

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please sign the Friendship Register (Red Folder) located in the hymnal rack and pass it on to your neighbors. Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Medley of Easter Hymns*

#362 *At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

#365 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#384 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Organ Only

HYMN #391 *This Joyful Eastertide*

Organ Only—No Singing

Stand **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

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

spoken **Kyrie** -

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy

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

C Lord, have mercy

P 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

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

C Lord, have mercy

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

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

St **First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 133

READ IN UNISON

**¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!**

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand **Spoken**

Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 20th Chapter
C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

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.

P The Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise to you O Christ**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

sit **HYMN #635** *We Walk By Faith vs 1,2*

C **We walk by faith and not by sight,
with gracious words draw near.
O Christ who spoke as none e’er spoke!
“My peace be with you here”.**

**We may not touch your hands and side,
Nor follow where you trod.
But in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, “My Lord and God”.**

Stand **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

The Prayers

A Hear us, O God

C Your mercy is great

A In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.

*We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.***

P Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of love,

C you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right. . .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new
covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth
from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

Spoken **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

Stand **BLESSING**

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand **HYMN #635** *We Walk By Faith vs 3, 4*

**C For you, O Resurrected Lord, are found
in means divine, beneath the water and
the word, beneath the bread and wine.**

**And when our life of faith is done, in
realms of clearer light may we behold you
as you are, with full and endless sight.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

We will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

**Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of
them in the Narthex in recycling can.**

POSTLUDE *I Know that my Redeemer Lives!*

~J.

Hatton

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Payments made thru February 28: \$46,692

Attendance: 04/04/2021 71

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

READINGS for April 18, 2021:

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God

ST. MARK'S MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS - Cost \$35.00 per brick (no limit). Order forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Bricks can be purchased anytime throughout the year.

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ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Zara Bennett

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Upcoming Events



Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald - April 11, 2021

You are invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on April 11. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!

Summer Camp Open House at Nawakwa - April 11, 2021

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Kirchenwald Work Day at Kirchenwald - April 24, 2021

April 24 - Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP at LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211.

Nawakwa Work Day at Nawakwa - April 24, 2021

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Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald - April 25, 2021

April 25 - Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$10 fee. All ages welcome. RSVP to 717-677-8211 or LutheranCamping.org by April 16.

Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald - April 30 - May 1, 2021

April 30-May1 - Need a weekend with the guys? Come on out to Kirchenwald for a retreat that's sure to put hair on your chest. Get your hands dirty with on-site service projects, break a sweat with some athletic competition and bike riding, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment. The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Participants must be at least 18 years old, or 15 if accompanied by an adult. (It's a great way to spend time with your grandson/nephew, etc!) \$85 per person. RSVP to 717-677-8211 or LutheranCamping.org by April 23.

Birthdays for April

04/01 – Stella Baker	04/20 – Patty Ernest
04/02 – Fred Shultz	Keri Miller
Owen Smith	Danielle DiSerio
Madeline Varga	04/21- Christopher Bair
04/03 Jane Shetrone	4/22- Caleb Varga
Charles Walak	04/23 – Kristy Shoaff
04/04 – Caden Bryan	04/25 – Kimberly Klick
Casianne Frey	Lauryn Edwards
Valerie Martello	(McClenahan)
04/05 - Michelle Haynos	04/26 - Denise Harr
04/12 - Linda Dullen	Melva Neifert
04/13 - Donald Herbster	Karin Senft
Christian McClain	04/27 - Zachary Lee
04/15 – Susan Simpler	James Long
04/16 - Anthony Weldon	Calvin Smith
04/17 – Lauren Briner	04/29 - April Trout
04/18 – Carol Watkins	Jackson Lee

it's **BBQ** Time!



**Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:30 am - until
SOLD OUT**

**St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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\$10.00 per Chicken Dinner

**\$14.00 per Ribs Dinner All dinners
include:**

Baked potato, Apple sauce, Roll & Water.

**You can order in advance by calling the
church office (717) 652-6700**

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The website to sign up is:

Messiahlifeways.org/visit

Greenwood to sign up

Her Room #3012 Greenwood



HARVEST
Golf Tournament

Monday, May 24, 2021
Rain or Shine

8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Scramble Format

Sunset Golf Course
2601 Sunset Dr. Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: 717-944-9262

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