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John 20:28-29

Second Sunday of Easter / Confirmation


April 27 / 28, 2019

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, teach us to walk by faith, not by sight. Cause us to believe, even when we cannot fully grasp with our minds your unfathomable truths. Grant us to trust in all you have said because your Word promises the forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. May we always, with hearts of faith, bow before you and exclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" We pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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BAPTISMAL HYMN	<i>Baptized in Water</i>	CW297 6:30 pm
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OPENING HYMN	<i>Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense</i>	CW167
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ANTHEM	<i>Like a River In My Soul</i>	Tim Osiek 11 am
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*I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, trust that Christ reigns within. I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone, know that Christ leads you home. I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!*

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FIRST LESSON	Genesis 15:1-6
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After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is	Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him	outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars -- if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.
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PSALM of the DAY	Psalms 16	CW p. 68
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SECOND LESSON	2 Peter 1:16-21
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We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and	coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For	he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the
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Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have the word of the prophets made

more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the

prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

GENERAL VERSE

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GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In 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!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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." 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!" 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 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.

HYMN of the DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

CW165

Stanzas 1-4

SERMON

John 20:19-31

PEACE BE WITH YOU

APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING

CONFIRMATION RITE

11 am

ANTHEM

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Mark Shepperd

11 am

*I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.*

*Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.*

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

*Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast There within His arms to rest.*

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PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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Stanzas 5-9

CLOSING HYMN

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

CW147

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PRESIDING MINISTER

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Jeneane Thiesfeldt

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Bethel Boeder

CONFIRMANDS

Bethel Boeder

FLUTE

Grace Hennig

MLC LECTORS

Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm

John Wenzel

St. Paul's, Oconto Falls, WI

8 am

Caleb Koelpin

Calvary, Dallas, TX

9:30 am

Ryan Henning

Trinity, Belle Plaine, MN

11 am

Samuel Schulz

Eastside, Madison, MI

Former St. John's Confirmands

1 year ago 2018

Abigail Deters
Ruth Dobberpuhl
Madelyn Fischer
Zander Fischer
Kaiden Hammerschmidt
Kaylee Hunter
Liliana Mohror
Brooklyn Moldan
Josiah Smith
Ruth Ulicky
Nathan Zacate

5 years ago 2014

Matthias Borgwardt
Carl Bumgarner
Magdala Diersen
Sarah Dinse
Alex Gutzke
Hank Havemeier
Chip Hennig
Kelli Karstens
Brianna Nolte
Luke Scheid

10 years ago 2009

Amanda Besemer
Carl Boeder
Samuel Dose
Madison Ebling-Kokesch
Samantha Fischer
Abigail Koelpin
Rachael Kuck

25 years ago 1994

Daniel Blaaid
Dianna Blaaid
Melissa Bode
Lance Buck
Charis Carmichael
John Caulk
Jennifer Firle
Jennifer Frederickson
James Gilman
Daniel Hermanson
Angela Lingl
Justin Mix
Anne Roman

Eric Schmidt
Kaydra Schroeder
Josiah Stoering
Travis Vogel
Laura Wagner

30 years ago 1989

Holly Borth
Jason Brandes
Garrett Ebling
Ryan Ellwein
Michael Fenske
Nicole Fluegge
Brett Grams
Sharon Griebel
James Kuster
Kymarie Kuster
Lucas Moldenhauer
Daniel Pearse
Chet Peterson
Jeremy Roman
Deborah Shilling
Christa Tess

40 years ago 1979

Nancy Affolter
Greta Anderson
Gregg Birkholz
Jonathan Blackstad
Lisa Block
Vaughn Haber
Lisa Hohenstein
Carol Parker
David Parker
Stephen Raddatz
Keith Wessel
Theresa Yanz

50 years ago 1969

Lenore Eyrich
Joel Fredrich
Penny Hasse
Terry Hasse
Naomi Heckmann
Nancy Heidemann
Susan Hempel
Leanne Kaiser
Genell Laabs
Victoria Morse
Laura Nielsen
Sandra Nielsen
Timothy Schroeder
David Tews

60 years ago 1959

James Tjernagel
John Tjernagel
Louis Sievert
Lois Sievert
Roger Marier
Judith Gronholz
Diann Stelter
Joanne Wallow
Judy Evers
Donna Fritsche
Norreen Kitzrow
Jerome Plagge
Ronald Muetzel

70 years ago 1949

Richard Hagen
Bernice Plagge

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	11 am	Confirmation Service / Grade 8 sings
	12 pm	Basement Reserved
	3 pm	MLC Ministry Anniversary Service at Chapel of the Christ, MLC
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
Sat	7 pm	MVL Play: <i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>
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† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	2 pm	MVL Play: <i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>
May 6-8		Pastors' Conference, St. Cloud
May 6	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
May 7	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
May 8	7 pm	Mixed Choir
May 9	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
May 10	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study at Perkins
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
May 12	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	11 am	Sunday School children sing
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
May 13	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
May 14	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
May 16	10:30 am	Last Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Last Adult Bible Class
May 17	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study at Perkins
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
May 18	4 and 7 pm	MLC Commencement Concert
	10 am	MLC Commencement Service
	2 pm	MLC Call Service

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 620 with 400 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$19,756	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$860	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$300	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund
\$2,075	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$150	Kitchen Fund
\$1,882	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$100	Audio/Video Equipment
\$579	Food & Fellowship	\$100	Christian Family Solutions
\$25	Church Library Fund	\$10	Memorials

Baptism Reaffirmation ~ Charlotte Edith Smith, daughter of Slade and Rachel Smith, was baptized by Pastor Guenther at New Ulm Medical Center on February 23rd. During the Saturday night service, we reaffirm the promise of God's grace given to her in the sacrament of holy baptism, rejoicing in the celebration of her new birth as a child of the living God.

