

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Prayer: “Thanks to You, O Christ victorious! Thanks to You, O Lord of Life! Death has now no power o’er us, You have conquered in the strife. Thanks because You did arise, And have opened paradise! None can fully sing the glory, Of the resurrection story.” Amen.

The Order of Worship

Opening Hymn: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” # 152.

Organist: Donna Schmitz; Trumpet: Nathan Boerneke
Verses 1-3 – All Verse 6 – Men
Verse 4 – Women Verse 7 – All
Verse 5 – All Verse 8 – All, please stand

The Service of the Word: The Hymnal, page 38ff.
NOTE: In place of “Oh, Taste and See” on page 39 we will sing hymn #341.

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 15:1-11

Psalm 118, page 108. We will sing the psalm antiphonally – the lectern side will sing the first line, the pulpit the second line and all the refrain and “Glory be to the Father.”

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

Special Music: Senior Choirchimes will play “Crown Him With Many Crowns” in the early service. The Junior Choir will sing “Sing and Celebrate” in the late service.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12.

Hymn: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” #157.

The Sermon: 1 Peter 1:3-9 –

We Preach Christ Crucified AND RISEN!

- I. Christ crucified and risen is our blessed hope of heaven.
- II. Christ crucified and risen is our comfort in present trials.
- III. Christ crucified and risen – we love and trust Him.

Confession of Faith: On this festival day we will join in confessing our faith in our risen Savior with the words of Luther’s explanation to the Second Article:

“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

“He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death.

“All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; just as He has risen from death, lives and rules eternally.

“This is most certainly true!”

The Offering and Prayers: The offering hymn is #147, verse 2. For our prayer after the offering we will use the responsive Easter prayer on page 126 in the front of the hymnal.

Hymn: “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” #145.

The Closing Prayer and Benediction: The Hymnal, pp. 43-44.

Closing Hymn: “In Christ Alone” Insert.
(NOTE: After each verse there is a short interlude.)

This Week at St. John’s

Monday-Friday		NO School
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Special Voters’ Meeting
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		NO Worship
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Ladies of St. John’s
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group at Friedens

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Our greeters are Rodney Binder (early); Ed and Ellen Igl (late). We still have openings to greet in April and May. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall.

Large print hymnals are available on the table in the back of the church.

Easter Breakfast: After our early service you are invited to an Easter breakfast of baked eggs, etc. There will be NO Sunday School or Bible class today. We thank all who helped prepare our Easter Breakfast, all who will help (will you?) in cleaning up, and all those who provided Easter plants in memory of loved ones.

Our Wednesday “repeat of Sunday” services will resume on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Hospitalized: Please remember Bob Jenkins, Karen Schmidt and Sophie Kircher in your daily prayers. All three are at UW-Madison.

Last Week: 220 (118+102) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 21 were in Sunday School and 49 were in Bible class. 130 (99+31) came to the Maundy Thursday service and 141 came to the Good Friday service. 176 received Holy Communion. Offerings totaled (does not include Maundy Thursday or Good Friday):

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed: \$7,574	\$295,386
Received: \$6,023	\$275,389

This includes \$1,800 for tuition and \$25 for our debt fund. We also received \$55 for our Organ Fund in memory of Lucille Jahn. Our treasurer has had to borrow \$9,000 in the past month to keep us current on our expenses. Please give this your prayerful and personal consideration.

Gifts: Our church and school each received a gift of \$81,303.67 from the estate of Sam Lidtke. Sam's will specifies that the money "not be used for operating expenses but for new capital expenditures or projects." We thank God for leading Sam to do this – and we thank God for giving Sam and us the gift all the money in the world could never buy – eternal life in heaven through our Lord Jesus.

A special voters' meeting has been called by the Church Council for this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda is a proposal to put a new steel roof and insulation as needed on the church, fellowship hall and gym. All flat roofs would be replaced with a pitched roof. Estimated cost is approximately \$97,000. We would be doing this as a "Builders for Christ" project. In the fellowship hall are some pictures of rust holes in the gym roof. If you have any questions please call Glen Wiesmueller at 928-2551.

Carly Ruhland and her family would like to thank every one of you for making her benefit such a huge success! We feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring and supportive church family! Thank you for everything you have done to help us through this trying time in our life. Please continue to pray for Carly as she faces the challenges of this coming year!

Thank you to the Junior Choir members who used their voices to serve their Lord during this Lenten season. In addition to the 4 scheduled singing times, we had 4 volunteer opportunities. All glory to God!

Rachel Steinbrenner would like to thank you for your donations to the door collection. She enjoyed her time here!

Fundraiser Event: Jonah Hinds, a 10 year old student at St. Peter's Lutheran School in Fond du Lac has been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome. He is in need of an expensive procedure called Deep Brain Stimulation that the family's insurance company does not cover. St. Peter's is hosting a "Sock Hop" fundraiser for the Hinds family at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Friday, April 16th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be 50's and 60's style food available to purchase at the concession stand. A DJ service will play classic 50's and 60's music and there will be a silent auction. Admission price is \$5 per adult, children 18 and under are free. Gifts may also be sent to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Main St., Fond du Lac, WI 54937 made payable to "St. Peters Lutheran Jonah Hinds fund."