



*"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."*

John 20:21. NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Second weekend of Easter
Saturday April 23rd, 2022 * 5:00 PM



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING SONG

Christ is Risen

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

WE CONFESS OUR DOUBTING HEARTS

Jesus, we have often acted like your disciples. We are afraid to believe you, ashamed of our lack of conviction, and frozen by our indecision. We fail to see the evidence of your great love for us, and we constantly ask you to provide more proof. Loving Savior, forgive our doubt. Forgive us when we forget how you died a criminal's death to free us from the bonds of sin and evil. Help us to live every day in the freedom and love of Easter. Hear us, Jesus. (A time of silence to ask God to forgive our sins.)

Time for silent reflection

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S NEVER-ENDING LOVE!

Leader: People of God, on the cross our Lord Jesus Christ has defeated death and has given us new life. The glory of Easter is reflected in the way that God shows us love. You and I are called to reflect the love of the Savior to those around us. God calls us to pray without ceasing, to love each other in confidence, and to share and make good use of our gifts. People of God, hear the good news of the Gospel...God loves us, God cares deeply for each of us, and God will not leave us alone. Praise God for never-ending love!

ALL: AMEN

FIRST READING**Acts 5:27-32**

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

SECOND READING**Revelation 1:4-8**

John 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, and 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.

Look! 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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

ALL: I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love. I believe God created me and all I have, and has given me gifts beyond measure. I have faith in Jesus, who emptied himself out of great love for me. I believe Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine and his resurrection is mine. New life is a gift because of Jesus' words and work. I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love. I believe the Holy Spirit is present among us and lives within each person. The Spirit calls people through the Gospel and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit, I have power to stand in strength against all adversity. I believe Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take me to be with him. Amen

PRAYERS

Leader: God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Living God,

All: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG

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.**

Lord 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

COMMUNION

Leader: We are resurrection people!

All: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us.

Leader: We are Easter people!

All: Just as we share his death - we share his life. We, too, will be raised from death to life.

Leader: We are Good News people!

All: The body and blood of Jesus is a very real presence among us. We come to the table to find forgiveness, healing, and acceptance.

Leader: Our Lord, on the night when he was betrayed took bread, gave thanks, broke it and give it to his disciples saying, "Take this bread and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me." And in a similar manner he took a cup filled with fruit of the vine and after giving thanks he shared it with his disciples saying: "Drink of it, all of you, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Given for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me!" Following our Lord's command and responding to our need for forgiveness, we come!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Jesus Is the Answer

If you have some questions in the corner of your mind,
traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find,
reflections of the past seem to face you every day,
but this one thing I do know- Jesus is the way.

Refrain

Jesus is the answer for the world today.
Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.
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I know you've got mountains that you think you cannot climb.
I know your skies are dark, you think the sun won't shine.
In case you don't know that the Word of God is true,
and everything He's promised He will do for you. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM
Tues: Blankets 9 AM
Wed: McDonalds 7 AM
Sat: Family Movie 1pm
Worship 5 PM
Sun: Sunday School 830 AM
Worship 945 AM

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns
Marilyn Sandrock– medical concerns
Mark Haeft– medical concerns
Carolyn Lassetter– medical concerns
Cindy Hartman– medical concerns
Shirley Crosskill– medical concerns

Serving This Week

Lector: Kimberly Sommers
Ushers: Jack Mathews
Acolyte: Benjamin Sommers



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar are given to the Glory of God, in celebration of the anniversary of Isabella Wildman's baptism and given by Scott and Kristina Wildman.

WELCA MEETINGS

Esther Circle
Tuesday, May 10 - 2:00 p.m. in Social Hall

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help, please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers through May. If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need cereal and canned vegetables. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church. Thank you!



Join us for a free, fun filled afternoon as we gather for
Family Movie Time!
 Now Showing:

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Who: Everyone! Bring family, bring a friend, bring a neighbor

What: A family friendly movie, candy, popcorn, beverages

When: Saturday, April 30, 2022 1:00PM

Where: St John Lutheran Church, Social Hall

Bring a chair / pillow / blanket / anything to sit on
 (we will have the standard chairs if you do not wish to bring something)

**YOUTH
FUNDRAISER**

Let's TACO 'Bout A

GREAT CAUSE!

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

After service approximate 5:45

**INCLUDES ALL YOU CAN EAT
TACO/NACHO BAR, DRINKS & DESSERTS**

St. John Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

\$10 Per Person

Authentic Mexican dishes including
Tamales, Spanish Rice, Carnitas
Churros and Desserts

Carry Out Available

Olé! Olé!

Proceeds will be used for
future Youth Gatherings
Mission Trips and Programs