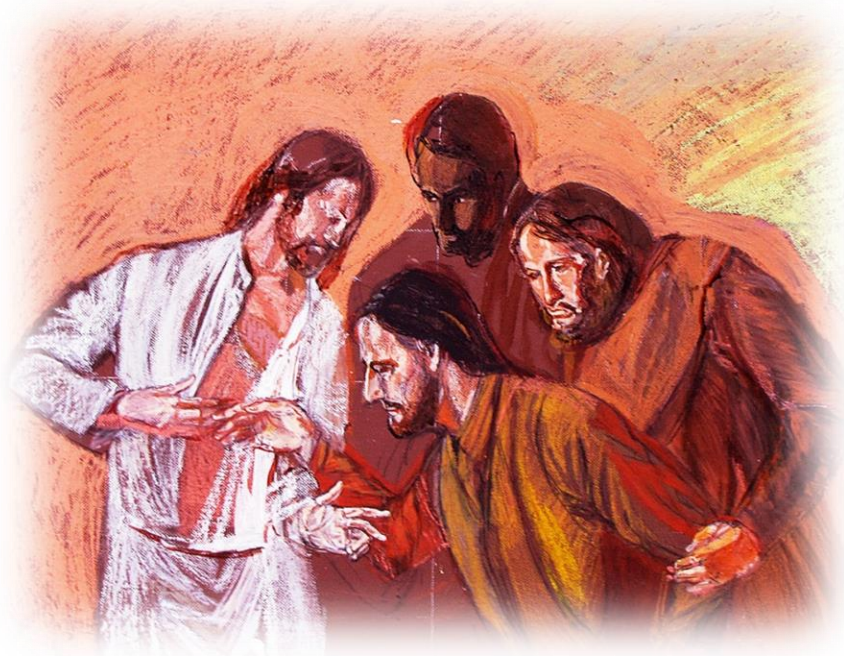




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April 24, 2022; 2nd Sunday of Easter



John 20:19-31

Prelude:

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

“All Hail, King Jesus”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar & the radio broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Thomas with prayers for the Ukrainian people

Music:

“There’s Power in the Blood”

St. John Christian Preschool

“Get Up, Get up”

So, get up, get up, get up and tell the world
Ya gotta get up, get up some people haven’t heard
That Jesus paid the price
So we could have eternal life
Get up, get up, get up and tell the world
Get up, get up, get up and tell the world
Ya gotta get up and tell the world, yeah

Gathering Hymn:

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

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Refrain:

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day, ev’ry tongue will confess You are God.

One day, ev’ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose you now. **Refrain**

Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high,

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I’m so glad you’re in my life,

I’m so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Read by Ann Prichard

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Hymn of the Day

“Cornerstone”

Video

The Creed

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please Keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers Dale Lamprecht Kathy Michael
James Grob Brandie McDonald Marilu Wohlers
Bill Hollar Carol Meader Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Kayla LaBarge

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Family of Dorothy "Bunny" Rodda Family of Sandra Link

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Offering Hymn

“We are an Offering”

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*Response

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For this is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives”

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1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv-ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no-ble song, cher-u-bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho-rus swell the strain which our fee-ble voic-es raise:

bright fore-run-ner to the skies of his peo-ple, yet to rise.
lives for-ev-er to be-stow bless-ings on his church be-low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic-tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic-tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o-bey.
Glo-ry to our God a-bove and on earth his peace and love!

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“To God Be the Glory” & “Blessing, Honor, Glory”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
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April 24 - May 1

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
Wednesday	Newsletter Deadline	
	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
		Last day of Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Parish Ed
	11:00 a.m.	Youth board

Wednesday Night "Last" Supper
5:00 p.m. - April 27:
Chicken casserole, cottage cheese, cake

After Worship Social Time
Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, **you can sign up on the chart in the Parish Hall.** What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you! Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

*Easter lilies were given to
St. John in memory of Kurt Wood
from Cal & Joyce Wood*

Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 in the Chapel
Each week we will be taking a closer look at the Bible readings for that Sunday. It's a chance to go deeper in the scriptures for that week and have conversation about them. We will NOT meet May 1st or May 15th.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast
Call the office at 641-228-3397 to sign up to sponsor Altar flowers &/or radio broadcasts in 2022. We have many radio dates open. Several of our members can only listen to the radio and do appreciate being "a part" of the service as a listening member.

Offering from the week of April 17, 2022

General Receipts	\$	14,981.47
Designated offering		180.00

General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.
Attendance: Easter: 4-17, 8:00 a.m. 132, 10:00 a.m., 336
Maundy Thursday: 101, Good Friday: 89

Building & Grounds Spring Cleanup Day will be May 14th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and other cleanup tools to help cleanup the parking lot and the grassy areas around the church!

St. John T-Shirts

The Youth Board is selling St. John T-shirts! \$12 for Youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. They are bright blue, short-sleeve t-shirts with the St. John logo in white on the front. Pick up an order form on the bulletin board outside Laurie's office, fill it out, and turn it in to Laurie or Kathy by May 11, 2022.

Payment is due when placing the order. Profits from this sale will go to the Youth Board. We will let you know when t-shirts arrive and can be picked up at St. John.



Save the Date!!!

As part of our 150th anniversary celebration, on May 15 we will be celebrating former pastors, visitation pastors, interns, and Son's of the Ministry from our congregation. There will be at least two former pastors there with a possibility of more. There will be a coffee reception for them after the service. We hope many people will attend.

We will also be remembering the 1968 Tornado since that was May 15, 54 years ago. We plan on a presentation of pictures and video from the time and a reading of Pastor Trost's remembrances of that date and the weeks after. A very interesting manuscript.

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

The Helping Hands committee is ready, willing, and able to help run errands, do minor household help, and provide transportation. If you need any of these services, please call Kathy at the church office during regular business hours. Someone will contact you within 48 hours of receiving the message to make arrangements to help.

Blessing Box Donations, we need items to fill the Box! Suggested items are anything shelf-stable (non-perishable) **food and non-food items. Donated items can be put directly in the little food pantry outside the East door.**

April Council Highlights:

- Implemented additional documents to pair with the Employee Handbook. Staff and Pastor Growth and Evaluation plans were approved and will be used in collaboration with Pastors, Staff, and Supervisors on a yearly basis to create growth plans and meet evaluatory requirements laid out in the handbook.
- Heard updates from 150th Anniversary committee, with reminder to mark your calendars for special presentation for former pastors on Sunday, May 15th during service followed by coffee and treats.
- Continued discussion on installing an elevator in the church, due to high costs of an elevator, we have shifted our focus to a lift system. Examples of possible life systems were presented, and estimates will be gathered for further discussion at the May Council Meeting.
- Donated our Monthly Benevolence to Lutheran Alliance Fund for those being affected by war in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.
- We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in becoming our Synod voting members and attending a two-day event at Wartburg College on June 10th-11th. They ask each congregation to send preferably one male and one female representative. If you are interested in attending, please call Kathy at the office to express interest. Thank you for considering!

Thank you and please let us know if you have any thoughts, questions, concerns, etc.
-St. John Lutheran Church Council