

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21st, 2024

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 467, 709, 475

10:30 Hymns: 467, 709, 475, 710, 549, 740

Wednesday Hymns: 710, 709

Sermon

"This is How We Know"

Pastor Mark Auernhamer

Scripture Readings

Acts 4:1-12: The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you

and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:16-24: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

John 10:11-18:(Jesus said)"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is

a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Scott Wenzel; Matt Brown,*
Lucas Brown
Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Choirs *Cherub Choir*
Ushers *Matt Buchinger, Jeff Mossner*
Altar Guild . . . *Audrey VanDeVeer, Luann Hecht*
Lavonne Richards
Acolytes *Nate Courville & CJ Keberlein*

Wednesday

Elder *Mark Frank*
Usher *Jeff Mossner*
Organist *Terese Petro*

Pastor Gillaspie's Sunday Bible study will not meet today. We will resume next Sunday the 28th.

Confirmation & Mother's Day cards are available at the card counter outside the office.

Passion Drama Meeting: Sunday, April 21st 7 p.m. in the church overflow room, to

brainstorm and discuss ideas for next year in the overflow room.

The First Graders will be presented their Bibles Sunday, April 28th in the early service.

Church Directory Photos: April 28, 2024 is our Group Photo Day. Please make every effort to attend as scheduled. You can find the schedule on the table in the foyer. Shut In's and Assisted Living residents: If you have the availability to be taken to Rummel Studio please do so. The Winter's Village Shuttle will take you also. Otherwise Karen (989)652-9909 will go to Assisted Living resident. The back entrance is handicap approved. If you have photo's taken at the Studio and want a new binder please let me know. 2024CDRichville@gmail.com Deadline for all photo submissions is: 5/13/24 Thank You for All Your Cooperation! -The Church Directory Committee

Ushers Needed: Anyone interested in joining an usher group please contact Matt Buchinger @ 989-860-9136. Groups rotate every 6 weeks.

Silverware Rolling: If you would like to help with this project for OutReach, tubs of silverware and napkins are in the entry corner. Take a tub home and return when finished. Thank you in advance!

The Kindness Club is in need of new or gently used shoes that you have at home. The Shoe Drive ends April 30th, so we just have a few more weeks to go. We are about halfway to

our goal of collecting 100 bags of shoes, with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag. These shoes will go to needy people in Haiti, Honduras, Ghana, and other countries. We are partnering with Funds2Org to raise money to help Mr. Joe Boway build Christians schools in Liberia. He spoke about this project to our students during chapel on Wednesday. Let's make a big push to finish out the month and gather as many shoes as possible! Any questions, please let Mrs. Callahan know! Thank you for your support from the Kindness Club.

LWML Franconian Zone Spring Rally: Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Bible Study prepared by Pastor Mark Loest; Business Meeting; Mites; Guest Speaker: Camp Director Amy Wojtowicz of Lu Lay Lea Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Room, 8220 Holland Road, Frankentrost Registration \$8.00 at 8:00 a.m.

LLL Peat Moss Sale: May 3 & 4, PICK UP AT THE SHED or we can deliver larger orders. 40lbs bag \$4.50 ea., BUY 10 GET 1 FREE.-- TIME TO ORDER! CALL- MARK 898-280-1166 or JIM 989-670-1710 Proceeds to "Lutheran Hour Ministries" Thanks For Your Support!

Mary Martha Flower Sale: May 12th, Order Forms can be found in the foyer.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ: May 12, 2024 Drive thru only. \$12.00 Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, & Cupcake. Starting at 10:30 AM at St. Michael's School. All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Dear Members of St. Michael's,

A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help with the benefit for Sherry Krieger. It was a big success! We're grateful to all those who came for the sloppy joes and all the generous donations that have come in. God bless all of you, and may He continue to be with Sherry and Roger through this journey. To HIM be the glory -The Benefit Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported us through the Sloppy Joe benefit, and Thank you to all our friends and family that keep Sherry in their prayers, and volunteered to help with this event. -Roger & Sherry Krieger

Attendance

Sunday, April 14th: 361
Wednesday, April 17th: 63

This week at St. Michael's

Today *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Passion Drama Meeting 7 p.m.
Wed Worship Service 7 p.m.
Thurs. *Prayer Pal Pizza Party 5:45 p.m.*
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Next Sunday. *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "We Can't Stop Talking" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation. (Acts 4:20)

Prayer Warriors: Please join us for the Communities United in Prayer (CUP) gathering on April 26 from 12:00 - 12:45 in the Frankenmuth Credit Union community room. All churches, denominations and community members are welcome to attend as we pray for our local community, state and nation because, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7: 14). For more information, please go to: www.CompleteWorship.org/communities-united Please park behind the Farmer's Market (not in the front FCU lot). Enter through the main doors and take the lobby elevator down to the community room (follow the signs)

PRAYERS

Health

Betty Auernhamer, Linda Gray, Justin Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Sherry Krieger, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Rollie Wenzel, John Schluckebier

Seasonal

Favorable weather for spring planting

Missions

Phillip Magness serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in French-speaking countries in West and Central Africa. As a sacred music educator, Phillip teaches hymns, psalms and spiritual songs —and develops the musicianship of song leaders so that they are better able to teach, share and nurture music for worship.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."