

SECOND SUNDAY  
of EASTER



# ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **The Season**

Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. The reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22).

### **The Sunday**

The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

### **Prayer before Worship**

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

### **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Denis Lemke

Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm Saturday)

Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)

Jonathon Koch (10:30 am Sunday)

# His Battle Ended There

Hymn 146, CW93

Stand for the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza



1 His bat - tle end - ed there, death was o - ver - come.  
2 Dread pow'rs of death and sin had him in their hold.  
3 Dead in the grave he lay, mourned by ev - 'ry friend.  
4 He burst the chains of sin, o - pened death's dark jail.



Je - sus, a - live a - gain, wore the vic - tor's crown.  
When Je - sus rose a - gain all their plans were foiled.  
Those dark and fear - ful days then did reach their end.  
God filled him with new life, life that could not fail.



Clear - ly sin had failed; Good - ness had pre - vailed.  
Je - sus lived a - gain, Tri - umphed o - ver sin.  
God raised him to life, Vic - tor in the strife.  
Right be - fore their eyes Je - sus did a - rise.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Dialogue**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

**Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.**

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2    Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3    Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4    Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5    For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun his \_\_\_\_\_ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 18:1–11

*The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# This Is the Day

Psalm 16B

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation

## Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made.



Let us re-joice and be glad in it.

## Tone



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;  
**you make my / lot secure.**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;  
**surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.**

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

**With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken.** *Refrain*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;  
**my body also will / rest secure,**

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,  
**nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.**

You make known to me the / path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence,**  
**with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.** *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

1 John 1:1–4

*St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead.*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia!

Blessed are those who have not seen

**and yet have believed.**

Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 20:19–31

*The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.*

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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!” <sup>27</sup>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.”





## **Sermon**

*John 20:19-31 The Risen Lord Changes His Disciples*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day (*during this season*), for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

**Amen.**

**Offering** God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access [www.stlucaswels.org/donate](http://www.stlucaswels.org/donate).



## These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

CW 468



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of  
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -  
3 His rea-soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could  
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the



blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the  
nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex -  
live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers  
ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.  
pect - ed act too large for his small world of fact.  
read like braille the mark-ings of the spear and nail.  
palms reached out and beck-oned Thom - as from his doubt.

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Stand

## Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

## O Sons and Daughters of the King

CW 456 sts. 8-9



8 Bless - ed are they that have not seen and yet whose

9 On this most ho - ly day of days to God your



faith has con - stant been; in life e - ter - nal they shall reign.  
hearts and voic - es raise in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Announcements

**Pastor Henning Out of Town:** Pastor Henning will be out of town April 1-8, and will not have phone service April 1-5. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact Pastor Bode from Zion in Kohlsville at 262-483-0407.

**Lutheran Memorial Park Spring Cleanup:** Please remove all Fall and Winter decorations by April 15th. The grounds crew will begin spring cleanup at the Cemetery. Any Fall or Winter items that are salvageable will be removed and placed next to the shed for the next couple weeks. Then they will be discarded. There is list of Rules and Regulations as it relates to what is allowed on the Cemetery, posted at the entrance to the Cemetery as well as on the side of the shed. These guidelines are enforced by the Cemetery Board, Sexton, and Grounds Staff. We thank everyone for beautifying the Cemetery, and for our grounds maintenance staff who keep it looking it's very best. And a reminder there is no water or trash cans at the Cemeteries.

### **KML Golden Gala Registration Deadlines EXTENDED!**

Registration deadlines for the Golden Gala on April 20 at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School have been EXTENDED! Get your tickets today at [kmlhs.org/gala](http://kmlhs.org/gala).

- NEW Early Bird Ticket Deadline: April 5
- NEW Final Ticket & Sponsorship Deadline: April

### **KML Spring Play**

Join us for Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's production of the play *While the Lights Were Out*\* by Jack Sharkey on **Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 PM**. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$5 each.

\**While the Lights Were Out* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com).

### **KMLES Spring Band Concert**

Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online ([kmlhs.org/stream](http://kmlhs.org/stream)) as the KML Elementary School Bands glorify God through music on **Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 PM**. We hope you can join us!

