election

Vice-President: No One

Head Elder: Ryan Paulsen

Financial Secretary: Dawn Paulsen, running for re-election, second term

Director, Christian Ed: Marla Hogan, running for re-election, second term

Director, Youth Ministry: Sarah Schmidt, running for election, first time.

BUSY BAGS for 1-4 yr. old's 5 yrs. and up they will contain some age appropriate books, color pages, paper, puzzles, possibly memory cards. Not all at once of course. Please enjoy, but take care of the bags and items inside. Return all bags in the box and return all items back in the bag. Color pages and paper can all be taken home.

PICK A HYMN: If you have a favorite hymn you would like to hear please contact the church. We will try to play your choice at service. Going into the Easter season feel free to chose from the Easter hymns

Please Reminder: Only Spring and Summer clothes will be accepted now. When you bring clothes for Finders Keepers no boxes, only clean clothes no tore or stained clothing please. Thank you. Remember proceeds go to our church.

LWML Zone Rally is Wednesday, April 20 at Ida Grove St. Paul. Registration and meal begins at 4:45 pm. Program begins at 5:00 pm. Speaker is Dr. Steve Meyer from Sioux City. He takes mission trips to Tanzania and is the one responsible for bringing to the US for surgeries, the 3 girls who survived the bus tragedy over there a few years ago. Anyone interested - call Zola and we can set up rides. (881-2395)

April 25th – April 30th Pastor Peitsch will be on call his phone number is (515) 570-8078 and May 1st will be Pastor LaBoube's last day with us. Please pray for him and his family.



Please Give the office a call

Before going to hospital

Private communion

Address or name changes

Death in the family

Birth of your baby

Making wedding plans

<i>Elders</i>			
Easter Sunday	04-17-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	04-24-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Communion	05-01-22	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
	05-08-22	Leo Dose	712-880-0000
Communion	05-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-22-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
	05-29-22	Leo Dose	712-880-0000

<i>Lay Readers</i>			
Easter Sunday	04-17-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	04-24-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Communion	05-01-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	05-08-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Communion	05-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-22-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
	05-29-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775

<i>Screens</i>			
Easter Sunday	04-17-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	04-24-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Communion	05-01-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-08-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Communion	05-15-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	05-22-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-29-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

	<u>Week of Schedule 04-18 to 04-24</u>
Mon 18	Pastors Family Day
Tue 19	Circuit Pastor Meeting St. Paull, Midway; Trinity, Anthon
Wed 20	Helping Hands 1-4 pm
Sun 24	2nd Sun. of Easter services 9:30 am Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Dennis Muckey Sun. Sch. 10:45 am Bible Cl. 10:45 am

April

Beloved let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

<i>Altar Guild</i>	
Kay Johnson 881-2247	Carolyn Sexton 883-2312
Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095	

May

<i>Altar Guild</i>	
Rita LaFrentz 881-2078 840-9703	Inez Voss 712-882-9034
Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095	

In His Footsteps: God is our Light, let it shine bright to others and show them the way.

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Church offering 04-10-22	
Church offering 04-06-22	
Kid's offering 04-10-22	
Church attendance 04-06-22	26
Church attendance 04-10-22	66
Bible Class 04-10-22	NA
Sunday School 04-10-22	3



Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."



Romans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
 Alan Bruhn

Carol Dose
 Fred Fletcher

Myrna Gosch
 Fern Jacobsen

Selma Schrader

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Dis Reitz**, husband of Caroline ; friend of Kay Johnson. **Pam Clausen**, daughter of Fern Jacobsen; **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl; **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber;

Those who serve in the military:

Triston Twedt (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army at Ft. Lewis, WA

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming (wife and child are here). Ryan is at this address: Prince Sultan AFB, Saudia Arabia 378ECF-CEOIU Unit 61362 APO, AE 09877 (here for only 6 months)
His birthday is Feb 3, send him a card!

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo St Omaha, NE 68136

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann) PSC201 Box 6997 APO AE 09522

St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934
 Main Street Apartments
 516 Main Street Apt 2
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939
 31153 Juinter Ave.
 Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933
 815 Ring Street
 Mapleton IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928
 Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
 404 1st St.
 Battle Creek, IA 51006

Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934
 Sunrise Ave.
 Maple Heights Nursing Home
 51034

Myrna Gosch 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941
 Pleasant View Care Center
 200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
 Whiting, IA 51063

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929

21 Ohm Drive
 Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
 Sunrise Ave.
 Maple Heights Nursing Home
 51034

Our prayer List

Nazaria Kaderabek
 310 S. 6th St.
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Fern Jacobsen
 Main Street Apartments
 516 Main Street Apt 3
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn
 14535 Walnut Ave
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Sharon Kuehl Henning
 312 Highcroft
 Window MN 56101

Cecil, Fred Fletcher
 1225 B Ave.
 Danbury, IA 51019

*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace,
 Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control,
 Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded!*



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Worship time: Sunday



9:30am Worship Service

10:45 Bible Class

10:45 Sunday School

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS B
READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran**
Family Service: www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** [Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) [Camp](http://www.campokoboji.org)
[Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a
Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every
Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24
hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the
left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR** airs on the following stations every Sun
day: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm
Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** www.lofsiowa.org **MainStreet Living**— is a
Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broad
cast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.
The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a
modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.

*Dear Lord, keep this church under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and church that we may
be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the others of the earth. Grant that we may
choose trustworthy leaders to contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare and to serve You
faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*