



JOHN 21:7

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church

Third weekend of Easter

Saturday April 30th 2022



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING SONG

We Bow Down

You are Lord of Creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time.
And Lord of all lords you will be.

Refrain

**We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
Lord of all lords you will be.**

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 9:1-6**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

SECOND READING**Revelation 5:11-14**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

GOSPEL**John 21:1-19**

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
My Redeemer, My Redeemer, My Redeemer, My Redeemer, My Redeemer

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.
Go and tell Gospel news everywhere. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today to bring truth and love to every nation.
(Repeat)

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: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Sunday School 830 AM

Worship 945 AM

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandroock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Alvin Cutcher- medical concerns

Jessica Wolfe- medical concerns

Serving This Week

Lector:

Ushers: Jack Mathews

Acolyte: Lily Sondergeld

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!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The updated 2022 church directory is now available for pick up at the front and back of the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

NOISY OFFERING

We will be having a Noisy Offering on Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd to help offset VBS costs.

VBS 2022 Spark Studios will be June 6-10! Pre-registration for kids will come soon, but we need adult, young adult, and teen helpers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Stefanie Neuman at 419-705-9926 or email at stefaniehneuman@gmail.com.

WELCA MEETING

North Central WELCA Spring Assembly will be May 14th at St. John, Oak Harbor. Cost is \$10 plus a non-perishable food item. This covers a continental breakfast, program and lunch. The speaker will be from Impact Coalition. Reservations due May 4th to Diane Dickinson at 567-202-7481 (please leave a message). We will carpool from the church on the 14th and leave by 8am.

