

resurrection **REALity**

RESURRECTION REALITY: THE LIVING
LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

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 **calming 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.

Guidelines for Worship

- The order of service is called *The Service: Setting One*. It begins on page 154 in the blue pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*.
 - The hymns can be found in the hymnal.
 - Worship Folders: We encourage you to take them home for weekly review of worship or to share with a friend.
 - **Communion**—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 here at St. John or other WELS or ELS congregations. Any visitor desiring communion needs to speak to pastor before worship. Communion will be distributed at the communion rail. If you require communion in the pew, please speak with pastor or one of the ushers before worship.
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Resurrection REALity

If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but also the way we look at life now. The a great theologian of long ago, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"— seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection.

Our Easter season worship follows this pattern.

Second Sunday of Easter, 4/7	The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace
Third Sunday of Easter 4/14	We Have a Meaningful Message to Share
Fourth Sunday of Easter 4/21	The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding
Fifth Sunday of Easter 4/28	The Living Lord Produces Active Faith
Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/5	Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours
Seventh Sunday of Easter 5/12	We Will Overcome This Hostile World

THEME OF THE DAY: *Resurrection REALity: The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace*

In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), Saint Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose. Paul is telling skeptics, "Don't take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead."

The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to early believers. They knew that there is more to life than just time spent on earth. They knew that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same!

HYMN—444 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

Please stand and turn to page 154 in the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 18:1-11*

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³ Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be

on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

⁷ He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

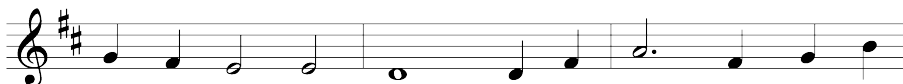
M: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 146



1 Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our
2 Hap - py are the ones pro - fess - ing Ja - cob's
4 Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our



great Re - deem - er praise. I will sing the glo - rious
God to be their aid. They are blest whose hope of
great Re - deem - er praise. I will sing the glo - rious



prais - es of my God through all my days.
bles - sing on the LORD their God is stayed.
prais - es of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor on
Heav'n and earth the LORD cre - at - ed, seas and
O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er; through all



hu - man help de - pend. They shall die, to dust re -
all that they con - tain. He de - liv - ers from op -
a - ges he is King. Un - to him, your God, O



turn - ing; all their thoughts and plans shall end.
pres - sion; right - eous - ness he will main - tain.
Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalter, 1887, alt.

Tune: Lowell Mason

Text and tune: Public domain

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1-4

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—² the 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.

M: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, ^a was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put

my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN—456 v.1.4-8 *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

SERMON: *1 John 1:1-4*

Why John Spoke; Why We Must Speak

After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 162 in the hymnal as we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

Offering Hymn— 466 v.4 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave; he has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy; death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, Alleluia!

COMMUNION HYMN—674 *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born*

After Holy Communion, we continue on page 170 in the hymnal.

HYMN—931 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Shut-ins: Margaret Evenson, Dianne Teddleton. Sandy Hillmer

Our Leaders, local, state, and federal.

Our Providers, those in healthcare, emergency, medical, research, food supply, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottle Drive

Please return any baby bottles you may have taken home. Our congregation has been very generous with this fund raiser for New Beginnings. Thank You!

LWMS Bake Sale

Next Sunday we will be having a bake sale with proceeds going to the LWMS Spring Rally missions fund.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

A voters' meeting will be held on April 21 after the worship service. Reports and items of business at the voters meeting will include a final decision on worship times, a copier replacement, repairing cracked plastering in the sanctuary, and a bequest designated for an organ fund.

Five Favorite Hymns

Today we start a five week study of some favorite hymns. This will be during our Sunday morning Bible Class time. Learn the captivating stories behind five hymns, study the hymns, and then appreciate them in a whole other light the following Sunday when we sing them in worship! 4/7 - It Is Well with My Soul; 4/14 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus; 4/21 - Silent Night; 4/28 - Amazing Grace; 5/5 - How Great Thou Art

Soccer Camp

We will be participating in a soccer camp the second week of July. This year it will be paired with St. Peter's and held at the fairgrounds. We are looking forward to building up and reaching out!

ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
April 7, 2024

Schedule

Wednesday 6:30 a.m. - Joint WELS Bible Class @ St. Peter's
 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Catechism Class
 6:00 p.m. - Luther League

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Class
 9:00 a.m. - Bake Sale for LWMS Spring Rally Mission Fund

Birthdays

April 7-Judy Schumacher; 9th-Chuck Ott & Peyton Fox; 11th-Ryan Riess; 12th-Nick Cote

Anniversaries

April 8-Jeff and Sue Barnes

Altar Guild

April 7-Sharon Gulley; 21st-Carrie Petersilka; May 5-Phyllis Simon; 19th-Barb Schaefer

Ushering

April - Dave Tomjanovich & Darrel Viste
May - Kevin Wilke & Ed Staats

Communion Server

April - Mike Nolte
May - Brian Schram

Church Cleaning

Week beginning: April 8-Mike Nolte Family; 15th-Magle Family; 22nd-Otto family; 29th-S. Tanck & M. Kramer; May 6-Ehlers/Grasse Family; 13th-Wilke Family; 20th-Lynn Nelson Family; 27th-Tomjanovich Family; June 3-J. Schumacher & R. Ott; 10th-B. Schaefer & D. Luedtke

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's Christian Education Fund. Or you can contact Jane at jane@door-web.com or call (920) 743-1964.