
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 24, 2022



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” (LSB #474)

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

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INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS:

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

OPEN ARMS ECC SING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-32

¹² The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed. ¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." ²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this. ²⁵ Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. ²⁷ Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*The Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LSB #711)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.**

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SERMON: Revelation 1:9-18 "What's in a Picture?"

THE OFFERING

ECC TEACHER RECOGNITION

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

EASTER BLESSING:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Raise your praises high.

People: With heartfelt thanks we follow Christ, His wondrous love to see.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen, nevermore to die!

People: From death to life we follow Christ, from cross to victory.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Death's dark reign is done!

People: So by God's grace we take our place in paradise at last.

Pastor: Go now in the power of the Spirit.

People: We leave believing in and proclaiming the name of our risen Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Thanks be to God!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB #461)

**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives my ever living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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PRAYER MINISTRY

Please include the following friends and happenings in your personal prayers

For God's Blessing On Their Medical Treatment - Richard St Martin

Our Home bound & Those In Care Centers - Pat Hibben - John Arne - Vera Marko - Lillian Prok - Jerry & Sharon Bliven - Lorraine McKay - Marion Michalik - Stan Cherveney

Our Local & Global Mission Ministries

-Rev Dr. Dan & Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia (Recipients of our "Together In Mission")

-Rev. Bliidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our "Care Barrels")

Local & Global Concerns

-For Health & Safety in this COVID 19 Pandemic

-For a spirit of unity and Godliness among the leadership of The United States of America and President Biden

This Weeks Birthday's

26-Apr Frank Schadewald

29-Apr Steve Johnstone

30-Apr Gordon Leonard



Please help us celebrate the
CONFIRMATION
 of Jacob Charles Thiel

When: Sunday, May 1 - 11:30am-1:30pm

Where: The Thiel House

3120 W 110th Street Bloomington, MN 55431

* A light lunch and cake will be served. *

TUESDAY NIGHTS



SUMMER RODS

CRUIZ 'IN 104TH STREET
 Family Friendly Evening



Where: 201 E 104th St Bloomington

When: Tuesdays 6-9pm

FOOD - BEVERAGES
 &
THE BEST SWEET CORN
FRESH PICKED DAILY



LOADS OF FAMILY FUN
 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
 THEME NIGHTS & MUSIC



TUESDAY
MAY 3, 2022
5 PM – 9 PM
Tuesday Night
Summer Rods Cruiz ‘
on 104th Street

Enjoy a family friendly outdoor evening with classic cars, friends, activities, music, food and beverages. Enjoy the classic cars and concessions fundraiser proceeds support Open Arms Christian Early childhood Center

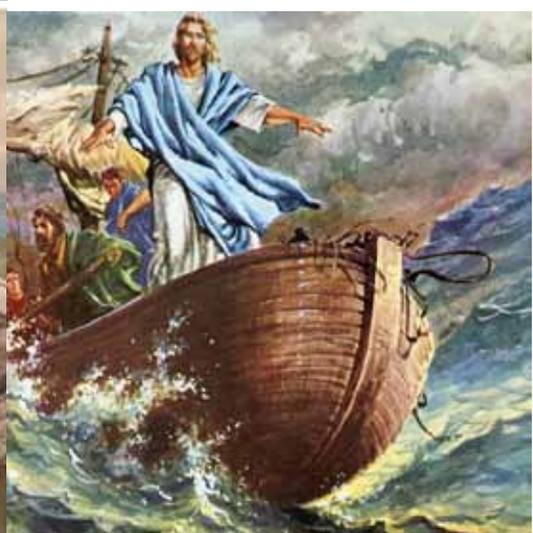


BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Adult Bible Class:
Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.
Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.
Location: Church fellowship hall.
Topic: Both classes are the same.
We are studying the book of Ester

Scripture References

April 24, 2022



Revelation 1:9-16

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." ¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword.

Revelation 1:17a

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead...

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Revelation 1:17b,18

¹⁷ ...Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

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1. What do pictures do for us in life?
2. How many pictures do we have of Jesus?
3. What does John’s vision of Jesus do?
4. Why can Jesus be called the Son of Man today?
5. What do the details of Jesus’ picture tell us about him? (*List some details*)
6. How does this picture of Jesus help us with sin?
7. How does this picture of Jesus help our faith? (*List some ways*)
8. What are we given in this picture of Jesus