

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 14, 2024

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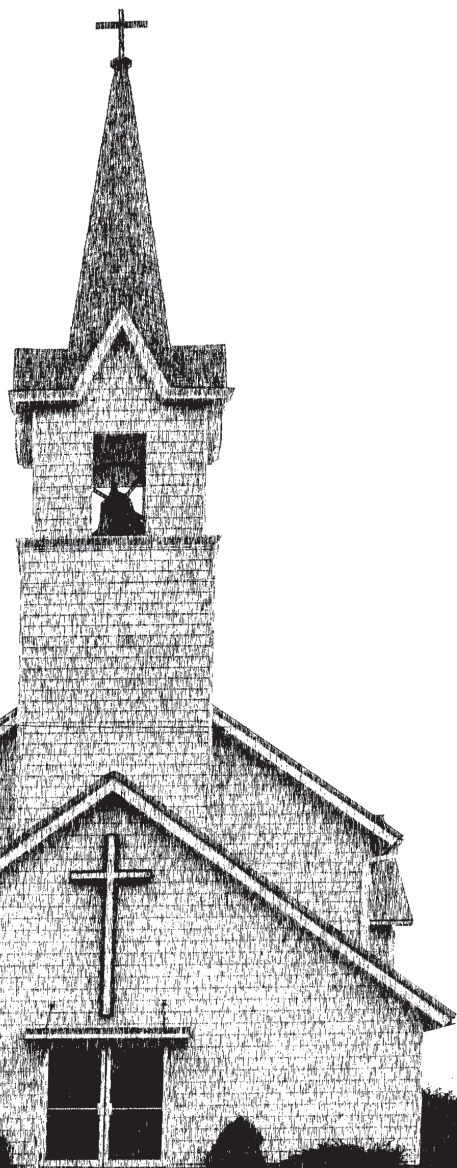
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**Items with an asterisk:
Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able*

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

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Announcements

The Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn, “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Postlude

Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, April 14:

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Diane Hummel;

Reader: Ken DeBower; **Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed;

Deacons: Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors today. May you know God’s presence as we worship together as the body of Christ. Please sign the guest register in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you with us again!

Affirmation of Baptism: It is with joy that we welcome Danielle Neve into our congregation today through Affirmation of Faith.

Activity Bags: There are activity bags of quiet church toys for the children on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs. Feel free to use them, and return them to the shelf following the service.

Anniversary: The congregation is invited to an open house reception honoring the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Dean and Kay Brinkman on Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the Vilmar Church basement. A light lunch will be served. No gifts, please.

Reminder: If you are the last one to leave the church building on ANY day of the week, please be sure to double check that all the lights are shut off – especially the hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, etc. Please lock the doors when you leave as well. Thank you!

Third Sunday of Easter

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. ¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹ who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

PSALM 4

R: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

C: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

R: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

C: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

R: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

C: There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'

R: You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

C: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

HOLY GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?’ ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sunday, April 21

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23;

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24; Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

*The lectern Bible is NRSV. This version will be printed in the bulletin each week. **The weekly readings will be bookmarked and labeled in the lectern Bible each Sunday so the reader can read The Word from the Bible.** The Psalm is divided by whole verse and can be read from the bulletin. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

- **Scripture Readers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Fellowship Hosts** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Special Music** (talk to Jane Thompson)
- **Mowing Volunteers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)

Serving in the Lord's House Next Week, April 14

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Diane Hummel; **Reader:** Betty Rewerts; **Fellowship Hosts:** Lollie Van Dyke; **Deacons:** Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor; **Altar Committee:** Don and Vernetta Salge

Mark Your Calendars!

- **One for the Lord** (singles group) meets in the back room at The Rustic Brew, Hampton on Wednesday, April 24 at 11:30 a.m. Devotions, conversation, and good food to enjoy.
- **Singspiration** Sunday is the April 28. Come with some of your favorites to share for worship.
- **Women of Faith** will meet Sunday, April 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the parsonage to begin the series, The Chosen.

Graduates Recognition

If someone in your family is graduating this year and you'd like their name included in the bulletin, please let Monica know by Thursday, May 9. We will recognize them with a special prayer on Sunday, May 12.

Sound System & Live Streaming Training

I would like to get a few people trained in running our systems. I have a detailed booklet that explains how to operate everything, but I would like to sit down and go through it with some people, and take a few Sundays to have hands-on learning experiences with it. I need a few people to learn it in case I am ever not able to be at church. If you would be interested in this, please let me know, and we can coordinate dates for training. Thanks, Monica

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 14

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

10 a.m.: Worship Service with Affirmation of Faith for
Membership for Danielle Neve

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 a.m.: Adult Class Informational Meeting in the council room

11:45 a.m.: Luther League

Monday, April 15

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Tuesday, April 16

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Wednesday, April 17

6-7:30 p.m.: Jr. Lutherans and Confirmation Classes at
Diane Hummel's home

Thursday, April 18

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Friday, April 19

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Saturday, April 20

7 a.m.: Men's and Women's Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home

Sunday, April 21

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

Thank You!

- Thank you to everyone who helped at our outdoor clean up yesterday morning. Many hands made light work, thanks!
- Thank you to our Vilamr Church Family of your prayers for our grandson, Jaxson. With thankful hearts we are so grateful he has regained his health. Your prayers and loving concern are so very much appreciated. – Steve and Barb Meyer
- THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! St. John's is AMAZING!! And we continue to be in awe of what God does through the Falcon H.O.P.E. Feed My Starving Children. Nothing He does surprises us – but we sure are in awe! It couldn't continue without all of the amazing support and donation. – Bethel Reformed Church, Aplington

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Jurene Dralle, Evalyn Nettleton, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Carol Finke, Cheryl and Kayla Sankey, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Calla Clarey, Pastor Robert Salge, Darwin Dralle, Mary Schipper, Jean Morris, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Gloria Flaten, Marilyn Cole, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, Harlan Martzahn, Joel Heuer, Sharleen Hubbard, Susan Zierath, Jaxon Klingenberg, Kyle Debner, and Evelyn Wagner

Service Men and Women: Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

Pastoral Care and Private Communion

If you need pastoral assistance, contact Pastor Keen at 316-655-3306 (cell), 319-267-2080 (office), or email keentjkk@gmail.com.