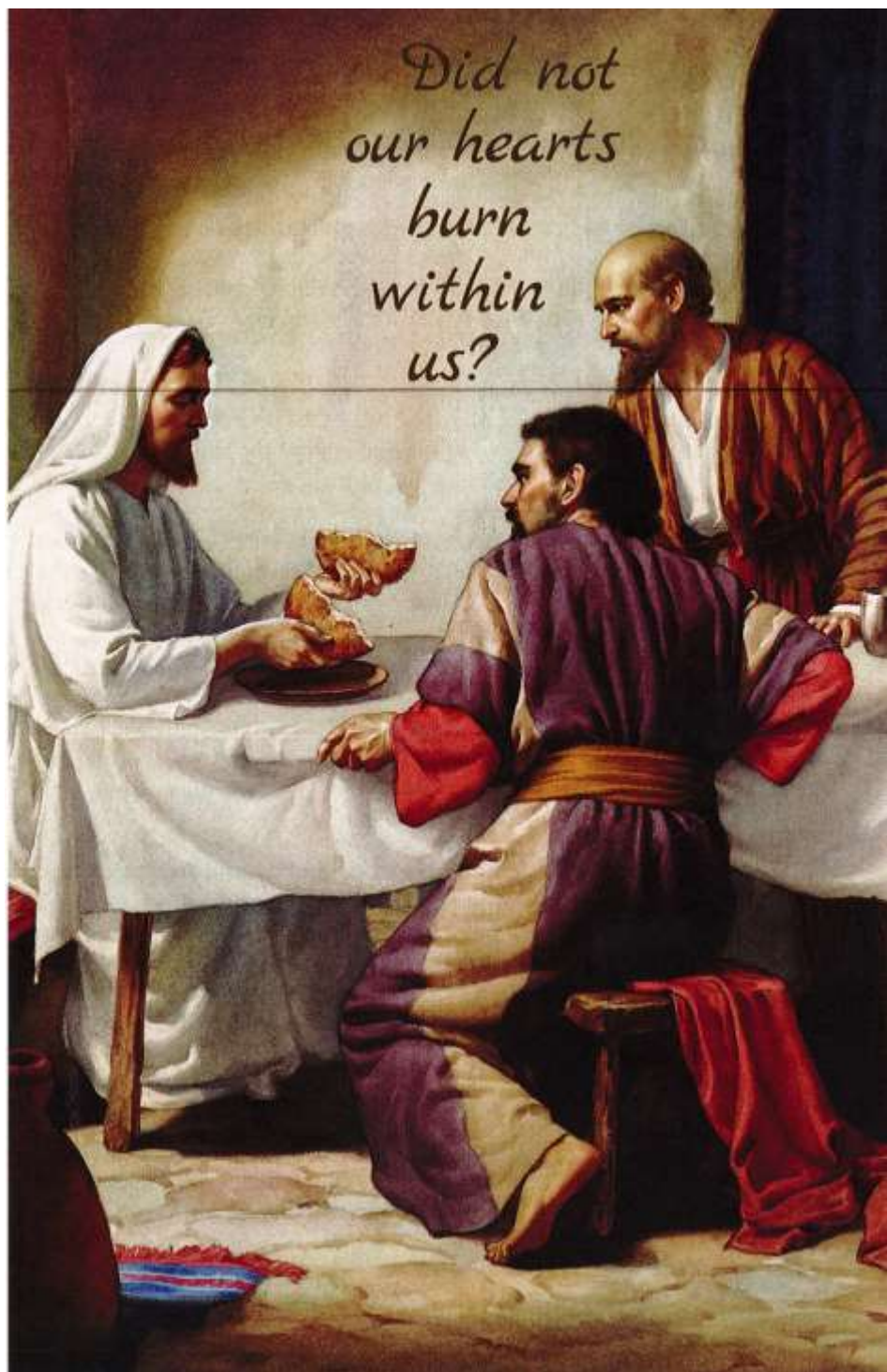


Did not
our hearts
burn
within
us?



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH UNDER THE TREES
Grave Decoration Sunday April 30, 2017

L Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior,
King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

GREETING

L 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.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their mercy and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed {the crowd}: 36“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 116:1-14

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-25

17 If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

13 That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to

him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN “I Come to the Garden Alone”

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The song of God discloses
(Refrain)
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known
He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing

And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing
(Refrain)
I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me is falling.
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe.
His voice to me is calling
(Refrain)

Stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 arose 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

TEMPLE TALK Old Stone Church Historical Committee

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING

(All loose and non-designated offerings received today will go to the maintenance of the Old Stone Church. Thank you!)

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

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 to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me With your free Spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"
The congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

C 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "The Old Stone Church in the Vale" (modified)

There's a church in the val-ley by the twelve mile,
No love-li-er place in the dale;
No spot is so dear to my child-hood
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.

How sweet on a clear Sab-bath morn-ing,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
It's tones so sweetly are call-ing,
O come to the church in the vale.

From the church in the valley by the twelve mile,
When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my child-hood,
Wing my way to the mansions of light.

Chorus O, come, come, come, come, come,
To the church by the twelve mile,
O come to the church in the dale.
No spot is so dear to my child-hood,
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.

After the singing of the hymn, we gather around the cemetery for the Graveside Service Honoring the Deceased.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE HONORING THE DECEASED

L Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all saints. Keep our brothers and

sisters, whose bodies are here laid to rest, in the company of all saints and, at the last day, raise them up to share with all faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PSALM 23 (read responsively)

L The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

L He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

C he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L He restoreth my soul:

C he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

C for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me!

This I know,

For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong,

They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay,

Close beside me all the way;

He's prepared a home for me,

And some day His face I'll see.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

BENEDICTION

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

All are invited to join us for a potluck meal to be shared immediately following the Worship service.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/30	Third Sunday of Easter Church Under The Trees & Grave Decoration Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Potluck lunch to follow worship</i>
Mon 5/1	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tues 5/2	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
Wed 5/3	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 5/4	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 5/5	Office Closed
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship

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.



Sunday, April 23, 2017

Offering: General \$1,629.00 MOM \$784.00, Sunday School \$50.00, NALC \$146.00, Church Reno \$300.00, **Total: \$2,909.00**

Attendance: Worship- 85 Sunday School- 8 Adults, 10 Children

Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!





We keep the family of Clea Wendel in our Prayers. May God comfort you at your time of loss.

Mission of the Month of April:



Mission Statement

Water Missions International

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.

Easter 3

April 30, 2017



Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

The Gospel for today recalls how two disciples were able to see the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Though he appeared to many on the day of his resurrection, not everyone was able to see him and know his true identity. In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we are promised a place where we will always be met by Christ, a place where his promises are continually proclaimed anew.



“When you want to preach the gospel, you must treat only the resurrection of Christ. ... The greatest power of faith is bound up in this article. For if there were no resurrection, we would have no consolation or hope, and everything else Christ did and suffered would be futile.”

- Martin Luther -