

# *St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar*

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday, April 7, 2024

10 a.m.

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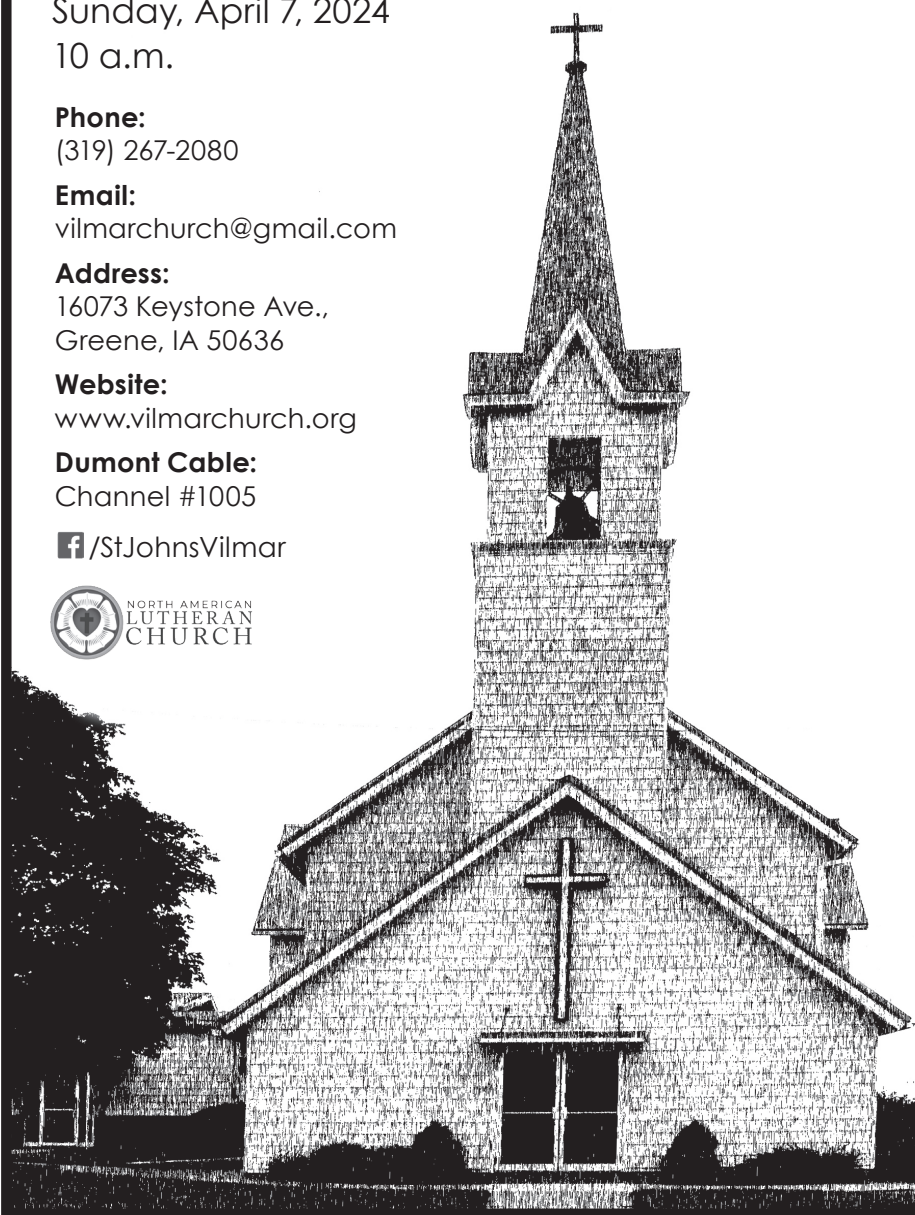
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Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able***

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

**\*Opening Hymn, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ... LBW #543**

Welcome and Prayer Requests

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\*Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22) ..... pg. 62

\*Prayer of the Day (see bulletin insert)

Senior Choir Anthem, “I’ll Fly Away”

First Reading, Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 148

Second Reading, 1 John 1:1—2:2

\*Verse, “Alleluia” (John 6:68)..... pg. 62

\*Holy Gospel Reading, John 20:19-31

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ..LBW #315**

\*The Nicene Creed..... pg. 64

\*Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

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**Hymn, “When Peace Like a River”** ..... LBW #346

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Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*) ..... pg. 74

**Doxology, “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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

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**Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, April 7:**

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

**Reader:** Carol Seehusen; **Fellowship Hosts:** Ron and Diane Salge;

**Deacons:** Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor;

**Altar Committee:** Don and Vernetta Salge

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**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!

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**Statement Regarding Holy Communion:** We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

## *Second Sunday of Easter*

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **PSALM 148**

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

R: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**C: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

R: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**C: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

R: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**C: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

R: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 1:1—2:2

1 <sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **HOLY GOSPEL READING:** John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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### **Readings for next week, Sunday, April 14**

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

\*The lectern Bible is NRSV. The weekly readings will be bookmarked and labeled in the lectern Bible each Sunday so the reader can read The Word from the Bible.

### **Thank You!**

- A HUGE thank you to Jen Seehusen and Don Salge for organizing and putting together this year's Pancake Supper. A special thank you ALL the volunteers who came together to make this year's event a success. We appreciate everyone's willingness to serve the church in this capacity. And thank you to everyone came and supported the event as well.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the Luther League's Easter breakfast and attended the Sunrise Service. The kids and I appreciate all the support. Thank you to everyone that participated in the service and to everyone who helped us with the breakfast as well – it was much appreciated! –Monica

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to read the scriptures during the services and serve coffee and fellowship following. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthax.

### **Outdoor Clean Up**

The annual outdoor clean up has been set for Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. We need many hands to help spruce up the property for the year. Donuts will be provided!

## **Vilmar's Weekly Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 7**

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

**9:15 a.m.:** Choir Practice

**10 a.m.:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

**11 a.m.:** Coffee and Fellowship

**3 p.m.:** Greetings from the Vilmar Gang to meet

### **Monday, April 8**

**9 a.m.:** North Butler Scholarship Committee to meet

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

### **Tuesday, April 9**

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

### **Wednesday, April 10**

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

**7:30 p.m.:** Council Meeting

### **Thursday, April 11**

**9 a.m.:** Bulletin Deadline

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

### **Friday, April 12**

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

### **Saturday, April 13**

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

**9 a.m.:** Outdoor Clean-Up at the church

### **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



## **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.

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

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**Reader:** Ken DeBower; **Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed;  
**Deacons:** Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor

## **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, and Kyle Debner

**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](mailto:keentjkk@gmail.com).

## **Corrections and/or Announcements**

If at any time you have corrections or announcements for Vilmar's directory, the bulletins, Heralds, or website please contact Monica Edeker at 319-939-7348, [vilmarchurch@gmail.com](mailto:vilmarchurch@gmail.com), or leave a note in the basket in the office. Thanks