

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8 & 11, 2021

*Our faith is based on Jesus, our risen Lord,
who is revealed to us in the Word.*

Opening Hymn 165 vv. 1-4, “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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Prayer of the Day: 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.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day Psalm 116 (page 107)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day 165 vv. 5-9, “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

SERMON “The Risen Christ Gives Power to His Church” John 20:19-31

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Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 341, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 159, “Morning Breaks upon the Tomb”

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-20

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.

When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Therefore repent

and return to have your sins wiped out, so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.”

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes “that Jesus is the Christ” shares in his victory. As a fruit of faith, those who are “born of God” are able to “keep his commands” and have “overcome the world.”

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

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.”

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next week: Hubert Albert/Don Koch.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 21**, at **8:00 PM**. A big topic of discussion will be the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. All voters please note this date and time on your calendars as we urge you all to participate!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the Service Group will be held immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, April 25**. All members are invited to join us!

BRAT FRY: St. Matthew's PTL will be serving a burger/brat fry on **Saturday, April 24**, from **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at the **Horicon Bank – Iron Ridge Branch** in connection with the bank's community document shredding event. We are looking for donations of food items, monetary gifts, and volunteers to help at this brat fry (**from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**), especially from our school families! If you are willing to donate something, have a grill we can use, or are able to help grill and/or serve at this brat fry, please sign up on the sheets located on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board in the school hallway as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. We also encourage everyone to stop over at the bank that day to help support the school while enjoying a delicious lunch!

LWMS SPRING MISSION RALLY: This year's spring mission rally is set for **Saturday, April 17, 2021**, at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** (799 St. Paul Drive, Slinger). It will be co-hosted by Trinity, Huilsburg -and- Zion, Town of Theresa. **Masks will be required to attend this event per speaker request.** The speakers will be **Lee & Linda Peterson** from Minnesota. They will be speaking about **Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti**. Lee is on the Board of Directors for Branch Lutheran Schools and Linda is the Special Projects Coordinator. They will be talking about how WELS Disaster Relief became involved after the devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010, establishing the schools in the orphanages, their tremendous growth, and what is in store for the future. Registration for the day will begin at **8:30 AM**. The rally will conclude at **Noon**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Maundy Thursday: 51/66; Good Friday: 115; Easter Sunday: 90/103

Offerings: Maundy Thursday: \$2,402.00; Good Friday: \$1,899.00; Easter Sunday: \$6,460.55

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,052.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$215.00

Memorials: In Memory of Millie Gnerlich: \$50.00 *(Undesignated)*

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Tuesday: School Board Meeting6:00 PM

Wednesday: Elders' Meeting.....6:30 PM
Church Council7:00 PM

Thursday: Communion Worship Service7:00 PM
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM

SCRIP ORDERS DUE

Saturday: **LWMS Spring Rally (@ St. Paul's, Slinger)... 8:30 AM - Noon**

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