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RESURRECTION REALITY
WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 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.
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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.

Third Sunday of Easter 4/14
Fourth Sunday of Easter 4/21
Fifth Sunday of Easter 4/28
Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/5
Seventh Sunday of Easter 5/12

We Have a Meaningful Message to Share
The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding
The Living Lord Produces Active Faith
Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours
We Will Overcome This Hostile World

Theme of the Day - Resurrection REALity: We Have a Meaningful Message

A platitude is a nice-sounding statement meant to soothe some sort of unease. Platitudes may be well-intentioned. They may even be true. But they don't meet a person where they are at. If you tell the one whose heart is shattering, "Good things come to those who wait," don't be surprised if they don't appreciate your words—or you.

With Jesus' resurrection, believers have more to offer than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—repentance, forgiveness, peace, power, direction for life. We have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our lives. May the Holy Spirit give us wisdom and boldness to speak it!

HYMN—850 When Peace Like a River (It is Well with My Soul)

Please stand and turn to page 154 in the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:11-20

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹² When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵ You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses

of this. ¹⁶ And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ "Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders.

¹⁸ But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer.

¹⁹ Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰ so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

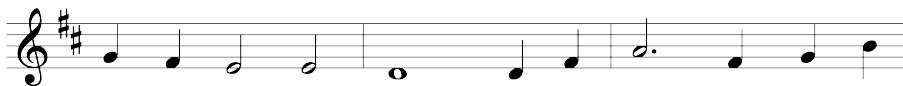
M: The Word of the Lord!

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 1:5-2:2

⁵ This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷ But 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our

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

2 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. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

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: Luke 24:36-49

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

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

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look 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." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While 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?"

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

ate in front of them. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that 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."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He 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, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

Children's Message: Children, especially pre-school and elementary age, are invited to come to the front of the church with Pastor for a message from God's Word.

HYMN — 747 *Christ High-Ascended*

SERMON: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Status Check on Your Fellowship with God

After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 163 in the hymnal as we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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!

We continue on page 171 in the hymnal.

HYMN — 903 V. 1,4,5 *We Are Called to Stand Together*

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Shut-ins: Margaret Evenson, Diane Teddleton, Sandy Hiller

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 for your generosity. We were able to send a check of \$400 to New Beginnings. Praise God!

LWMS Bake Sale

Today there is 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

We have started our study of five favorite hymns during Bible Class Time. Learn their captivating stories study the hymns, and then appreciate them in a whole other light the following Sunday when we sing them in worship! 4/14 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus; 4/21 - Silent Night (Postponed due to Voters Meeting); 4/28 - Amazing Grace; 5/5 - How Great Thou Art; 5/12 Silent Night.

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!

WELS Night at the Milwaukee Brewers

Over at Salem, they have room on the bus for the July 12 game at American Family Field. \$60 includes two way bus ride and game ticket. Departure at 2 pm, day of. Tailgating before game. Contact Lisa Karnitz at 920-493-6648 by tomorrow, 4/15.

Spring Cleaning

We will be giving God's house that extra level of care in the week of April 22-27. People can sign up to clean specified areas. More information next Sunday.

Zion Potato Pancake Supper

Saturday, April 20 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Zion will be hosting their annual Potato Pancake Supper.

Pastor Martin will be out of town April 22-26 visiting family.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14, 2024

Schedule

Today	9:00 a.m - Bake Sale to Benefit LWMS Spring Rally mission fund
Monday	7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. - Joint WELS Bible Class @ St. Peter's 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Catechism Class 6:30 p.m. - Midweek Lenten Service
Saturday	8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - LWMS Spring Rally in Winneconne 4:30-7:00 p.m. - Potato Pancake Supper at Zion
Sunday	9:00 a.m. - Worship Service 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Quarterly Voters Meeting

Birthdays

April 14- Brooke Fox; 15th-Warren Kohls; 16th-Jeremy Wiedenhoeft; 18th-Brandon Cote; 20th-Ben Peterson & Trevor Hasenjager

Anniversaries

None

Altar Guild

April 21-Carrie Petersilka; May 5-Phyllis Simon; 19th-Barb Schaefer; June 2-Tanya Hasenjager; 3rd-Jane Goggins

Ushering

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

Communion Server

April - Mike Nolte
May - Brian Schram

Church Cleaning

Week beginning: April 15-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 proceeds goes to Christian Education. You can contact Jane at jane@door-web.com or call (920) 743-1964.