

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Divine Setting One pg. 151 in the hymnal

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

#592

BAPTISM

Vivian Rose Schmieding

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21 (ESV)

Peter explains to an astonished crowd that the healing miracle they witnessed was done in the name of the risen Jesus. Peter calls them to repent of their sins and be saved.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name--by faith in his name--has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-7 (ESV)

We are children of God through our hope in Christ. Those who abide in him must not allow sin to continue ruling in their lives since we belong to God.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go”

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-49 (ESV)

Jesus appears to his disciples at Easter announcing peace. He instructs them about the greater significance of his death and resurrection.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the twenty-fourth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jody Wiemer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

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SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#955

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION HYMN

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO PASTOR RICHARD GUDGEL

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

“Lamb of God”

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

#618 vs 1,4,5

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

#474

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Matthew Mau and St John Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

Welcome to God's Family through baptism Vivian Rose Schmieding

To Be United in Marriage Steve Elikor and Sue Sullivan

For Our Congregation and Community:

Dealing with an illness: LaVern Stuhr, Joan Naber, Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Christal Fehlhafer, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peek, Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Lois Richters, Jackie Corner, Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Declining Health: Norma Ehlers

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In Response to God's Love

April 11 : Total Attendance: 171 Sunday School: 14 Online: 112

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(04-18-21) Acolyte: Abbie Saunders **Lay Reader:** Jamie Kovac **Organist:** Dylan Teut

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (04-18)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person and Sunday School
	4:00 PM	Private Wedding
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (04-19)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (04-20)	1:30 PM	Nimble Thimbles
WEDNESDAY (04-21)	8:20 AM	Chapel 5th and 6th Grades/Mr Luce
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Womens Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY (04-22)	-----	Grapevine Info due to the Church Office
FRIDAY (04-23)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (04-24)	-----	
SUNDAY (04-25)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person and Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 04-08-21	Amount received 03-28-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$35,070.00		\$193,607.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$380.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$11,554.00		
Total	\$35,070.00	\$15,600.00	\$205,541.00	\$214,937.00	-\$9,396.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$250.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$300.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$17.00		\$1,291.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$110.00	\$98.00	\$2,935.00	\$2,981.00	-\$46.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

Today's Baptism

Vivian Rose is the daughter of Todd and Natalie Schmieding
Sponsors are Joan and Steve Stoller, Anne and John Stahl, Kari and Ryan Schurr

Recognition for Pastor Gudgel Pastor Gudgel recently announced that he will be retiring from Visitation Ministry in mid-April after almost nine years of faithful service to our congregation! Today Sunday, April 18th we will be recognizing Pastor with a card shower and special presentation at the end of the worship service. Cards may be dropped off at church office or mailed to their home if you prefer. That address is: 24 Eastridge Drive N., York, NE 68467

April 18, 2021 10:00 AM- on Lincoln's channel 8 This is the life-The Main Even-A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meet a cheerful 8-year old girl. **10:30 AM-**The message "Fishy Business" is presented by Rev. Christopher Amen, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone, Mn. He bases his message on Luke 24:35-49. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

April 25, 2021 10:00 AM-This is the life-The Prisoners-An elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.

10:30 AM-Rev. Kurt Laskowski, pastor at Zion Lutheran in Hurley, and First English Lutheran Church in Centerville, SD brings the message "Boldly Confess Christ". He bases the message on Acts 4:1-12. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Summer Camp Brochures

As you're making plans for summer, remember Camp Luther of Nebraska has great outdoor camps of all types for kids and families! Brochures with more details are available at the welcome center. Scholarships are also available through our congregation; talk to Pastor Dunbar if you're interested. Visit their website to sign up now! www.campluther.org.

Special Confirmation Worship Times

On **Sunday, May 2nd** our worship services will be held at 8:00 & 10:00am, with the Rite of Confirmation in the 10:00am service. (No 9AM service or Sunday School that day!) Due to the extra guests in attendance that day, we are asking those without any connection to our confirmands to please plan to attend the 8:00am service. The Confirmation Service will be live-streamed for anyone who wishes to see it.

The LLL spring rally will be held on Sunday, May 2nd at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco in the Fellowship Hall beginning with registration at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 per person including the meal. The speaker is Dr. Dennis Brink from Concordia University who is the director of the new Ag Program. League presidents please call your group reservations to Raymond Luebbe 402-363-9829 by Monday, April 26th.

Changes in Social Distancing & Communion

You may notice that we have begun to relax our social distancing in the sanctuary. Due to the decrease in new COVID cases and wide availability of vaccinations, portions of our seating will no longer be distanced. Pews near the back of the sanctuary will remain roped off for those who wish to maintain distance. Beginning in May we plan on returning to regular communion distribution at the front of church, using only individual cups. We continue to encourage wearing a mask as recommended by Four Corners Health Department. Thank you for your patience and grace as we move ahead. God is good! -St. Paul Board of Elders