**LeRoy Reed Memorial Golf Outing:** The 8th annual charity Golf Outing supporting Christian Life Resources is Friday, May 17, at Ironwood Golf Course, W270N6166 Moraine Drive, Sussex, WI. 9:30am registration/range and 10:30am shotgun start. Event cost is \$120 (\$400 discounted foursome) and includes lunch and buffet-style dinner. Four-person scramble format with 18 holes

of golf with cart, free-range balls and other contests. Raffles and prizes too. To register, visit [www.christianliferesources.com](http://www.christianliferesources.com) or call 414-376-0594.

**WELS Night at the Brewers:** Back and better than ever, WELS Night at the Brewers is returning for 2024! Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on **Friday, July 12** to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Let's pack the stands with WELS connections!

Tickets for WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together in all three seating categories. Ticket prices are \$23 (Field Outfield Box), \$17 (Loge Outfield Box) and \$10 (Terrace Infield). Individual tickets are available **NOW** and can be purchased online at [brewers.com/wels](http://brewers.com/wels).

**LWMS Spring Rally:** The Spring Rally of the Dodge/Washington LWMS circuit will be held at St. Matthew in Iron Ridge, WI on Saturday, April 13th from 9AM till 12:30PM. Registration starts at 8:30. Guest speaker is Juan Escobar, a Seminary student who will present on Latin American missions, Academia Christo and how a basketball camp changed his life. Come and enjoy a morning with fellowship, food and learning how our WELS continues to spread and grow around the world.

**KML Family Music Fest 2024:** Please join us for *A Salute to America* on Friday, April 12, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Monies raised at this event will go toward the improvement of technology within the KML Music Department. This event features elementary and high school musical performances, games, live auctions, and Science Fair projects from our Lutheran Elementary School students. Food options include a fish fry, concession items, and a dessert bar. Adult admission is \$5. Children/students get free admission. The fish dinner is \$17. Adult admission with the fish dinner is \$20.

Donations of fancy desserts for our live auction would be happily accepted! We would ask that food items be dropped off in the main office on Friday, April 12, from 12-3 pm if at all possible. Refrigerators and freezers are available if your dessert needs to be kept cold. We are also in need of desserts like cookies, bars, and pies for the dessert bar. If you would like to donate or would like to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Angela Hohenstein ([angela.hohenstein@kmlhs.org](mailto:angela.hohenstein@kmlhs.org)). You can also visit [www.kmlhs.org/fmf](http://www.kmlhs.org/fmf) for donation forms, volunteer signup forms, and more information.

## **Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:**

### BIRTHDAYS

Debra Nigh - 4/7  
Aubri Ramthun - 4/7  
Malachi Yttri - 4/8

Masen McCambridge - 4/9  
Gail Homuth - 4/10  
Evelyn Thiemer - 4/12

### ANNIVERSARIES

Butch & Barbara Gengler - 4/7  
Erik & Tammy Kral - 4/8

# CALENDAR

Readings for April 7th - April 14th



APR 07

Sunday

Exodus 20:1-24  
Luke 4:1-15

**Worship 8 am**  
No Bible Study  
Sunday School - 9:15 am  
**Worship 10:30 am**

APR 08

Monday

Exodus 22:20-23:13  
Luke 4:16-30

APR 09

Tuesday

Exodus 23:14-33  
Luke 4:31-34

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

APR 10

Wednesday

Exodus 24:1-18  
Luke 5:1-16

Catechism Instruction  
6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm  
PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm

APR 11

Thursday

Exodus 25:1-22  
Exodus 25:23-30-38  
Luke 5:17-39

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am  
Bible Study - 10 am

APR 12

Friday

Exodus 31:1-18  
Luke 6:1-19

APR 13

Saturday

Exodus 32:1-14  
Luke 6:20-38

**Worship w/Communion  
6:00 pm**

APR 14

Sunday

Exodus 25:15-35  
Luke 6:39-49

**Worship w/Communion  
8 am**  
Bible Study - 9:15 am  
Sunday School - 9:15 am  
**Worship w/Communion  
10:30 am**

**Ushers for  
4/13 & 4/14**

Sat. 4/13 6 pm - Peters  
Sun. 4/14 8 am - Schacht  
Sun. 4/14 10:30 am - Herther

**Ushers for  
4/20 & 4/21**

Sat. 4/20 6 pm - Beyer  
Sun. 4/21 8 am - Zuehlke  
Sun. 4/21 10:30 am - Wolter

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