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April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 472 "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

Hymn of the Day: 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Distribution Hymn: 463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Distribution Hymn: 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

Distribution Hymn: 468 "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"

Closing Hymn: 469 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,

Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Pamela Poppe (hospitalized w/Covid-19)

Family of Eva Helms

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *Aaron Stuenkel, Andrew Tiemeyer, Tyler Ohlde, & John Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour duty April 18th & 25th - Claire Beikmann & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

- April 11** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
6:00 p.m. LYF Event (held at church)
- April 14** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek
- April 18** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- April 21** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek
- April 25** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
2:00 p.m. LWML Prayer Service at Zion, Linn

Announcements

- * Linn Lutheran 7th & 8th Grade students are selling trash bags as a fundraiser for their class field trip at the end of May. They are selling them April 7th-21st. Money should be collected when the order is taken. Please make checks payable to Linn Lutheran School. If you are interested, please contact a 7th or 8th grade student or call the school office at (785) 348-5792. Three different sizes are available:
 - * White - 15 gallon (tall kitchen) 65 bags per roll for \$12.00
 - * Yellow - 39 gallon 25 bags per roll for \$12.00
 - * Blue - 55 gallon (super-size) 16 bags per roll for \$12.00
- * St. John has \$20,808.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until July 15, 2021, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * In the April issue of the Lutheran Witness, the staff at our District office discussed their Confirmation verse and the meaning of it. Most of us have a Confirmation verse—do you know yours, and what does it mean to you? Also, we could review the "Rite of Confirmation" in our Lutheran Service Hymn Book, page 272.
- * Our LWML will be assembling backpacks (filled with toiletries, a Bible, and a Thrivent T-shirt) that will be given to kids when they enter the foster care system in Clay, Washington, and Marshall counties. LWML is asking the congregation for Bible donations (new or used) and toiletries (body wash, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb, & deodorant). The donations will be collected through April and distributed in May, which is foster care month. A suitcase will be placed in the parish hall for donations. We are also looking for volunteers to sew backpacks. Pre-cut material with easy straight stitching instructions are on a table in the parish hall. Thanks for your help.
- * **This week on KFuo.org**, study 1 Peter 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), finish 2 Thessalonians and begin 1 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 a.m. Renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFuo Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. Learn more at kfuo.org/sharathon!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit *(Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)*

Like newborn infants, Alle | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle | luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

I am the | Lord your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

¹ The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

Epistle Reading: *1 John 5:4-10*

⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31*

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

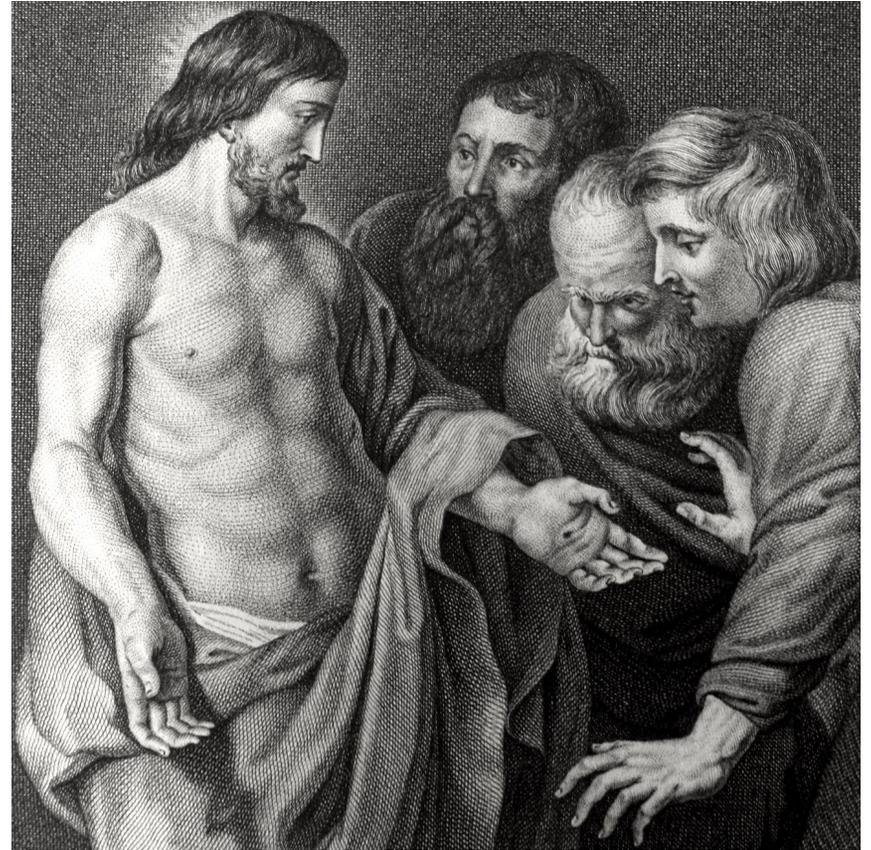
²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

As We Gather... The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *“Peace be with you.”* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *“Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:23).* His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (**Ezekiel 37:1–14**). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

“Peace Be With You.”



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