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* “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”
* Luther’s morning prayer

“I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

* School – thanks to students and parents for their great work.
* Share your journey through this pandemic: [mbrandt@stlorenz.org](mailto:mbrandt@stlorenz.org) (Video or written)
  + How has God been using this in your life?
    - “It has refocused my days on what is truly important in my life.”
  + Share a Bible verse that has had special or new meaning for you. Add personal reflections.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

“It’s easy to trust in God, but what gets me is with all my heart. So when worries, fears, start to take over my thoughts . . . this verse brings me back to the right place. It’s not for me to worry, God’s got this in His hands, it is His plan.”

* NO April Voters meeting. It will be rescheduled for a later date, hopefully in early summer.
* What will worship look like the next few weekends? The first weekend back? After that?
  + How will we accommodate social distancing and balance that with desire of many to worship?
  + What hymns/praise songs would you like to sing?
* Easter sermon for today: “The Easter Effect” (Easter 2016) Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:53-57

* + Already: The Easter Effect is evident in our lives in many ways right now:
    - Fear/sorrow over death are lessened (not removed)
      * While death is still a horrible enemy, we know it is not the end
    - Satan’s power is weakened (not eliminated)
      * He can still accuse us, tempt us, lead us astray, but Christ gives us the power to resist him
  + Not yet: The Easter Effect will be fully realized when Christ returns.
    - Death will be destroyed (“swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:57)
      * “When the perishable has put on the perishable (on the Last Day) . . .

then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’”

* + - Satan’s power will be eliminated: he can’t touch us when we are with Christ in heaven!
* Worth repeating:
  + Tell someone about these broadcasts.
  + Remember that CrossRoads Christian counseling does telephone sessions.

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* + Tell someone about our Runners (or make use of them yourself). They will gladly:
    - Pick up groceries or prescriptions
    - Deliver a Portals of Prayer
    - Other pick-ups or deliveries as requested
    - Pick up offering envelope at your home and deliver to church office
* David Maier, our Michigan District President offers evening devotions on Michigan District, LCMS Facebook page.
  + “Hope is Here” at 7:00 pm every weekday evening
  + A hymn and brief devotion on a Scripture passage