God Bless Our Confirmands ~ We commend into the hands of our merciful Savior all those who make the good confession before God's altar today:

Hans Henry Boeder

Drew Michael Domeier

Austin William Enter

Elijah Dean Enter

Wesley Michael Grob

Dorothea Elisabeth Anne Grubbs

Natalie Grace Hennig

Landon William Karstens

Michael Gene Kiecker

Joseph Allen Kowalke

Rebecca Jane Kuck

Kaydence Marie Smith

Estrella Esther Strackbein

Amber Nicole Toltzman

Nathan Michael Wels

Contribution Statements ~ Contribution statements for the 1st quarter of 2019 have been processed and can be found in your church bulletin box. Please pick yours up today.

Thank You ~ Dear friends in Christ, thank you to all who helped with Norma's funeral, with the setup and cleanup for the lunch to follow, and for all the work that went on behind the scenes in whatever form it took. Your help and your support are greatly appreciated! Your brother in Christ, Claus Sieh.

Thank You ~ to all those who gave of their time, talents and treasures for our Easter for Kids event! We had 63 volunteers between St Paul's, St John's and MLC who served 103 children and shared the good news of our risen Savior! Thank you for the amazing response of donations provided for all our fun activities for the morning. Thank you!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS ~ The annual Minnesota District Rally for Seniors sponsored by the Organization of WELS Lutheran for Seniors (OWLS) will be held at Martin Luther College in New Ulm on Monday, April 29. Please share this information with other seniors. A \$5.00 registration fee will be collected at the registration table. The cost of the noon lunch is \$6.50 payable in the cafeteria. Please register in advance by contacting Dale Markgraf, at demarkgraf@gmail.com or call 507-354-2735.

Ministry Anniversary ~ The faculty of Martin Luther College and the governing board invite you to join the campus family of MLC to give thanks and praise to Jesus for the gospel ministries of the following faithful servants who are members of St. John's:

Twenty-Five Years Darrell Berg, Brian Hennig, Jonathan Roux

A service of thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ at MLC. You are cordially invited to attend and look forward to having you celebrate with us. Congratulatory messages may be sent in care of: Office of the President, MLC, 1995 Luther Ct., New Ulm, MN 56073.

MVL Announcements ~ *Spring Musical* The MVL Drama Department is excited to announce its spring play will be the classic musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. Three performances will take place in the MVL gym: May 3 and May 4 at 7 pm and May 5 at 2 pm. Visit mvl.org or facebook.com/mvlhs for more information. *MVL Prism Concerts* will be on Saturday, May 11, at 5 and 8 pm in the gym. Students will perform as soloists, small groups, and ensembles. All are invited to hear what our students have eagerly prepared for these unique concerts! *Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar* Come to the complimentary "Faithful Financial Fulfillment" seminar sponsored by the MVL Foundation on Sunday, May 19 to learn some of the simple steps you can take to be a faithful steward of the gifts the Lord has provided. The seminar will be held in the lower level of Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ, beginning at 3:30 pm and followed by MVL's Year-End Sacred Concert in the chapel if you wish to attend. Dinner will be provided to seminar registrants. Contact Val Holzhueter for more info and to register: valh@mvlhs.org or 507-233-8692.

St. Paul's School Dig In Gala ~ With auction items like amazing Twins tickets, an airplane ride, ziplining, real maple syrup, items made with help by the school kids, front row seats to the children's Christmas services, the shaving of someone's beard (what?), and a vacation stay pretty much anywhere you want to go, you do NOT want to miss this event! Please order your tickets at digingala2019.eventbrite.com or pick them up at St. Paul's School or the church office. One hundred percent of your ticket purchase will go to the school building project! Register by May 1st.

MLC Student Organ Recital ~ Several MLC advanced organ students will present a recital on Thursday, May 9 at 4:30 pm in the Wittenburg Collegiate Center Auditorium on the MLC campus. The music is by a variety of composers. We welcome you to join us!

Mission Trip Bake Sale ~ will be held on May 18/19th at St. Paul's Church. All proceeds go to support our five Mission Trips this summer. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org or call the St. Paul's church office at 354-3641.

LWMS ~ It is time once again to vote for LWMS Board of Directors and Home and World mission projects. The ballots and the basket for return ballots are on the table in the new narthex. Please take the time to vote and return ballots by May 12th. All confirmed women of St. John's are eligible to vote.

About the Cover ~ On the evening of his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples while they sat behind locked doors, and he proved himself alive. Thomas, the Twin, was not there however. When the others told him they had seen the risen Christ, he was skeptical. But one week later Jesus appeared to them again and Thomas was with them. When Jesus offered the doubting disciple the opportunity to examine his wounds to know for sure it was really Jesus, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord, and my God!" Of course, he was right. Jesus then spoke the famous words to him: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29)." Here is a lesson for us. It is by faith that God wants us to grasp the blessings of all that Jesus accomplished for us by his perfect life and innocent death in our place -- faith that originates and is sustained only by his saving Word.