

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 stairs on your way out. We invite you to worship with us again.

## **Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “The Common Service” without Holy Communion, can also be found on page 15 in Christian Worship if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:**156

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Sung) Amen**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my**

**thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **LORD HAVE MERCY**

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

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

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

**C: (Sung) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world;**

**receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: (Sung) And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

**M:** 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: (Sung) Amen**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

**First Lesson: Acts 4:8-12 (NIV)** *Peter tells the Jewish high council that Jesus lives and reigns as the Savior of all people. Peter quotes the prophecy in Psalm 118, which speaks of Christ as the stone that the builders rejected, who has become the capstone.*

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' <sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** 118 on page 108

**Epistle Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NIV)** *John speaks of the "Word of life," "Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." He has brought light into the world by paying for the world's sin.*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk

in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. <sup>1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

**C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49 (NIV)** *Our risen Lord appears to the disciples. He tells them that his suffering and rising from the dead is fulfillment of God's plan foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures, and he instructs them to wait in Jerusalem until the Father gives them the power to be his witnesses.*

**C: (Sung) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look 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." <sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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."

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

## **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*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 353**

**SERMON TEXT: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

**“IF YOU WITNESSED THE UNHEARD OF, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?”**

*STAND*

**C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **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; 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.

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: 302**

*STAND*

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless 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: 162**

*\*The April edition of the WELS Connection will be viewed at the end of our service.*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Janice Loppnow from Trinity, Kiel. We thank her for playing and helping to beautify our worship services.

### **Building & Grounds Clean Up Day**

There will be a Building & Grounds clean up day on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. until around noon. May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the rain day alternative.

### **Holy Communion In May**

Holy Communion in May will be served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends in May due to Confirmation being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.

### **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.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- \* Yvonne Netzer who is very ill.
- \* Jane Schultz who is very ill.

(If you have any prayer requests please let Pastor Pope or the church secretary know).

## Calendar of Events

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 P.M.	Worship
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 A.M.	Bible Study
	8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:30 A.M.	Worship
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:00 P.M.	Choir
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	5:00 P.M.	Catechism
	6:30 P.M.	Church Council
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30 P.M.	Ladies Aid
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grandparent's Day @ St. John's- Early Dismissal after lunch</b>	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 P.M.	Worship
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 A.M.	Bible Study
	8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:30 A.M.	Worship

### **Greeters:**

This Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: Ross & Ruth Zimmerman

Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>: Dan & Anna Knutson Family

### **Ushers:**

This Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: Al Bonfigt, Mark Kiesow, Andy Kiesow

This Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: Warren Lutze, Elwood Free,  
Brian Glaeser, Larry Hochkammer

Next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>:

Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>:

**Altar Guild: May:** Group 1: Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen,  
Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner



## *Happy Birthday to...*

4/29 Madeline Schleis

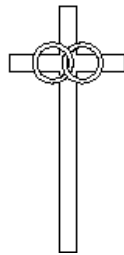
5/2 Jessica Jungbluth

5/2 Mabel Liermann

5/3 Rachel Nagel

5/4 Dan Prater

5/6 Jim Liermann



## *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/May birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!