



THE LASTING MIRACLE OF EASTER

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
4911 Brauer Road - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Welcome to our worship service! In our services here at St. John we have two chief goals. Our first goal is to be built up in our faith through the only means God has given to us, the gospel found in God's Word and Sacraments. Our second goal is to give praise to God—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit—alone. As we seek these two goals we are equipped to carry out our mission—*Come, Grow, Live, and Share Christ!* May the Lord bless our worship today.

Guests

We welcome you to St. John with joy in our hearts that you chose to worship with us today! Instructions for worship are found in the bulletin and will be announced by pastor. There is a cry room in the back of church available for parents to calm and care for their children during the service. Bathrooms are located downstairs and to the left. A changing table is available in the women's bathroom. Should you have any other questions, please speak with one of the ushers or with pastor.

Today's Service

The order of service is called *The Common Service*. It begins on page 15 in the red pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*. The hymns and psalm today can also be found in the hymnal.

Communion at St. John

At St. John we practice membership Communion. That means we invite to the altar those who have expressed their agreement with the biblical teachings of this church through current membership in our congregation or other WELS or ELS congregations. Some might have questions about our practice since not every Christian congregation today practices Close Communion. For this reason, we sincerely invite you to schedule a visit with our pastor so that he may talk with you about any questions or concerns you may have. He will be more than happy to sit down with you.

Use time before the service to prepare for Communion by turning to page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: *Welcome, Happy Morning* CW 163

Please stand and turn to page 15 in the front part of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 4:8–12*

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God

raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹²“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: *Psalm 118* CW p. 108

SECOND LESSON: *1 John 1:1–2:2*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— ²the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared

to us. ³We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is

light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

^{2:1}My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

VERSE OF THE DAY: *Luke 24:32*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road, and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:36–49*

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took

it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

SERMON HYMN: *This Joyful Eastertide* CW 160:1-2

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: In front of the sanctuary

SERMON HYMN: *This Joyful Eastertide* CW 160:3

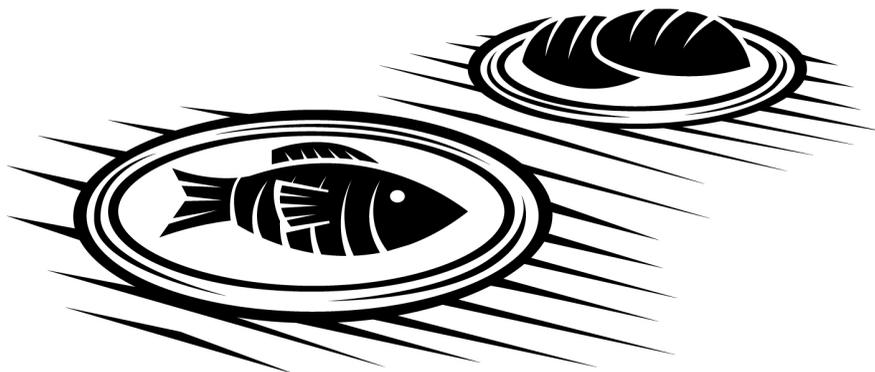
SERMON TEXT: *Luke 24:36-49*

A CAN OPENER FOR YOUR MIND

*After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 20 in the hymnal as we sing the song
"Create in Me."*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Like the Golden Sun Ascending* CW 147

CLOSING HYMN: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* CW 141



ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 15, 2018

Schedule

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - Ascension Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 6:30 a.m. - DC WELS Bible Class @ Wanda Jeans
3:30 p.m. - Catechism Class

Sunday 8:45 a.m. - Sunday School
9:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Quarterly Meeting

Birthdays

April 15th-Warren Kohls Jr; 16th-Jeremy Wiedenhoeft; 18th-Brandon Cote; 20th-Trevor Hasenjager

Anniversaries

None

Altar Guild

April 15th - Dorothy Magle; May 6 - Judy Christiansen; 20th - Carrie Petersilka

Ushering

April -

May - Kevin Wilke & Ed Staats

Communion Server

April - Dave Tomjanovich

May -

Church Cleaning

Week beginning: April 16th-Andreae/Staats Family; 23rd-Enstad Family; 30th-Paul Magle Family; May 7th-Gordon Magle Family; 14th-Elmer Tanck Family; 21st-Ehlers/Grasse Family; 28th-Wilke Family; June 4th-Lynn Nelson Family; 11th-Tomjanovich Family

Scrip

Please remember that Scrip is available in our library before and after services. They are honored by many area businesses at face value, and a portion goes to our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers...

Our Shut-Ins—Allan Hasenjager, Betty Kiehnau, & Sylvia Londo.

Hope DeLeon (Nolte), thanksgiving that the Lord blessed Hope & Rob with three beautiful girls. Hope has been discharged, but the girls will need to remain in the hospital for some time as they were born just two days before 26 weeks. The girls names are: Abigail Faith - Sophie Grace - Emma Joy.

Easton Grasse, (infant grandson of David & Tamie Grasse), that the Lord would continue to bless Easton's progress with taking food by mouth so that he can move off of the feeding tube soon.

Pastor Falk, who was recently hospitalized for a heart attack. He had surgery for the implantation of stents.

Diann Ehlers, who has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma (a bone marrow disease) and is undergoing treatment.

Darlene Krauel, prayers of thanksgiving that she has been told the cancer is gone, that the Lord keep the cancer away and bless her continued recovery and further treatments.

Renee Huehns, wife of funeral home director, Todd Huehns, prayers of thanks-giving and continued recovery. Renee is making great strides in walking again, talking and renewing her memory. Renee has returned home, but still has a long road ahead of her.

Confirmation Examination & Confirmation Sunday

Brothers & Sisters in Christ. We are blessed by God's grace among us to have two confirmands this year: Cal Ellefson & Rachel Wilke. Please plan to support and encourage them by attending their examination on **Saturday, May 19 at 6:30 pm**. During examination you will have opportunity to hear them present an essay they each have been working one for two months in addition to hearing their responses to a shortened examination. Please continue this support with attendance on **Confirmation Sunday, May 20**. You will be a blessing to them as you support them, and you will be blessed as you hear the truths of Scripture.

Other holy books & The Holy Book

Have you ever wondered about other books out there that different religions call their holy book? You've certainly heard about "New Age" type of thinking, but do you know where it comes from? Maybe you've heard the word "guru" but don't know what it actually means. You've probably heard of Buddha or jokes that begin with, "Confucius say..." but do you know where that all comes from? Join us next week for Adult Bible Class as we dive into Far Eastern religion and their sacred texts and compare it to The Holy Book.

Baby Shower for Hope DeLeon (Nolte)

May 5th from 2:00 - 4:30pm at Sevastopol Town Hall. Desserts welcome! We are doing a diaper raffle too, so bring a box of diapers any brand, any size and be entered to win a prize! Please RSVP to Amber no later than April 28th.

Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly voters' meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 22** after worship. One of the main items will be a presentation and suggestion from the fellowship hall renovation committee. For other items, please see the posted agenda on the bulletin board. If you have other items that need to be addressed, please speak with our church president, Ed Staats.

Outdoor Spring Cleanup

Our first date (should there be no snow) will be **Saturday, May 5**, beginning at **9am**. If a backup or finish-up date is needed, we'll meet again on Saturday, May 12.