

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 4/1 *He is Risen!*

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Traditional Worship
- 7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Until 10:15am-Dining Room/Room 122)
- 8:00 am Easter Celebration Worship
- 10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship

Monday 4/2 Church Office Closed / ELC Open

Red Letter Challenge Daily Readings begin today.

- 6:00 pm 20's/30's Small Group (Dining Room)

Tuesday 4/3 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

- 9:00 am VBS Director Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 4/4

- 9:30 am Motivated by More: Chair Fitness (Room 122)

Thursday 4/5 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 4/6

Saturday 4/7 Message: Red Letter Challenge - Being

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 4/8 Message: Red Letter Challenge - Being

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

GET YOUR COPY TODAY

RED LETTER
CHALLENGE



READING BEGINS APRIL 2ND!

WE WORSHIP...

Last Week in Worship: 823
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 800

...BETTER TOGETHER!

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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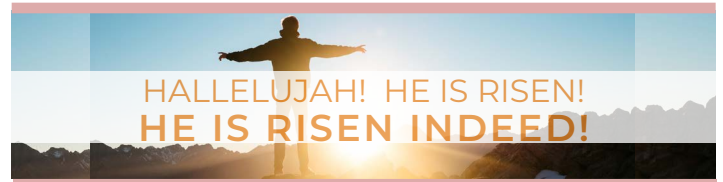
8:00AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG



Thought Before Worship

"Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present."

— N.T. Wright

Call to Worship

Glorious Day

Thine Be the Glory

Welcome & Easter Greeting

Invocation

Opening Praise

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
LSB #457 v. 1-4

Resurrecting

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb, and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing. Why must we continue in fear? Why must we be afraid of death even after its defeat? Yes, this is a glorious day of mirth and song, but forgive us when we are quick to forget its Good News. Help us be a people of resurrection not just on this day but all days. Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life that we might turn from sin and be renewed. Eliminate from us the fear of sin that we might tell this glad story - that Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed! This we pray in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. **THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.** He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36-48
Man of Sorrows

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Offering God Our Gifts *Death Was Arrested*
Our offerings, gifts and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

The Message
"Bring Your Doubt, Feel the Joy, Receive His Power"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Easter Blessing Hebrews 13:20-21
Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Celebration *Hallelujah Chorus*
You are invited to join us at the front to sing!
Music available at the entrance to the Sanctuary and at the front.

EASTER LILIES

If you placed an Easter Lily honoring a loved one, it can be picked up today following our 10:30am worship service.

MESSAGE NOTES DOUBT - JOY - POWER

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST TODAY
Breakfast is being served in the Dining Room and Room 122 from 7:30-10:15am.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE • Get Your Book Today
The Red Letter Challenge is coming to SPL! Book reading begins April 2nd. The series begins in worship April 7 & 8. Now is the time to get signed up for a small group (Meeting in homes) or one of the large groups which will meet at SPL - Saturday evening following 6pm worship, Sunday morning at 9:15am, and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Visit the RLC table in the Fellowship Area to pick up a copy of the book (suggested donation \$5.00) or to sign up today.

SPL MISSION: TEXAS • APPLY NOW - DEADLINE EXTENDED
A Serve fit for multiple generations - you can help bring restoration and renewal to the struggling community of Rockport, Texas, a place devastated by Hurricane Harvey several months ago. Travel with our SPL Mission Team this summer (July 14-21) - Sign up to join our team with Pastor Mark by APRIL 3rd. Connect with our SPL Mission Team group at <http://facebook.com/groups/SPLMission>

LSA DINNER AUCTION • April 14
Step back in time to vintage Hollywood and take on a starring role in "The Lion's Share" - this year's LSA Dinner Auction. Show your support for this ministry through the silent and live auction, and enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Tickets \$50 each - Contact LSA at 233-2001.

[If you would be interested in donating an auction item, please contact Susan Keane at the LSA at 233-2001 or skeane@lsadecatur.net.]

SPL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION • April 15
"Without our volunteers, we would be in pieces!" The Pastors and Staff of SPL invite all volunteers to gather on Sunday, April 15th following 10:30am worship for a special appreciation luncheon. Please RSVP by contacting Sarah Johnson at sarah@spldecatur.org or 423-6955 by April 9th.

SPL Elder Nominations • Return nominations by April 20
The Nominating Committee for the Board of Elders, under the leadership of Steve Zarndt, is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the Board of Elders for 2018-19. Please submit names of members who you feel would serve well by April 20th for consideration. (Final list of candidates will be presented in early May, prior to the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on May 20th.)

Women's Ministry

SPL WOMEN: BIBLE STUDY • Begins April 10
Women are invited to participate in a study of Ruth through "The Girl's Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Led by Maryel Nelson, the 6-week study will meet at 10:30am-Noon on Tuesdays in the Family Room at SPL beginning 4/10. Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG/WOMEN or through the Church Office at 423-6955.

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT • May 5
SPL Women's Ministry is hosting "Bloom Where You're Planted" on Saturday, May 5th at SPL, featuring Bethany Schuette (Keynote) and several breakout sessions. Childcare will be available. Watch for registration in the weeks ahead!

Children's Ministry

SPL KIDS (Classes resume April 7 & 8)
Worship: Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning (During Message Time): Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), 3 years-K (Rm 206), 1st-4th grade (Great Rm) 5th-6th Junior Leaders will leave with children (must have attended training)
Sunday Education (9:15am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH (Classes resume April 8)
All Youth Gr. 7 - 12: Meet Sundays at 9:15am in Room 122
Are you a fan of breakfast cereal and morning cartoons? Get ready for some "animated" fun on Sunday mornings - "Cartoons & Cereal" with Sara Trickey starting 4/8 at 9:15am (Room 122)! Come as you are and watch for info at <http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth> and on Instagram @SPLDecatur.

LSA REGISTRATION • For 2018-19
Register now for the 2018-19 school year at Lutheran School Association! NEW students receive 50% off tuition (K-12). Call 233-2001 or visit Isadecatur.net.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Savior! He is Risen!