

Faith Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Monday, April 15, 2024

1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” This is the essence of our sanctification:

becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name

and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.



Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Ed Stiver

OPENING SONGS

“Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord”

Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord
Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord
And He shall lift you up – higher and higher,
And He lift you up.

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life.
I’m so glad You came to save us.

You come from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grace,
from the grave to the sky.
Lord I lift your name on high!

INVOCATION

P Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Therefore, we begin our worship, in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P "Turn to Me and be saved," says the Lord. "For I am God and there is no other." (*Isaiah 45:22*)

C **If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:9*)

P Today we ponder once again the mercy and grace of God.

C **O my dear Lord Jesus Christ, You know my poor soul and my great failings. I confess and deplore them before You with an open heart. I find that I do not have the kind of will and resolution I ought to have, and that I am daily falling and failing, as a sinful human being. However, You have redeemed me. According to Your divine mercy please forgive me a sinner. I claim your sacrifice for all of my sins. I trust in Your promise that Your blood cleanses me from each spot and stain no matter how foul. Place within me a truly obedient spirit that I might live a life that sincerely pleases You. Amen.**

(silence for meditation)

P Because of the mercy of God and the saving death and resurrection of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord

Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:23*) Now, let us go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with true repentance. (*Eph 4:1; Matthew 8:3*)

RESPONSIVE SONGS

Ed Stiver

“10000 Reasons, Bless The Lord”

[Chorus]

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes
[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!
[Chorus x2]

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 4

P ¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C ² **How long will you people turn my glory into shame?**

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

P ³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

C ⁴ **Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.**

P ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

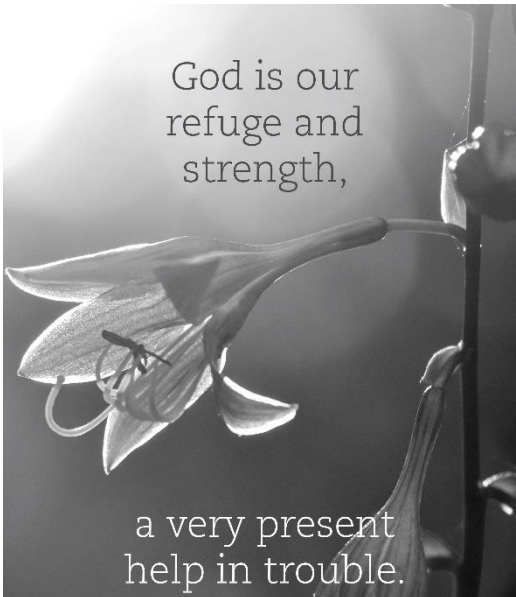
C ⁶ **Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”**

Let the light of your face shine on us.

P ⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain
and new wine abound.

C ⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep,**

**for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.**



CATECHISM REVIEW

P The Ninth Commandment

C You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

P *What does this mean?*

C We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

✘ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD ✘

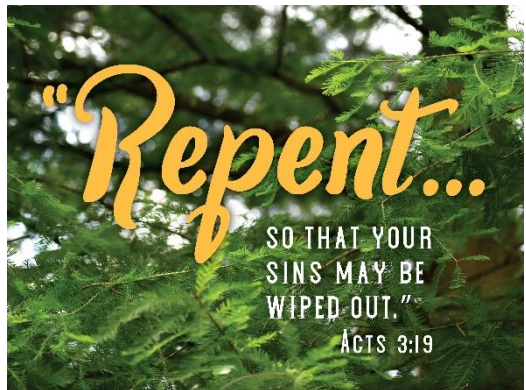
P "Jesus replied to Satan, 'Man does not live on bread alone,'"

C "but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."
(Matthew 4:4)

THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him



go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see

and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

P “Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.

C **“Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.”** (*Psalm 119:132-133*)

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P “And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus,

C **“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

P “The grass withers and the flowers fall.

C **“but the Word of God stands forever.”** *(Isaiah 40:8)*

PEACE
BE WITH
you

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself!

Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told 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 so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

P “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,

C **“but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”** (1 Thessalonians 2:13-14)

SERMON HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB #611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die. Text: Public domain

✠ SERMON ✠

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED ✠

(spoken in unison)



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead. He

ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.



✠ WE BRING OUR FIRST
FRUITS TO THE LORD ✠

✠ THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER ✠

*(Following each petition, the Pastor will say,
"Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation is to respond:
"Hear our prayer.")*

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER ✠

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB #457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Exodus 32:15-35;
Luke 6:39-49

Monday: Exodus 33:1-23;
Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday: Exodus 34:1-28;
Luke 7:1-218-35

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29 –
35:21; Exodus 35:32 – 38:20; Luke 7:36-50

Thursday: Exodus 38:21 – 39:8, 22-3, 27-31; Luke 8:1-21

Friday: Exodus 39:32 – 40:16; Luke 8:122-39

Saturday: Exodus 40:17-38; Leviticus 1:1 – 7:38;
Luke 8:40-56



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Gary Baumann Levi Blum

Cindy Braatz Rev. David Bray

Bob Burish Beth Czech

Dave Czech Cheryl Dahlke

Doris Dahlke Steve Dahlke Dean

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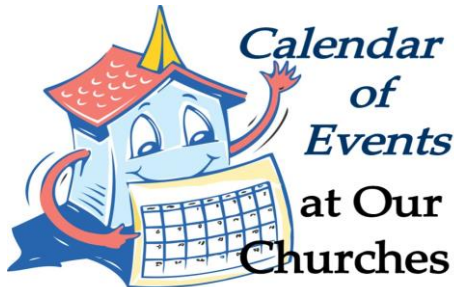
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Susie and Ellie Zastrow Zulliger family



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, April 14 DAYCARE SUNDAY at ST. JOHN'S

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, April 15

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, April 17

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Saturday, April 20

LWML Spring Rally at St. Paul's, Irma

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, April 22

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please join us for the VBS meeting at Faith on April 28. Meeting will start after worship at 11:15 a.m. A light lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you there. VBS is Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Our theme is *A WALK WITH JESUS.*



SPECIAL GIFT

*Donation of a case of wine by
Lee and Diane Pfaff in honor of their
55th wedding anniversary on May 3*



SPECIAL OUTREACH

This weekend, **APRIL 14-15** at
*Faith, non-perishable food
items, personal hygiene items,
cleaning products and paper*

*items will be collected for **HAVEN in Merrill and
The Gospel TLC in Weston.***

Suggestions for such items for both centers include

- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Kleenex
- Paper Towel
- Toilet Paper
- Copy Paper
- Dishwasher Pods
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Disposable Vinyl Gloves in M, L, and XL
- Bleach
- Distilled Water
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Men's Deodorant
- Ziplock Bags – all sizes
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Napkins
- Aluminum Foil
- Saran Wrap
- Parchment Paper
- Glade Plug-In Refills
- Scrubbing Bubbles Shower Cleaner
- Laundry Pods
- Dryer Sheets
- WalMart Gift Cards

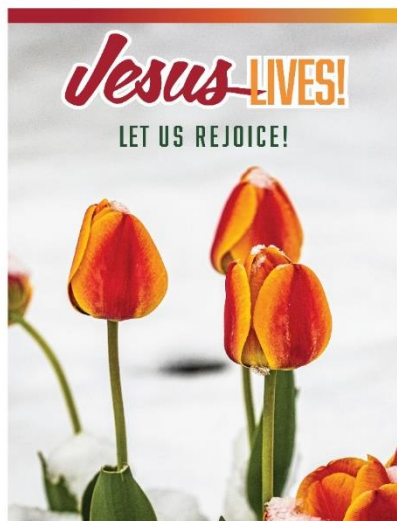
Any Monetary Donations will be used to
purchase WalMart gift cards

TEMPERATURES ARE WARMING!

Time to get outdoors! For all your spring projects and activities as well as personal and household needs such as gas and food, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards.



Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at

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Merrill, WI 54452

or

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