



Second Sunday of Easter

April 10 & 11, 2021

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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PRELUDE

Saturday
Sunday

Chant de Paix

Pastor Steve
Jean Langlais

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,...

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Saturday
Sunday

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Pastor Steve
David Cherwien

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all!

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bogie

MUSICAL OFFERING

BAPTISM

Saturday

Sunday

Gwendolyn Hoelt
Carly Jean Richards

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,...

...To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. You Belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share.
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 this day 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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Saturday

Sunday

Tranquilly

Pastor Steve
C. Hubert H. Parry

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,...
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Saturday

Sunday

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Pastor Steve
Ronald A. Nelson

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Marianne Gilpatrick in honor of greatgrandchildren Luke Stuart and Sophia Soto
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Rollyn & Karen Fuchs
Daniel & Carol Jorvig
Shirley Kaepernick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized into Christ this weekend are Gwendolyn Hoeft (5:00pm) and Carly Jean Richards (9:00am). Gwendolyn is the daughter of Brian and Allie Hoeft. Emmylou and Tim Wilson are Gwendolyn's sponsors. Carly Jean is the daughter of Lucas and Tory Richards. Carly's sponsors are Alex Deacy and Kathryn McKinney.

St. Luke's Apparel and Anniversary Apparel is now available!

The anniversary committee has put together a line of apparel bearing either the St. Luke's logo or the 100th anniversary logo. Both the items and an order form can be found in the April edition of The Epistle or on our website located at stlukeslutheran.org in the "Spotlight" section on the right side of the page. Order forms can also be found on the Welcome Center and at the Usher Station. After you have filled out the form, it can be placed in the offering box along with a check or cash to cover your order.

St. Luke's Centennial Scholarships

In honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Endowment Committee has decided to announce the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Centennial Scholarship. Six \$500 scholarships will be offered annually. Applications can be found in the *Spotlight* section of the church website and will be due by **May 1** to the church office for consideration. Scholarships will be paid out in full for the beginning of the fall semester. These scholarships will be an annual reminder of St. Luke's century-long commitment to supporting the Sons and Daughters of our congregation as they pursue post-secondary education in service occupations such as the ministry, the medical field, or education.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make regular phone calls and visits to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care from one of our pastors, please call the church office at 262-542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information. Our pastors are also willing to do a virtual visit with you. While we acknowledge that a virtual visit isn't the same as an in-person visit, during this pandemic with numbers continuing to rise it is another way we can stay connected while staying safe.

Ambo Flowers

If you wish to purchase the flowers for the ambo, please contact Jennifer in the office and let her know the date of the flowers you wish to purchase and the celebration or memorial to be noted, or sign up on the bulletin board. The cost is \$35 and can be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Virtual Bible Studies & Groups Meeting Via Zoom:

Search Bible Study – Wednesdays, 9:00am-10:00am, led by Pastor Jordan

Women of Faith Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm, led by Laurie Rohrwasser

First Tuesday Book Club – 1st Tuesday, 9:30am-11:15am, contact Diane Voit for the booklist
and to join

G.I.F.T. – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm, led by Diane Voit

In Our Prayers...**Special Prayers**

Benny, Joyce T., Thomas, Jerry F, Carrie, Mike, Jan, Joanne F, Teri, Todd, Brian, Graziano, Becca, Jeff, John, Bob K, Janice, Jen, Terry, Elsie, Al, Terri, Michele, Chuck S, Hailey, Angie, Chuck W, Deborah, Logan, Ben, Tom, Shane, Shirley, Janet K, Stacy, Phil, Sandy, , Kenzie, Mark, BJ, Nancy, Casey, Paul G, John, Bev, Manny,

Current Prayers

For all impacted by tornadoes, flood and drought.

For peace, unity and healing within our country.

For racism to be recognized for what it is and to be eradicated.

General Prayers

For those who have lost loved ones and all who grieve.

For all first responders, caregivers, and medical personnel and those whom they care for.

For shut-ins and the elderly and all who are lonely.

For all who are being bullied- especially children.

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

For their new president

For the people of Tanzania who are battling Covid to receive needed help.

For complete healing and comfort for those with covid.

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Fear to Freedom

The disciples had good reason to be afraid. Their teacher, perceived as a threat to social, political, and religious order, had just been crucified; now with rumors swirling about his mysterious resurrection, it wasn't clear if Jesus' followers would face the same dire fate on a cross. Today, most of us, fortunately, can live without fear regarding when and where we are able to worship. At the same time, when we take a moment to look at the world around us, it doesn't take long to notice what a strong influence fear has on our lives.

Fear not of things like tornadoes or spiders or bats, but rather fear of things that keep our hearts closed off from others and God and that keep our truest selves locked up inside. As it was for the disciples in today's reading, our unaddressed fears can get in the way of our recognizing what Jesus is doing in our midst. They turn us in toward ourselves rather than outward toward those who could be blessed by our gifts and who need our care and love. They keep us from growing in our relationship with God and as the people God has created us to be.

Although it can be scary to acknowledge our fear of being inadequate or of losing control or of being alone, or whatever our deepest fear may be, when we do, that's when something powerful can happen. A sense of peace and joy is never far away. Not only are we released from our fear, but giving voice to our fears can set others free from theirs as well.

When Jesus appeared to those first disciples locked together behind closed doors, he came offering peace, and he breathed on them the Holy Spirit. In that moment their lives were changed—forever, and for good. The same is true for us when we dare to surrender our fears to God and embrace God's future for us with courage.

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This Week at St. Luke's:

Sunday, April 11, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:30 a.m.	Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
9:45 a.m.	Ann. Dinner Committee
11:15 a.m.	DT
12:30am	HS Youth Group Games

Monday, April 12, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Amigos
6:45 p.m.	Al-Anon
8:00 p.m.	Women's AA

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.	Search Bible Study, virtual
6:30 p.m.	CLM Advisory Board
7:00 p.m.	NA

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise, virtual
7:00 p.m.	Saints & Sinners, virtual

Saturday, April 17, 2021

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Worship
10:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship
11:15 a.m.	DT 7/8

Serving this Weekend:

Preaching:		Rev. Steve Bogie
Presiding:		Rev. Steve Bogie
Music:	Saturday	Rev. Steve Bogie
	Sunday	Michael Schaner
Ushers:	Saturday	Susan & Mark Perry
	Sunday	Kathy & Jay Fontaine



