

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord, who is revealed to us in the Word. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register on your way out. We invite you to worship with us again!

## **Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “Service Of Word And Sacrament” as found in this bulletin or on page 26 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:** 341 vs.1-3

*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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.

**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: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### ***LORD HAVE MERCY***

*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: (Sung) Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

***O LORD, OUR LORD***

**C: (Sung) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**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: (Sung) Amen**

## THE WORD

**The 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.*

<sup>12</sup>When 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? <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>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 given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup>"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** 16 on page 68

**The 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.”*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup>This 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.

## **STAND**

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31 (NIV)** *Jesus appears to his disciples, first on Easter evening and then a week later. Thomas is present the second time, and then responds in faith.*

<sup>19</sup>On 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!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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." <sup>26</sup>A 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!" <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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 OF THE DAY: 165 vs. 1-8**

## **Sermon Text: John 20:19-31**

“SEEING IS BELIEVING”

*STAND*

### **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

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

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

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: (Sung) We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: (Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

**M:** Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

**C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** (Sung) Amen.

## **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*Agnus Dei*

**C:** (Sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN:** 385

## **THANKSGIVING**

**STAND**

**THANK THE LORD**

**C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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 (Please remain standing)

*\*WELS Connection to be viewed after worship*

*\*Door collection for Trinity family care fund after worship*



*We welcome those visiting us this weekend. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Lynn Jungen from Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her playing.

### **Prayer Requests –**

- Chris Mangin – who damaged his right hand in an accident at work, we ask our heavenly Father to bless Chris through this trial, that his hope and cheerfulness in the Lord will only increase and that he may enjoy restoration and healing.
- Jesse Lietzau – now doing military service in California, we thank the LORD for guarding him by his power and holy angels. We ask the same for John Wallander, nephew of Leon & Linda Wallander, also serving in Iraq, and for Lee W. Petersen Jr., grandson of Wayne & Elaine Petersen, who is now serving in Baghdad.

### **Usher Meeting**

Please do not forget the Ushers Meeting following the church service on Sunday.

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers for this weekend are from Jeff & Krista Tuschel in honor of their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

## **Thank You**

Thank you to Ron and Randy Kasten for taking care of removing the tree on the west side of church. The tree was taken down and removed to make room for the renovation of the narthex.

## **May Party**

The St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Ladies Aid, Cleveland invite any ladies to their May Party for an afternoon of Christian Fellowship May 6 @ 1:30pm. The theme is Christmas in May. A salad & dessert luncheon will follow the entertainment. The free will offering will be used for missions. Please contact Kathy Sixel by April 28. She can be reached at 693-8525.

## **Narthex Cleaning**

Following worship on Sunday, we will be cleaning out the narthex. Items will be stored at the Trinity Family Center. If there is anything you would like out of the narthex please feel free to take it.

## **Reception**

There will be a reception for the confirmands on April 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be right after worship, about 10:30 am.

## **Reminder**

- We are still looking for co-superintendents for Sunday School. Jessica Jungbluth and Anna Knutson are stepping down. Please contact Pastor Pope if you are interested.
- Scrip is still available.

## Brewers Game

Don't forget the June 28<sup>th</sup> Brewer game. Details are in the Narthex along with the order forms for the subs.

## MLHS Happenings

**MLHS CALL NEWS:** At the call meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, the MLHS delegates called Mr. Paul Hoffman from Grace in Orion, MI. to serve as MLHS' Technical Education teacher. Please keep the Hoffman family in your prayers as he deliberates both his calls.

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF:** The MLHS Roundtable will present this classic as their spring musical April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be reserved by calling 682-0215 x.127 from 3:30 – 4:30pm, Mon - Fri.

### **Week of 4/20-26**

Fri – Sun 4/24-26

MLHS Spring Musical "Fiddler on the Roof"

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Sat.18<sup>th</sup></b>  | 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion                                    |
| <b>Sun.19<sup>th</sup></b>  | 8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  |
|                             | 8:15 a.m. Sunday School  |
|                             | 9:00 a.m. WCUB Radio Broadcast   |
|                             | 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion                                    |
| <b>Mon. 20<sup>th</sup></b> | 5:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism  |
|                             | 7:00 p.m. Church Council   |
| <b>Wed.22<sup>nd</sup></b>  | 5:00 p.m. Catechism  |
| <b>Fri. 24<sup>th</sup></b> | 5:00 Catechism practice at church (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| <b>Sat.25<sup>th</sup></b>  | 7:00 p.m. Worship  |
| <b>Sun.26<sup>th</sup></b>  | 8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  |
|                             | 8:15 a.m. Sunday School  |
|                             | 9:30 a.m. Worship-Examination Sunday                                     |

## **Greeters:**

April 19: Earl & Lois Glaeser

April 26: Eileen Pleuss

## **Ushers:**

April 18<sup>th</sup>: James Glaeser (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Steve Pleuss

April 19<sup>th</sup>: Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Uriah Matznick, Wayne Otto

April 25<sup>th</sup>: Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow

April 26<sup>th</sup>: Keith Petersen, Joseph Nagel, Jeff Tuschel, Elwood Free

## **Altar Guild Schedule –April Group 4**

*Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow, Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott*



*Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...*

4/19 Marie Knutson

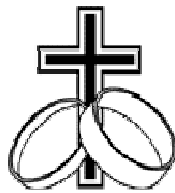
4/21 John Smith

4/25 Janice Wehausen

4/26 Marilyn Kaufmann

4/27 Matthew Schreiber

4/29 Madeline Schleis



*Happy Anniversary To...*

4/11 Keith & Gail Olm – 39 Years!

4/14 Jeff & Krista Tuschel –2 Years!

4/15 Wayne & Elizabeth Otto – 31 Years!

4/29 Leonard & Sharon Arnold – 48 Years!

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