

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 670, 470, 563

10:30 Hymns: 670, 470, 631, 533, 563

Wednesday Hymns: 670, 470

## Sermon

“Jesus gives eternal life, here and now.”

*Pastor Mark Auernhamer*

## Scripture Readings

*Acts 4:32-35:* All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

*1 John 1:1 - 2:2:* That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life,

which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

*John 20:19-31:* On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace

be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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.” 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!” 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.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . *Wayne Bierlein; Dennis Thurston,  
Lucas Brown, Mark Schiefer*

Organist . . . . . *Dr. Jon Eifert*

Altar Guild . *Deanne Daenzer, Sandy Marks*  
Wednesday

Elder . . . . . *Matt Brown*

Organist . . . . . *Heiki Palm*

*No Kidzmin or Pastor Gillaspie's Bible Class today.*

*St Michael’s Confirmation Class of 1974 is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> confirmation reunion (which was on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1947), during late service today.*

*Blood Drive: Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 6 p.m. at the Park Hall. Make your appointment by calling 866-642-5663 or by visiting Versiti.org*

*Drive Thru Benefit Dinner: We will have a Sloppy Joe benefit for Sherry Krieger, who is battling cancer, on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting at 11:45 a.m. in the church parking lot. Free-will donation.*

*Valley Lutheran High School Handbell Concert: Sunday, April 14th, 4:00 P.M. Come join us for a free handbell concert, with our very own St. Michael’s Handbell Choir featured! Posters can be found on the bulletin board in the church.*

*Lutheran's Laymens League:* Come join us to hear our guest speaker, State Representative Matthew Bierlein, tell us about what's happening in Lansing. Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church overflow room, refreshments will be provided by LLL president John Schnell.

*Vacation Bible School:* will be held July 8th - 11th evenings, Monday - Thursday. Please come to our meeting on Tuesday April 16th at 7:00 pm in the school conference room to learn more! More information can be found in the newsletter.

*Little Dresses Sewing Session* will be Saturday, April 20th from 9 AM to 4 PM. at Mary Reinbold's home. We will have a potluck lunch at noon. Please consider joining us for some great fellowship and helping this worthwhile ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Reinbold. We hope to see you there!

*Passion Drama Meeting:* Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7 p.m. in the church overflow room, to brainstorm and discuss ideas for next year in the overflow room.

*Church Directory Photos:* If you cannot make your appointment, please call Karen at 989-412-3205. Please note that photographs of couples who are married or engaged will be published in the directory. Couples who are dating can have their pictures taken together for personal use but

will not be in the directory. Please have individual photos taken and those will be published.

*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. We are partnering with Funds2Org, to host a fundraiser for Pastor Joe Boway, who will be visiting us for chapel in April. His mission is to build schools in Liberia. For the shoe drive, we are collecting new or gently used shoes of any size. Our goal is to fill over 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by the end of April! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you for your support, Mrs. Callahan and 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.

Dear members of St. Michael's:  
*Thank you to all my friends and relatives, your kind words, prayers, and cards kept me on my journey with hope. God is good, Life is good, Prayer is good. - Karen Bauer*

Attendance  
Easter Sunday:678

This week at St. Michael's  
Today . . . . . *Second Sunday of Easter*  
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Communion 10:30 a.m.  
Mon . . . . . *World Relief Quilting 9-3 p.m.*  
Tue . . . . . Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.  
Elders 7 p.m.  
Wed . . . . . *Handbells 6 p.m.*  
Worship Service 7 p.m.  
Thurs . . . . . *Adult Choir 7 p.m.*  
Next Sunday . . . . . *Third Sunday of Easter*  
Communion 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.  
Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m.  
VLHS Handbell Concert 4 p.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: "Breathe In, Breathe Out", *Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez*; The Holy Spirit breathes life into the

Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47)

*St. Lorenz's German worship service* will be held at 11:00 am in the Church Sunday, April 14th. Continuing in the Lord's Prayer sermon series, "A Prayer for All Seasons" the focus is on the First Petition 'Hallowed be Thy Name'. The service features German liturgy and an English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman entitled "What's In a Name?" The congregation will join in singing favorite hymns: "Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" (Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord" , „Unumschränkte Liebe“ (Oh, Thou Love Unbounded), etc.

## PRAYERS

### Health

*Dolores Bauer, Stanley Bierlein, Justin Heinlein (Covenant), Kurt Howell, Jim Karst (U-M), Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter.*

### Missions

*Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram* serves as a missionary on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Asia in Tokyo, Japan. In this role, Dr. Jastram coordinates efforts to make Lutheran resources of theology and worship available in all of Japan, provides regular services at worship sites, and plans for and manages translation work of theological resources.

### Prayer of the Day

"Grant, almighty God, that we who have  
celebrated the  
mystery of our Lord's resurrection may by the  
help of Your grace bring  
forth the fruits of faith in our lives and conduct;  
through Jesus Christ  
Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever, Amen."