

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
"Alive Forevermore!"



5:30PM — April 27, 2019
8:00AM — April 28, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Worship Leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff & Mrs. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler	5:30PM Elder on Duty
AJ Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella/Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jim Schroeder	Elder on Duty for April 29 – May 4, 2019
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Adopted Chatelain School	Haiti
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

HOLY COMMUNION – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (Luther’s Small Catechism) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

AS WE GATHER Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Though we don’t have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord’s Supper. Jesus still comes through the “locked doors” we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago!

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN.....He’s Risen, He’s Risen.....LSB 480

ORDER OF WORSHIP.....Hymnal Pages 203 – 207

INTROIT.....Psalm 105:1–5, 8

105 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, ⁸ He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

Antiphon.....1 Peter 2:2-3

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

+ **WORD** +

FIRST READING..... **Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)**

(God's Word goes out to the people through the apostles.)

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC....Holy Spirit Living Breath of God.....Praise & Worship Choir

Words & music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Galatians 5:22-23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is not law.

EPISTLE..... Revelation 1:4–18

(John's vision of Christ's eternal glory)

⁴ 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, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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." ⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19–31

(Jesus appears to disciples hiding behind locked doors and brings peace by His resurrection.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN.....Crown Him with Many Crowns.....LSB 525

SERMON TEXT.....John 20:19-31

SERMON THEME..... “Do You See Jesus”.....By Pastor Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, in this season of Easter keep before us the vision of our risen and eternal Lord, through whom we also will rise and have life forevermore. Thank You for breaking through our locked doors of fear and doubt, and for offering us Your peace. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-sustaining Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Quiet our doubts and nurture the faith that holds us together that we encounter the troubles and trials of our times with confidence. Since Jesus is alive forevermore, grant us peace that our praise and joy remain in You. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-giving Lord, the greatest blessing You gave to this world was Your own Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who knew the struggles of the flesh and took them and all our sins to His cross to win the Easter victory over sin, eternal death, and the work of the devil. Grant Your continued peace for those who struggle in affliction and despair as they face trials of body and spirit, [especially . . .]. Strengthen them with Your Spirit and keep them firm in their faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Increase the generosity and sincerity of forgiveness among Your people as we have first been forgiven, that we enjoy an enriched fellowship marked not by dissension but by the righteousness and resurrection of Christ. In fellowship at this altar, prepare our hearts and minds to receive what has been given and shed for us in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – page 208 – 212 in the hymnal

COMMUNION HYMNS.....*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*.....LSB 461

***At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*.....LSB 633**

CLOSING HYMN.....*Abide With Me*.....LSB 593

