

We welcome you in the name of our Savior whose glory still shines in the dark world. May the gifts of salvation, which he alone can give be yours in abundance through faith in him. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register at the bottom of the steps on your way out. We invite you to worship with us again.

Our Worship

Order of Service: “Service Of The Word” can also be found on page 38 in Christian Worship if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN – 158

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE (Sung)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: 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 (Sung)

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-20 (NIV) *After healing a crippled beggar, Peter points to the source of the healing—the risen Lord Jesus. The apostle calls on the crowd to put their faith in Jesus.*

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, 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?" ¹³The 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. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By 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 given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. ¹⁷"Now, brothers, 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 Christ 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 Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

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Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6 (NIV) *Everyone who believes “that Jesus is the Son of God” shares in his victory. As a fruit of faith, those who are “born of God” are able to “obey his commands” and have “overcome the world.”*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29)

C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (NIV) *Jesus appears to his disciples, first on Easter evening and then a week later. Thomas, who was absent on the first occasion, is present on the second, and he responds in faith. "These"-all that John had written in his Gospel-"are written that you may believe."*

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and

believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But 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.

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN – 552 (vs. 1, 24, 3)

Sermon Text: John 20:19-31

“WHERE THERE WAS DOUBT THERE IS JESUS”

STAND

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING – The 1st & 2nd Graders from St. John's will be singing during the offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

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; 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.

Or

(Sunday)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN – 438

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: 608

Announcements:

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Ardis Haag. We thank her for playing and helping to beautify our worship services.

Thank You

We thank the 1st and 2nd Graders from St. John's for singing and helping to enhance our Sunday 9:30 A.M. Worship Service.

Informal get-together for Rev. Schaller

Rev. Loren Schaller, principal at MLHS from 1960-1975, will be attending the MLHS 50th anniversary celebration. There will be an informal get-together for Rev. Schaller on Friday, April 28, from 6-8 p.m. in First German-Manitowoc's Heritage Hall located in the church basement. Stop by and say "hello" to an old friend.

LWMS Spring Rally in Collins

(This was misprinted on the April Calendar as being on the 19th! It is not..) The "Lutheran Women's Mission Society" Shoreline Circuit is having its annual spring "all day" rally at St. Peter's in Collins, WI on April 25th. In the morning Pastor Haag and his wife will tell about their work in the Arizona Apache Mission. In the afternoon Pastor Haag's son-in-law and daughter will describe their activities at the Cameroon Mission. In the rally each church has a Mission Box Collection they turn in. All men and women are welcome to attend, Noon lunch is served for \$5.00 for anyone interested. There was a registration form in the April Messenger.

Thank You

We would like thank everyone who helped with the decorating of the church for Easter, and those who helped/donated for the Easter Breakfast, and those who helped with the egg hunt.

WELS SINGLES

There are S.H.A.R.E. The News sheets in the narthex for any WELS singles interested in meeting and enjoying the company of other Christians.

MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLHS' 50th Anniversary Weekend is upon us! The following events are scheduled for everyone to have the opportunity to join in thanking God for 50 years of His grace on our high school:

Sat 4/29; 4:00 p.m. Alumni Concert @ MLHS. Over 150 alumni will be joining together again with instruments and voices for this 1-hour concert. All are welcome!

Sat 4/29; 6:00 p.m. All-School Reunion @ Holiday Inn. All alumni as well as current & past faculty, staff, and board members are invited for a night of dinner & entertainment!

Sun 4/30; 2:00 p.m. "Growing" Contemporary Worship Service at MLHS. Highlighted by a mass choir of our federation grade school students, this service of thanks and celebration will not only culminate our year-long efforts but point MLHS toward its next 50 years as we "Grow" in His grace. An open-house with refreshments will follow. All are welcome!

**The MLHS Starred First Concert will be held in the MLHS Commons on Tuesday, 5/2 at 6:30 p.m. This concert will feature all 29 performances from MLHS Music Department students that qualified for the WSMA State Music Festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week of 4/24 – 30

- Tue 4/25 Track @ Mishicot; 4:15 p.m.
Baseball vs. Wrightstown (V – A, JV – H); 4:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Wrightstown (H); 4:30 p.m.
- Wed 4/26 Grade School / High School Band Concert @ MLHS;
7:00 p.m.
- Thur 4/27 Baseball vs. Brillion (V – H, JV- A); 4:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Brillion (A); 4:30 p.m.
- Fri 4/28 Track @ Kohler; 3:45 p.m.
- Sat 4/29 MLHS 50th Anniv. Alumni Concert @ MLHS; 4:00 p.m.
MLHS 50th Anniv. Alumni Banquet @ Holiday Inn; 6:00
p.m.
- Sun 4/30 MLHS 50th Anniv. “Growing” Contemporary Service @
MLHS; 2:00 p.m.

Week of 5/1 – 7

- Mon 5/1 Track @ Kewaunee; 3:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Valders (H); 4:30 p.m.
Baseball vs. Valders (V – A, JV – H); 4:30 p.m.
- Tue 5/2 MLHS Board of Control Mtg; 6:30 p.m.
MLHS Starred First Concert; 6:30 p.m. @ MLHS
- Thur 5/4 Track @ Municipal Field Mtwc; 4:15 p.m.
Softball vs. Reedsville (A); 4:30 p.m.
Baseball vs. Reedsville (V – H, JV – A); 4:30 p.m.
- Fri 5/5 Track @ Lutheran Invitational
WSMA State Swing Choir / Jazz @ UWGB
- Sat 5/6 WSMA State Solo / Ensemble @ UWGB

Calendar of Events

Saturday 22nd	7:00 P.M.	Worship
Sunday 23rd	8:30 A.M.	Bible Study – Church Basement
	8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:30 A.M.	Worship
Monday 24th	Pastors Conference	
Tuesday 25th	8:00 P.M.	Choir
	8:30-3:00 LWMS Spring Rally @ St. Peters in Collins	
Wednesday 26th	5:00 P.M.	Catechism
Saturday 29th	7:00 P.M.	Worship
Saturday 30th	8:30 A.M.	Bible Study
	8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:30 A.M.	Worship

Greeters:

This Sunday 23rd: Denise & Lance Preston

Next Sunday 30th: Ross & Ruth Zimmerman

Ushers:

This Saturday 22nd: Len Arnold, Steve Pleuss

This Sunday 23th: John Smith, Bob Lietzau,
Jessie Lietzau, Jeff Knutson

Next Saturday 29th: Al Bonfigt, Mark Kiesow, Andy Kiesow

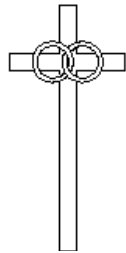
Next Sunday 30th: Warren Lutze, Elwood Free,
Brian Glaeser, Larry Hochkammer

Altar Guild: April: Group 4: Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow,
Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott.



Happy Birthday to...

4/19 Marie Knutson
4/21 John Smith
4/24 Harold Behnke
4/25 Janice Wehausen
4/26 Marilyn Kaufmann
4/27 Matthew Schreiber
4/29 Madeline Schleis



Happy Anniversary To...

4/24 Dean & Charlotte Luebke – 2 years!
4/29 Leonard & Sharon Arnold – 45 Years!
5/1 Todd & Tammy Glaeser – 13 Years!

*If you have an April birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!