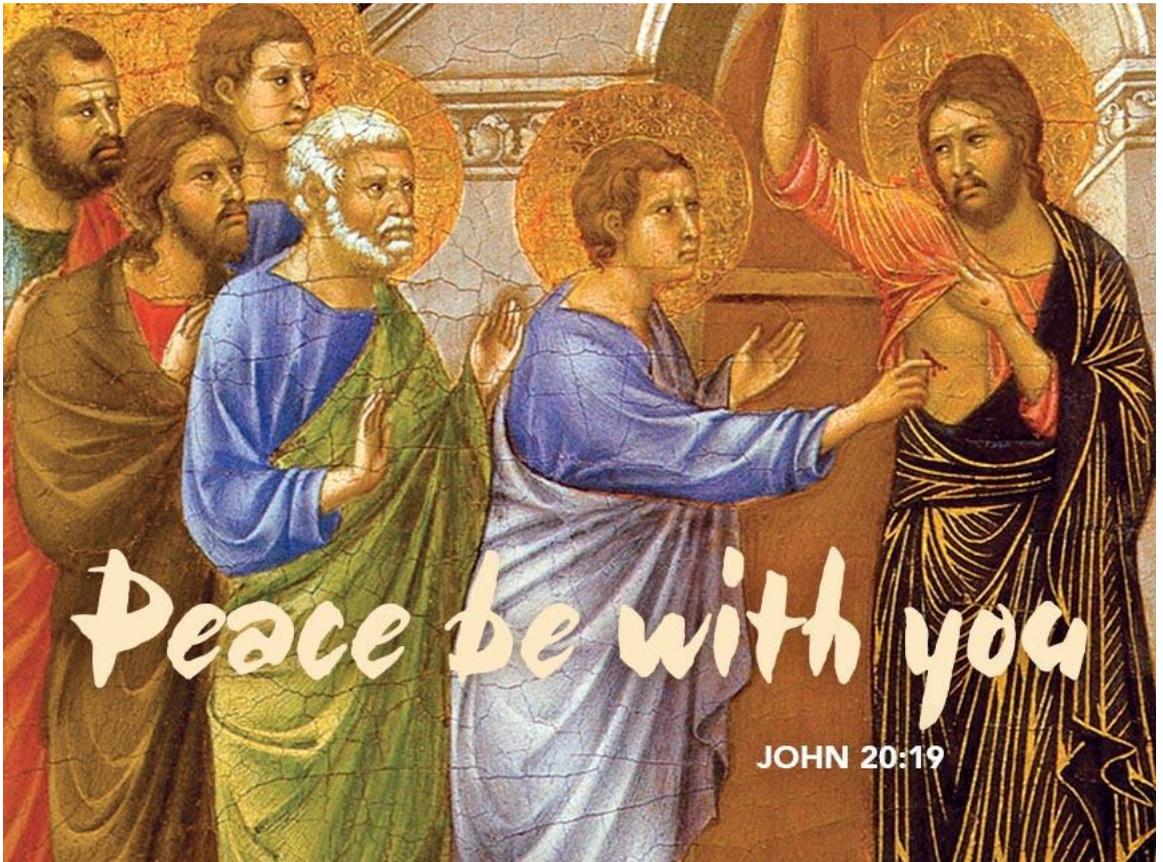


Second Sunday of Easter



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 28, 2019

Service of the Word

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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Marilyn Tackaberry, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

EASTER GREETING

GATHERING SONG *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And

we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**
- ²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**
- ²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³**By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- ²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- ²⁵**Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!**
- ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- ²⁷**The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**
- ²⁸You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
- ²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

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 the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging weather. Bless environmentalists, engineers, and legislators who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air and water for us and for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give to all government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Uphold cease-fires, treaties, and all agreements and agencies that further the cause of peace on earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering, especially those affected by the bombings in Sri Lanka, those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors, especially ELCA World Hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Breathe your Spirit into congregations in our community, especially Holy Family Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, and First Congregational United Church of Christ. May the good news of the resurrection be made visible through the witness of all who gather in your name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name, especially Len Rose. Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Thine Is the Glory*

