



DSL CONNECTION

APRIL 2018

Divine Savior
Lutheran Church
405 Ingram Rd.
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9:00 AM
Sunday School
&
Bible Class

10:00 AM
Fellowship

10:30 AM
Divine Service

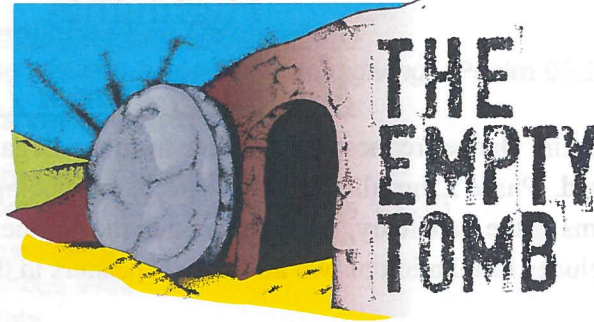
10:00 AM
Thursday Ladies
Bible Study

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Jacob was a quiet man who liked to dwell indoors. He was a Momma's boy, you might say. He knew how to cook and was known for his sharp mind. He was the opposite of his hairy twin brother, Esau, who was a hunter and a real man's man.

But one day, when he set his eyes on beautiful Rachel, it was as though quiet Jacob had turned into the incredible hulk. He had been on a long journey and came to a well. And there came beautiful Rachel with her father's thirsty sheep. She had come to give them water, but there was a very large stone on the well. So while Rachel waited for the usual bunch of shepherds to arrive and move the stone, Jacob summoned some hidden strength. He went and single-handedly rolled away the stone. Talk about impressing your lady! After laboring for fourteen years, he had her as his own.

As love stories in the Bible go, that's a great one. But it is not the greatest. In fact, it is only a foreshadowing of the greatest one, one that includes you. The one having to do with Christ and His Bride, God's favorite woman, the Church. The one about God desiring *you* as His Bride. But there was a very large problem—the very large stone at the door of the tomb. And our Lord seemed even weaker than Jacob. Dead, in fact. Dead and *buried* because of your sins.

Jesus, the Greater Jacob, wanted us so badly, loved us so much, that He summoned His hidden strength and came forth from the dark tomb. He directs His angel to roll away the stone, so that His dear Church might gaze in, rejoice, and be refreshed.

For you, your Jacob journeyed; for you, He suffered; for you, He labored and sweat and thirsted, as He hung on the cross in weakness, bearing the ugliness of your fallen soul. He worked His bones to death as He labored at the cross even to breathe.

And then it happened. He commanded that the very large stone be rolled back, that He might rise and send forth the Living Water of His Spirit, to wash you, cleanse you, re-create you, adorn you with His holiness, giving you a divine makeover that has made you into the most beautiful creature God ever set His eyes on. And He, too, found you at a well, the well of salvation, the font of Baptism, where God does all His beautifying work.

Come, Rachel, receive the kisses of our Jacob's grace in the Holy Word. Come, Church, beautify yourself in the full and free forgiveness bestowed on you in the Holy Absolution. Come, precious Bride of the King, receive the blood from His royal cup that saves you and perfects you in the Holy Supper. He gives you strength for your crosses, hope in difficulties, help in distress, and joy in a sad world. The very large stone is rolled away and the tomb of the Crucified King, who loves you, is empty indeed.



God's Blessings,
Pastor Wehmeyer