

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONGS

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"
"Celebrate Jesus"

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Easter Song"

COLLECT

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-20 (ESV)

Peter and the other apostles are able to perform miraculous healings and wonders through the Spirit of the risen Jesus, leading many to faith. An angel of the Lord even breaks them out of prison.

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

Psalm 105

L: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

C: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

L: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

C: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who see the LORD rejoice!

L: Seek the LORD And his strength;*seek his presence continually!

C: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

L: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV)

John the apostle shares his vision of the resurrected Jesus with the seven churches in Asia. In this vision, Jesus comforted John by assuring him of his power over death and hell.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden

lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31 (ESV)

In the first appearance to his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus blesses them with peace and shows them the marks of his crucifixion. Thomas will not believe until he sees these things himself.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel Saunders

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Arose"

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

"My Redeemer Lives"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Dan Barbey, St Peter Lutheran Church & School, Hampton
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Family of Pastor Bob Paulson who passed away on April 14th

Dealing with an illness:

Joan Fiala (Roy Richter's aunt), Barb Woelfel (friend of Sheri Hahn), Stan Schleuter, Craig Rooker,

Larry Wilkin (brother in law of Linda Luebbe), Carol Wolter (mother of Kara Hawley),

Jeannie Koski, Joan Naber, Dick Rhodes, Pauline Bulgrin, Bil Rodgers,

Kelly Heser (friend of Cristy Richters), Taida Grantski, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Recovering from surgery: Stan Baack, Ewald Fehlhafer, Caroline Heidorn, Dennis Conell

Declining Health: Dick Greenwood, Wilmer Ritterling, Pastor Gudgel, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

† St. Paul Visitation Ministry †

Duane Barth
Rosemary Matlock
*Marilyn Ziemke
Farmer Bob Brauer
Norma Neemeyer
Florence Gruber

Bil Rodgers
Elsie Pirrie
Delores Nordmeyer
Pastor Richard Gudgel
Gary Ehlers
*Wilmer Ritterling

Christine Erks
LaVerne Rohren
Ardith Stuhr
Bonnie Gudgel

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Darrell Gocke
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In Response to God's Love

April 17: Inperson Attendance: 151/260 **Visitors:** 46 **Online:** 64 **Sunday School: Communion:** 243

VOLUNTEERS:

Today: 04-24-22 Acolyte: Kobia Kosek

Lay Reader: Justin Slawynk

Organist: Contemporary Choir

Next Week: 5-01-22 Acolyte: Ella Baack

Lay Reader: Seth Ford

Organist: Pat Koch

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (4-24)

9:00 AM

Contemporary Worship 3-4 Sing at St John Waco

10:30 AM

Bible Study/Sunday School/Lutheran Basics Class

6:00 PM

Athletic Banquet

7:30 PM

Senior High Youth Ministry

Pastor out of the office

MONDAY (4-25)

8:00 PM

LLL Meeting

TUESDAY (4-26)

8:45 AM

Orphan Grain Train

WEDNESDAY (4-27)

3:45 PM

Midweek Class

7:00 PM

1-2 Grade Play

THURSDAY (4-28)

FRIDAY (4-29)

6:00 AM

Men's Bible Study

10:00 AM

Women's Bible Studay

SATURDAY (4-30)

Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY (5-01)

8:00 AM

Confirmation Worship w/Communion

10:00 AM

As of 4-20-22	Amount received 4-6-22 & 4-10-22	Needed each week to cover 2022 Budget	Received YTD 2022	YTD Amount needed to cover 2022 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$10,595.00		\$157,971.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$2,094.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$10,772.00		
Total	\$10,595.00 Week over/(under)	\$17,832.00 -\$7,237.00	\$170,837.00	\$239,604.00	-\$68,767.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$115.00	Bldg Fund	\$110,969.00
Teacherage Fund	\$00.00		\$300.00	Teacherage Fund	\$1,275.00
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$100.00	\$98.00	\$3,040.00	\$3,077.00	-\$37.00

Current Operating Note: \$46,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000)

Make sure to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer June 6th-10th. Join us off-roading for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids will form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead!

Next Sunday May 1st we will have special service times of 8:00 am (traditional) and 10:00 am (rite of confirmation). This is to accommodate the longer service time and many guests who will attend the second service.

Southeast Nebraska CASA would like to invite you to participate in Blue Sunday on April 24 2022. Blue Sunday is a national event where faith communities come together and take time during their weekly service to acknowledge victims of child abuse and neglect. If you practice prayer, we encourage you to pray on this day, and if not, take an intentional moment of silence in remembrance of survivors and victims of child abuse and neglect. Please keep these vulnerable children in your thoughts, take a moment to honor them, and join us in raising awareness of child abuse and neglect.



Our Ladies Aid greeting card tables will have a few graduation cards. But there will be no confirmation cards. There are several stores where you may purchase them other than Hallmark. Dollar General and others have nice cards. Just want to warn you to shop for them early.

Sunday April 24th a special door offering will be taken to support Nebraska District ministry. Major and much needed renovations to both the District office in Seward and University Lutheran Chapel in Lincoln have provided a great benefit to many, including members of our congregation! With our help,

the District hopes to pay off its remaining loan balance of \$325K. We hope you will prayerfully consider a gift to this important project.

LLL Zone Spring Rally

Faith Lutheran Church

1214 N. Ohio Ave, York

Sunday, May 1st

Registration Starting @ 3:30pm

Guest Speaker: Camp Luther Executive Director Bruce Wall

\$15 fee for Event

Meal catered by Kerry's Restaurant

RSVP to Allen Brackhan 402-362-3140