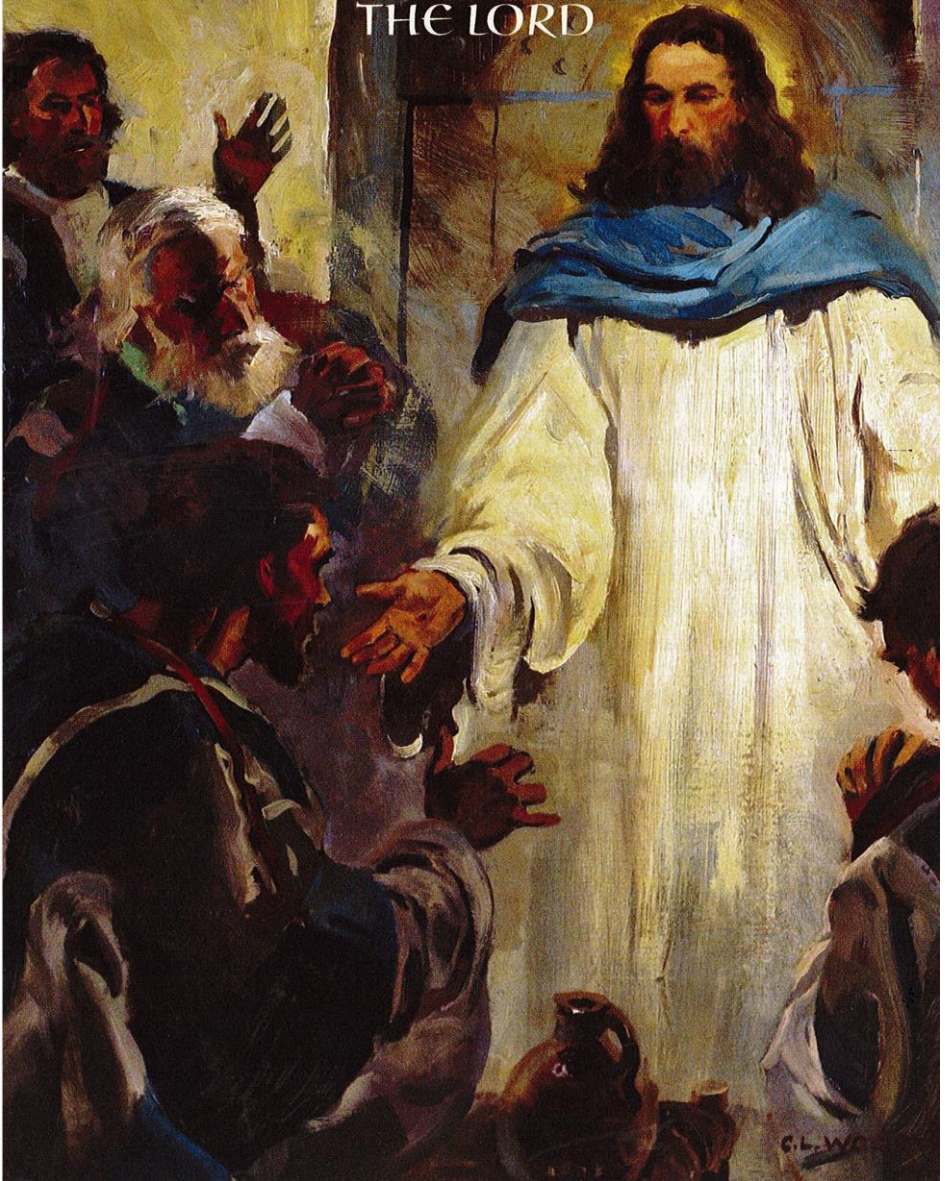


THE DISCIPLES
WERE GLAD
WHEN THEY SAW
THE LORD



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Kernell Moritz

Reader Next Week: Jeffery Bennett

Acolytes This Week: Caleb Reinecke

Acolytes Next Week: Michele Motley

Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: John Swannack

Communion Assistant Next Month: Margie Swannack

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: LBW #135 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

P The word is near you,

C on your lips & in your heart.

P If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P Faith comes from what is heard,

C and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

SCRIPTURE SONG

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**Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

Great and wonderful are your deeds,

O God of the universe;

Just and true are your ways,

O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you,

Lord and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near, and worship before you,

For your just and holy works have been revealed.

