

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- To all of the talented musicians that participated in our Holy Week & Easter services: Jennifer Knutson & Amibeth Olderman, Ryan Troge, BellaRain Darvanian, Aaron Mueller, Ann Hornes, Grace Choir & Director Roger Smith
- To everyone that prepared, served and cleaned up for our Easter Breakfast
- To everyone that helped at our Spring Cleanup Work Day yesterday

May Grace Newsletters & Calendar are in member boxes. Thank you to Lois Bergquist for her work on the monthly newsletter. Thank you also to Jennifer Knutson for putting them into member boxes. Also a reminder that there are links on our Grace website gracelutheran-church.com to the monthly newsletter, calendar and weekly bulletins.

EVERYONE is invited to come to a special presentation on Thursday, May 9th at 2:00pm. Bruce and Lorna Matthias will be with us to tell about their trip to Panama City, Florida, where they worked with the WELS Builder's for Christ helping to restore the "Amazing Grace" church and parsonage that was badly damaged during last year's hurricane. Please join us for a pleasant afternoon with the Matthias's. Grace Circle ladies will provide coffee and dessert following the presentation.

Our 2019 VBS week is all set for August 5 - 9. The theme is "ROAR - Life is Wild - God is Good!" Can you help in the preparations for this amazing week? **There is a VBS Planning Meeting this week Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30pm.** If you are interested in helping in any way or have any questions, please call Heidi in the office at 682-7377.

MLHS History Tour Fundraising Opportunities: This summer, 45 students from MLHS will be heading east to experience American History firsthand. The 10-day trip visits great locations like Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. The students are trying to raise funds to help cover the cost of their trip, and you can help! If you would like to know more about the History Tour or would like to help our students by donating directly, contact Jeff Dolan at jdolan@mlhslancers.org or by calling 920-682-0215.

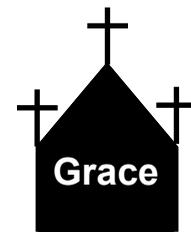
You can also help these students by participating at the following:

- **Brat Fry at Festival Foods Barn: Sunday, May 5th from 10:00am - 6:00pm.**
- **Buffalo Wild Wings - now thru May 31:** On all orders, mention MLHS to your server at the Manitowoc Buffalo Wild Wings & 10% of your bill goes to our students!

Holy Week Attendance:

Maundy Thursday: #90, Good Friday: 1:30 #160, 6:30 #84

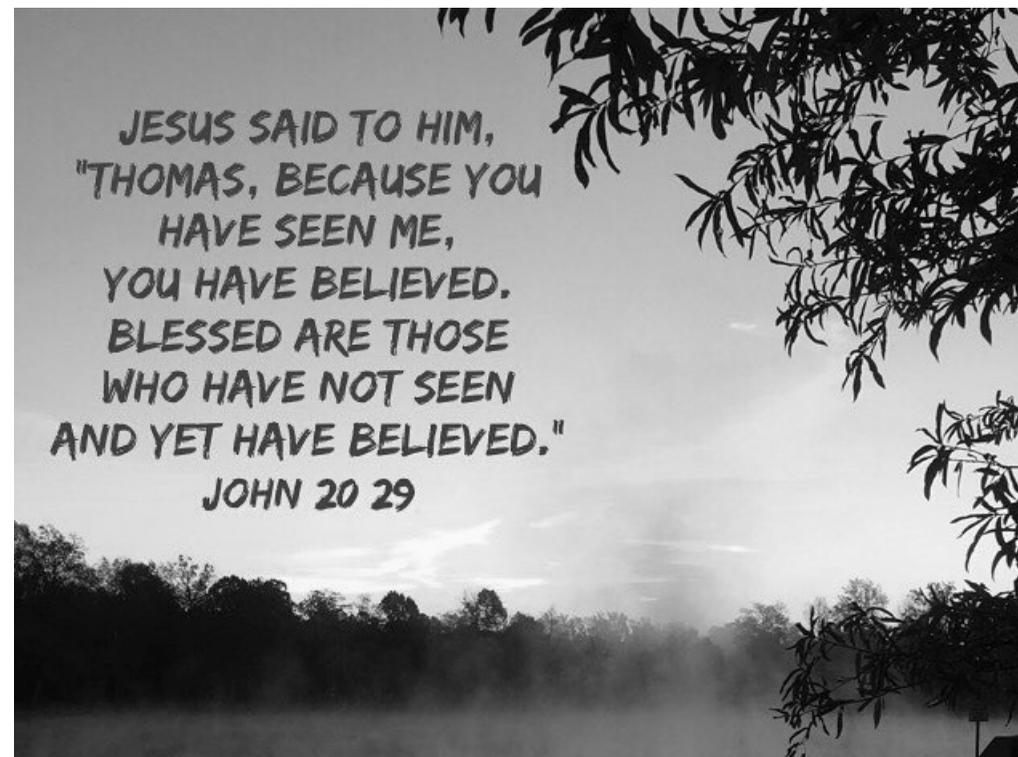
Easter Sunday: 8:00 - #211, 10:45 - #119



