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# St. John's Lutheran Church

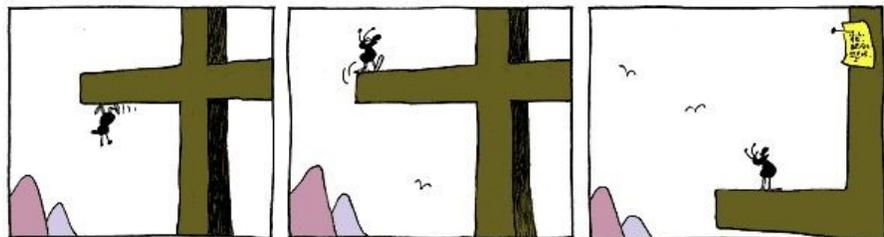
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To Proclaim the Gospel  
of Redemption through Jesus  
Christ:  
& Demonstrate God's Love  
to One Another,  
the Community & the World.



DID YOU KNOW PONTIUS PILATE WROTE "JESUS...THE KING OF THE JEWS" ON THE CROSS AT CALVARY, AND THE PRIESTS GOT REALLY MAD?  
SO WHAT DID HE DO?



I love these B.C. comic strips and hope (the fingers-crossed kind) that I'm not violating any laws by sharing them. Nevertheless...

You know the story of Easter well, but not everyone does. How, on that day we call Good Friday, Satan thought he had finally finished Jesus off. He had helped see Him nailed to a cross where He died...but that wasn't the end of the story. By God's grace and His love for us it would most certainly be continued!

That continuation takes place at the empty tomb where we are able to rejoice with Peter (below), celebrating the wondrous news that Jesus was NOT IN FACT dead—but alive! He had risen, and He is risen—for you and for me!

In that truth we are given hope that is eternal; just as Jesus and His promise are eternal! In His promise we know that when it comes our time to die our story won't end there. It will be continued—forever with Jesus. That is the promise He has given us! Which prompts us to once again join Peter in saying:



God's peace be with you...and have a most blessed April!

Pastor White

The Epistle for this coming Easter is from 1st Corinthians 15. It begins like this: *If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people to be most pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...*

The hope we are given in Jesus extends FAR beyond whatever this

life might hold. Hence, Paul speaks to the truth that what Jesus gives us is eternal! Therefore, if we hope for anything less than forever life with Jesus, we are to be greatly pitied. But, we know that we are not hoping in vain because Jesus has IN FACT, been raised from the dead! Christ is risen! Alleluia!