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John 20:19, NRSV

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Weekend of Easter

April 10th and 11th



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**WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING HYMN

CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is risen, sing alleluia.
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Open wide the door is standing.
From the grave new life is springing.
He was dead, now he's living. Alleluia, Alleluia!

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Leader: Most merciful God,

ALL: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire for-

givenness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to

them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN

AMAZING LOVE

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted. You were condemned
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit lives within me,
because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted. You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit lives within me
Because You died and rose again.

(Chorus)

**Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You..in all I do..I honor You.**

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted. You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit lives within me.
Because You died and rose again. **CHORUS**

You...are my king...You are my King...Jesus..You are my King
Jesus..You are my King

CHORUS x 2

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Leader: You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

Leader: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. God of life, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah Declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your ser-vant, Mo-ses Righ-tous-ness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the de-sert, cry-ing Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Refrain

Behold he comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
So lift your voice ... it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of your ser-vent, Da-vid Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the har-vest The fields are as white in your world.
And we are the la-bor-ers in your vine-yard Declaring the word of the Lord.

Refrain

There is no God like Jehovah ... **(repeat several times)**

Refrain (2 times)

Who... was... and Who is ... and Who is ... to come (repeat 4 times).

DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Go in peace. Share the good news.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Our Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Tues: Blankets 9:00 AM
Thurs: Council 7pm
Sat: Worship 5:00 PM
Sun: Sunday School 8:30am
Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

In our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns
Phyllis Parks– medical concerns
Jeff Wheeler– medical concerns
Becky Tank– medical concerns
Carol White– medical concerns
Dave Whitty– medical concerns



Alter Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of my mother, Freda Arlene Lowe. Born April 13th, 1924 in Northumberland, Pennsylvania. Died April 3rd, 2008 at

CAT AND DOG FOOD DRIVE!



Christian Community Life is putting on a drive to collect cat and dog food, treats, or kitty litter for seniors who could use a little help with their animals.

If you can help please drop off items at St John Church or Genoa Jewelers.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

VIRTUAL LECTORS NEEDED

There are spots to fill in the month of April.

If you are willing to record yourself reading, please contact Pastor O'Brien and he will send you a lesson and some basic instructions.

Scholarships!

Scholarships for the 2021-2022 are now being accepted!

Application deadline is April 30th.
Please see the website for more details.