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**Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019**

WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

**Large Print Service Binders & Listening Assist Aids are available.
Please ask an usher if you are interested in either of these.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD *(page 38 in hymnal)*

Easter Beginning: John 20: selected verses

P: Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were..."

C: *I will not believe.*

P: Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side..."

C: *Stop doubting and believe.*

P: Jesus told him. "Because you have seen me, you have believed."

C: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*

HYMN #225: "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: *Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.*

BE SEATED

HYMN #166: "The Day of Resurrection"

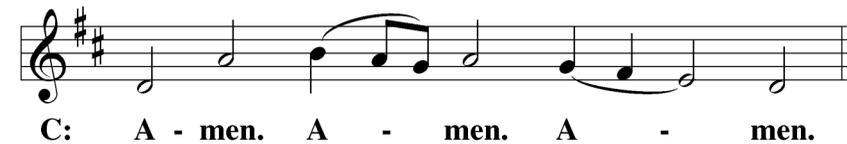
STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: #165: "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (stanzas 7-9)

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson & Monday pianist, Amibeth Olderman.



The flower arrangement on the altar is from Scott & Carol Stubbe in celebration of their 7th Wedding Anniversary.

This week - God willing.....

Today: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am
LLC Concert @ St. John's Newtonburg 3:00pm / Evening Bible Class 6:30pm

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Wed: Pastor @ First German 8:00am / Bible Class 1:30pm
Catechism 5:30pm / VBS Meeting 6:30pm

Thu: Early Childhood Board Meeting 6:00pm / Grief Share 6:45

Sat: Confirmation Practice 10am - Noon / MLHS Campaign Kickoff Dinner Fox Hills, 6pm

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am
MLHS Brat Fry @ Festival Foods 10am - 6pm / Evening Bible Class 6:30pm

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

VERSE OF THE DAY:



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ 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!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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!" ²⁷ 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."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ 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.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN #165: "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (stanzas 1-6)

SERMON THEME (based on John 20:19-31)

"Let Easter Peace Destroy Your Doubts"

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING - During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, out of thanks to him.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, God our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: *We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.*

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: *We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.*

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: *Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed and comfort all who are old and infirm.*

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security and well being.

C: *Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.*

M: Lord Jesus Christ, the future of Manitowoc Lutheran High school is always in your hands. We thank you for building up generations of students at MLHS for whatever plans you have for them. As our federation officially begins the “Building our Future on Christ” campaign, strengthen our unity and our resolve. Bless our efforts in this campaign to build one another up, and draw us closer to you and to each other.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: *We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.*

LORD’S PRAYER

C: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: *Amen.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn 162: “He Is Risen! Glorious Word”

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.



BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!

³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:12-18

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.