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DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Margaret Danneels; Ushers: Dick Eisen & Carl Eisen; Acolyte: Jack Wiegand; Scripture Reader: Dawn Lambrecht; Projectionist: Nancy Green; Money Counters: Dick & Theresa Eisen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

The scholarship committee reminds the congregation that scholarship funds are available for college, post-graduate and trade schools. The application form is in the office. The scholarship amount is \$500 for members and \$200 for non-members. The deadline for applications is April 30th. If you have any questions contact one of the committee members: Mike Morenko, Dawn Lambrecht, and Nancy Green.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Len Rose who passed away on Monday. A funeral was held at Frederick's Funeral Home on Saturday and a luncheon was held here following the funeral. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of the Resurrection.

Tickets for the May 19 baseball game at Jimmy John's Field are on sale and will be sold until April 28. Tickets are \$35 each for people ages 4 and up. Included in your ticket price is \$10 coming back to St. Peter Youth Group, a buffet of hot dogs, BBQ pulled pork, grilled chicken breasts, potato chips, fruit salad, pasta salad and cookies, unlimited soda, lemonade, ice tea and water, two drink tickets per adult for beer or wine, a group photo on the field, autographs from the players, "Chalk talk" with a team coach or player, a greeting on Scoreboard, a meet & greet with the mascots, kids run the bases after the game, an opportunity to participate in holding a 30' x 60' American flag on the field during the National Anthem, an opportunity to throw an Honorary 1st Pitch, and free parking. We will be seated close to the kids' zone and whiffle ball field. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Joyce. There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

Nerf War! After a long winter we are all eager to get outside. On Sunday, bring your nerf guns and we'll spend some time outside playing. Don't worry about nerf darts, we have those. However, please bring \$5 per person to pay for pizza.

The annual St. Peter's Attic and Bake Sale will be held on May 17th and 18th. If anyone wishes to donate, please put items in the large room in the church basement. Items must be clean and saleable; please no computer equipment or large appliances. Anyone who wishes to help with the sale in any capacity is welcomed. The committee will be meeting on April 29, May 6 and 13 at 9 am to organize items. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 329-9656.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be at noon on May 8 at the *Freighters Eatery and Taproom* in Port Huron (located under the Blue Water Bridge at 500 Thomas Edison Parkway, Port Huron). We will meet at 11:30 in the church parking lot to carpool. If you have any questions, call Joanne at 810-329-4953 or Lou at 810-765-0248.

Do you know someone addicted to opioids or heroin? Or do you want to learn how to save a life? Register for this free training to learn how Naloxone can help prevent an overdose death: May 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at St. Peter's. This one hour training will teach you: How to recognize signs of an overdose and how to safely and correctly administer Naloxone. Get a free rescue kit (must be 18 years or older and a resident of Genesee, Lapeer, Sanilac, or St. Clair County). To register call: (810) 987-5300.

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am we will meet at Grieg Park for worship, with music led by the Bluegrass group. Following worship we will have a blessing of bicycles, a bicycle safety lesson from a St. Clair police officer, and a potluck lunch. After lunch we will take a ride to play a game of kickball. Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Please also bring your own chairs, table service and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing. This promises to be a fun day for all as we kick off the summer. (In case of inclement weather, worship and lunch will be at St. Peter's).

The St. Clair Singers' Spring Concert will be on Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm at First Congregational UCC. Admission is free.

We are looking for players to join our church slow pitch softball league. There will be 8-10 games, a few practices and lots of fun! There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.

The May newsletter is in your mailboxes today.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, Dennis Angus, Marlene Eisen, Family of Len Rose. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 53; Sunday 166

BIRTHDAY: 4/30 Janis Convis 81 years

ANNIVERSARY: 4/28 Autumn & Matt Eisen 2 years
 4/29 Anna & Mark Fisher 30 years
 4/29 Nancy & John Warwick 41 years

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	Pastors' day off	Evening Worship, Communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Worship, Communion 9:30 am Tim Horton's 10:30