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

All Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-20 [21-32]

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

[²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the

temple and teaching the people.”²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,²⁸ saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”]

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

²**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶**He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**¹²Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn with-in us
while you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*spoken*)

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN: LBW #145 "Thine Is the Glory"

Stand as you are able.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- P In Christ, you have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
- C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.

C Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God.

C Look forward in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that peace.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

WOV p. 50-51

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your Holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As God's people called to love one another let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

After each prayer or petition, we respond:

P God of mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen

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.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN: **"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"**
by Chris Tomlin CCLI#4768151

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

LBW #565

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

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| Today 4/3 | Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship |
| Mon 4/4 | Office Closed |
| Tue 4/5 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild |
| Wed 4/6 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters |
| Thurs 4/7 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| Fri 4/8 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| Next Sun | Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Property Team 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Church Under The Trees & Grave Decoration |

*Following will be a potluck lunch.

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.



Thursday, March 24, 2016

Offering: \$575.00

Attendance: 44

Friday, March 25, 2016:

Attendance: 48

Sunday, March 27, 2016:

Offering: \$2610.75

Attendance: Sunrise Service- 125 Worship- 139

St. John's Mission of the Month:



Mission of the Month of April:

Water Missions International

Mission Statement

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

Mission

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

Vision

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

We will celebrate Water Sunday April 24, 2016 at St. John's.

MS150 Bicycle Ride

The BP MS 150 is the largest non-profit event of its kind in North America with 13,000 cyclists, 3,000 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators. It is a two day bike ride beginning in Houston and cycling to LaGrange, then from LaGrange to Austin. The ride totals over 150 miles.



Beth Reinecke is riding in the MS150 this month and needs your help. If you are able, please consider donating to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The link to her page is below. Thank you in advance for your support. <http://bndfr.com/485zR>



Acolytes

Please sign up for the 2016 year. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We currently only have one Sunday filled for April. Thank you to those who have signed up.

Church Under The Trees & Grave Decoration

Please join us Sunday, April 10th at 10:15am for Church Under The Trees and Grave Decoration. We will have a pot luck lunch after. Each family is asked to bring a meat dish and a side dish or dessert. The church will provide tea, paper goods & plastic ware.

Hope to see you there!



Church
under the
Trees

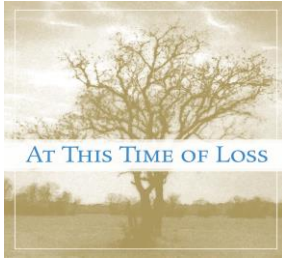
Grave Decoration

To be held at Kilgore Cemetery today, April 3rd

The Kilgore Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting and grave decoration service at 3 p.m. today at the Kilgore Cemetery, located at 214 Kilgore Road, Goliad. The grave decoration service will be led by

John Dellis, Minister of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, and the annual meeting will follow. The cemetery and its connecting grounds are the site of the former St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which closed as a congregation in 1954. Former members, families and friends of St. Paul's and the Kilgore Community are invited to attend the service. Prior to the Sunday service, families are encouraged to clean and decorate family grave sites.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)



We keep the family of Shirley "Ann" Schorre in our Prayers. She is Pam Haun's Mother. Shirley went to be with the Lord on March 21, 2016. Her body was donated to U.S.A Medical Science & a memorial service will be held at a later date. May God comfort this family at their time of loss.

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - Reserves, preparing to deploy

John Otto - USMC, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, preparing to deploy

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS Philippines

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, preparing for Boot Camp



Prayer
Requests

Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

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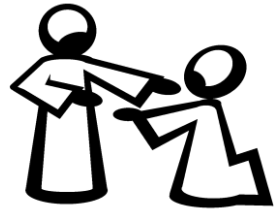
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Easter 2

April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)



As a new reality set in for the disciples of Jesus Christ, the Lord appeared to them behind locked doors and gave them that which they lacked: the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit in their lives, the disciples who were now joined by many others and were called “apostles,” or “sent ones.” These men (and women) would soon experience some of the same persecutions that their Lord had suffered. That is part of the call of followers of Jesus Christ.