

Announcements

Sunday, April 28

8 am Bible Class

9 am Worship with Holy Communion

Qtr. Voters Meeting after service

10 am – 12 pm Rummage Sale at School (Bag Sale)

Monday, April 29

9 am Pastors Conference in Watertown

No Hand Bells

7 pm Choir

Tuesday, April 30

No Bible Class

Wednesday, May 1 – Book Fair

Gr. K – 1 visit the Rotary Botanical Gardens

Gr. 2 – 4 go to Kutz Dairy Farm

Thursday, May 2 – Book Fair

6:30 pm School Board Meeting

7 pm Ladies Aid at School

Friday, May 3 – Book Fair & Grand Persons Day

8:20 am Opening Devotion

10 am Curt Strutz - “Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular” Show

11 am Lunch

Saturday, May 4 – Can Drive

JHS Track Meet

9 am Youth Group Prep for Price is Right Night

4:30 pm Worship

Sunday, May 5

8 am Bible Class

9 am Worship with Holy Communion

Gr. 2 – 4 Sing

Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Celebration of Service for Mr. Winkler at school. (Pot Luck)

2nd Sunday of Easter - April 27th & 28th, 2019

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Organist: Wendy Winkler

We Welcome You!

Final preparation to be the risen Christ's witnesses begins with sight. The apostles were blessed with visibly seeing the risen Lord. Overcoming their doubts by the power of the Spirit, they would boldly proclaim the new life to be found in the Living One. Blessed to see through eyes of faith, the vision of the First and the Last fills our hearts with this confidence: "Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again"

Order of Worship: Divine Service 1 CWS (Blue Hymnal) Pg. 15

Opening Hymn: Hand Bell Choir "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of the Day:

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your 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.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Acts 5:12, 17-32

This lesson begins a series from the Book of Acts that shows the apostles with markedly different character than the disciples in the upper room. These are not the same timid disciples who often questioned their rabbi out of lack of understanding or cowered behind locked doors out of fear. Now, even in the face of persecution, the apostles boldly proclaimed the Good News of new life.

¹² The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 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

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.

Sermon Hymn: Koine - Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Sermon: The Risen Jesus Helps us Deal with Doubt

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*
Hand Bell Choir "Hallelujah! What a Savior's Love"

Distribution Hymn: Hand Bell Choir "Easter Meditation"

Hymn: 722 – Scatter the Darkness Break the Gloom

Benediction

Closing Hymn 141 *At the Lambs High Feast We Sing*

Ushers: This Week – Jim Lichtenberg & Jeremy Wagie
Next Week – Zach Walsh & Mike Walsh

Greeters: This Week – Richard & Elaine Englehart
Next Week – Sharon Waldmann

Thank you to Pastor Mike Helwig from Lakeside for being our guest preacher this weekend.

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.”

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 16, p. 68

Second Lesson - Revelation 1:4-18

John’s vision exceeds our imagination. Yet the revelation of Jesus to St. John is for us a vision of promise and assurance. The brilliant vision of the all-glorious Living One brought John to his knees in abject fear. Yet the gentle hand of the First and Last and the inspiring voice of rushing waters allays fears and emboldens hearts. Once dead, now alive forever and ever, the Son of Man triumphantly holds the keys to death and Hades.

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come,

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

Verse of the Day - Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)

Gospel - John 20:19-31

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