

## First Sunday after Easter

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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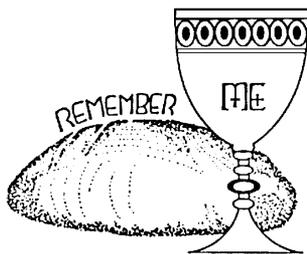
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

**Organ Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 203 *Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb*

**Order of Service** Page 15ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation.

**Epistle Lesson** 1 John 5:4-10 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

**Gospel Lesson** John 21:1-17 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find

*some.*” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, “Come *and* eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

Hymn *The Lamb*

Sermon John 21:1-17

## The Kingdom Works... by Hook and by Crook

TLH Communion Liturgy

**Distribution** 755, 736, 207, 206

**Closing Hymn** 193:1-4 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**COMMUNION** The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

**VOTERS MEETING** The Quarterly meeting will be held after today's potluck meal. Membership matters: the reception by transfer of Carmen Rosen from Bethel in Morris, MN. If you have items for discussion or action, please speak with Chairman Ron Strike.

**SUMMER BIBLE CLASS** Family Bible Class will begin on the Sunday after Memorial Day. The plan is to read and discuss sections from an Answers in Genesis book. You will find copies in the entryway if you'd like to read ahead or at home. The books are free.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Michael Wilke, Saginaw, MI, has the call to Winter Haven, FL. Pastor Mark Tiefel, Lynnwood, WA has accepted the call to Middleton, WI.

**INVITE** You are invited to an ILHS production of Father Knows Best on April 29 at 2:00 pm and April 30 at 7:30 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. These performances will not be live-streamed. A band concert and student performances will begin a half hour before each production.

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