

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2010

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WELCOME: *“My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.”* (Psalm 145:21) *Welcome to all in the name of our Savior, Jesus. Let us worship him, our eternal Lord and King! May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book before you leave and we'd love to have you join us again!*

Today's Theme: **“Jesus’ resurrection gives us a new life filled with joy and peace.”**

Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship: Jesus was true to his Word. He rose just like he said he would. The Evil One brings his attack against us to make us doubt the Lord's Word. Ask Jesus to help you to hold on to all his promises- not doubting but firmly believing.

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

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Order of Service

OPENING HYMN: 225 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

STAND

OPENING VERSES:

M: While the disciples were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” (Luke 24:36)

C: **Dear brothers and sisters, fellow believers in the Lord's kingdom, may the peace of Christ rest on you also.**

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class
Monday	6:30pm	Youth Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Christian Concert featuring Chris Driesbach
Wednesday	3:45pm	Jr. Catechism
	4:45pm	Sr. Catechism
Thursday	7:00pm	Jesus Cares Planning Mtg.
Sunday	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class

CHIMES members are reminded that we will not be practicing on Wednesday April 14th or 21st.

YOUTH GROUP and their parents are reminded that we will be meeting tomorrow night at 6:30pm to discuss more convenient meeting dates/times, possibly doing another fundraiser and scheduling a date for ditch clean-up.

SIGN-UP TO BE A GREETER: We are looking for members who are willing to greet our fellow church goers and guests before worship services. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like more information, you may speak with Pastor Reichow or a council member.

A CHRISTIAN CONCERT: Chris Driesbach will be performing his new Christian songs here at church this Tuesday, April 13th at 7pm. These songs are his original music on guitar and keyboard. A free-will donation will be collected. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring family and friends.

MISSION FESTIVAL: Pastor Mike Hatzung will be the guest preacher for our Mission Festival next Sunday. All are invited and encouraged to stay for his presentation after worship. His message and presentation will focus on how we together serve our Lord and support kingdom work locally and abroad.

M: Jesus said, “Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself!”

C: “**Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.**” (Luke 24:39, 44)

M: “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

C: and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.” (Luke 24:46-47)

All: I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. (Psalm 38:18, 22)

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

C: From everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear him. (Psalm 103:11, 12, 17)

M: Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! (Rev. 5:12)

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! (Rev. 5:13)

C: May we be faithful witnesses of our Lord’s resurrection and the gospel’s saving truth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us Pray.

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

BE SEATED

Chimes: “A Simple Song of Joy” (Flute: Jennifer Koenen)

Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18 (Pew Bible p. 1847)

St. John gives us a glimpse of heaven. No longer is Jesus seen as the suffering servant. Instead, Jesus appears as the firstborn from the dead, the all powerful prophet, priest, and king, the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty, and the Living One who reigns forever and ever.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 161 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

MEDITATION: John 11:21-27 (Pew Bible p. 1616)

“The Resurrection Is Real!”

1. Words to believe
2. Life free of death

(video)

HYMN: 165 v. 1-4, 8 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

OFFERING

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)

CLOSING HYMN: 158 v. 1 & 4 “I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again”

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Organist: David Espeland

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

At Easter Sunrise Worship: 45

At Easter Worship, Sunday, April 4th: 123

Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 13

Monthly offerings for March: General Fund: \$5,335.50

Missions: \$2,526.25 Building: \$1,176.00

THE COBORN'S COOKOUT will be held Friday, April 16th thru Sunday, April 18th. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone willing to give a helping hand. If you have any questions, you may speak with Laurie Litzau.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL: We will be having a planning meeting on Thursday, April 22nd at 7pm to decide on the materials we will use this year's for SBS program. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and be a part of planning our children's Christian education. (Summer Bible School will be held August 8th – 12th.) We hope to see all you parents there!

MLC BLACK HILLS TOUR: Martin Luther College invites you to join them for an affordable, enjoyable, and educational motor-coach tour to the Black Hills of South Dakota. The June 28th-July 2nd tour departs from New Ulm and includes visits to Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, Bear Country, Spearfish Canyon, Deadwood, and Custer State Park. With MLC geography professor Earl Heidtke as guide, each day offers opportunities for worship, fellowship, and fun. Registration is open to all, but don't delay as the **deadline** is tax day...**April 15th**. Costs range from \$395-\$695 per person depending on occupancy. Call the alumni office at (507) 217-1731 or go to www.mlc-wels.edu/hame/alumni for more information.

SPRINGFEST 2010: We will be hosting Spring Fest on Saturday, May 1st from 10AM - 1PM here at church. All members and their families, friends and neighbors are invited for a great day of fun! There are activities for the whole family, including face painting, crafts, treats and more. And don't forget to bring your favorite Chocolate dish/dessert for the bake-off. Ladies Aid will be serving a light lunch for those attending. If you are planning on attending there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. More information will be posted as it becomes available. We hope to see you there!!!

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: We continue our sermon series Jesus' 8 "I Am" statements through the beginning of May. Here is the schedule for the coming weeks:

April 18th: Mission Sunday

April 25th: "I Am the Good Shepherd"

May 2nd: "I Am the Vine"

JESUS CARES: We celebrated Easter with our JCM family on Thursday evening with 26 people present, 19 of which were our guests. We welcomed two new people to our group. We also had a pleasant surprise when Mike Klatt, President of the Lutheran Home and Marcia Michalik, Executive Director of the Lutheran Home Foundation joined us for the evening.

Using a video we studied the Easter story and its application to each of us. Then everybody participated in building Easter butterflies. We then sang several Easter songs and concluded with lunch. A good time was had by everybody and we would love to see some more St. John's folks there.

SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE: Christ's resurrection opens up to us an incredible storehouse full of many benefits from God. What will you do with everything you have received from God? Come next week as we consider using all things to the glory of our Lord. In preparation read Matthew 6: 19-24, 33.

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.