

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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**Third Sunday in Easter**

**May 8, 2011**

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**WELCOME:** *“May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”* (Psalm 115:15) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. 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!*

**Theme:** Jesus' continuing care for his disciples.

**Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship:** Jesus never stopped caring for his people. We have his great example to follow. However, we often fail to be the caring people he has called us to be. Pray that the Lord help you become better at loving, caring for and encouraging others.

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Order of Worship: Holy Baptism / Service of the Word (p. 12, 38)*

**OPENING HYMN: 300** “See This Wonder in the Making”

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 67 (p. 91)

**Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:17-21 (Pew Bible p. 1826)

Christians live in the shadow of the resurrection of their Lord as “strangers” and “in reverent fear.” There is an awe that encompasses them as they consider the sacrifice of Christ and his resurrection. Faith and hope are not mere attributes in this life; they are its very essence.

**Chimes:** “*Blessed Assurance*”

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible p. 1592)

Jesus appears to two of his disciples on Easter Sunday as they trudge to the village of Emmaus. Cast down in spirit, they receive new hope and understanding as Jesus, veiled from being recognized by them, opens the Scriptures to them and rebukes their doubt. In joy they recognize him in the breaking of bread and rejoice to spread the news of his resurrection.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 160** “This Joyful Eastertide”

**SERMON** John 19:25-27 (Pew Bible p. 1632)

**“What Example Does Jesus Give Me For Honoring My Mother?”**

1. The perfect Son helps his mom understand
2. The perfect Son provides for her physical needs

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: 501** “Our Father, by Whose Name”

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN: 333 v 1, 2 & 6** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

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**Organist:** Christy Ittel

**A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

*At worship, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> : 93*

**BAPTISM:** *Marshall Alexander, son of William and Emily Rabe. We rejoice that God includes children in his family through Holy Baptism. The Holy Spirit, working through the Word connected with the water of baptism, washes away sin and creates faith in the hearts of his people*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** *Your mother and all the mothers of our congregation. Pray that the Lord give them the strength and understanding to be the women of faith that He has called them to be.*

## THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:35 pm</b>	<b>Elders</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Table Talk</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3:45 pm</b>	<b>Jr. Catechism</b>
	<b>4:45 pm</b>	<b>Sr. Catechism</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Chimes</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Mixed Choir</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>

**NEWSLETTERS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST** *magazines for the month of May are available. Please pick up your copy.*

**SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE:** *Several of our young teens will be declaring their promise of faithfulness to the Lord. Jesus wants them and all of us to have a full and meaningful life. Come next week to be encouraged on how Jesus makes that possible. In preparation read, John 10:1-10.*

### **The Shepherd and His Flock**

<sup>1</sup> “I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. <sup>3</sup> The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

