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The Second Sunday of Easter

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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

The Lord's Supper As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today.

Lectionary Summary: The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He *"came and stood among them,"* and with His Word and the wounds in *"his hands and his side,"* He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He *"is the Christ, the Son of God,"* so that by such faith we *"may have life in his name"* (John 20:31). The apostles *"have seen and heard"* this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we *"too may have fellowship"* with the risen Christ, with the apostles and *"with one another"* (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by *"their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,"* and all who believe this Word are *"of one heart and soul,"* because in Him they truly have *"everything in common"* (Acts 4:32–33).

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One *LSB 151*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “He's Risen, He's Risen”**

LSB 480

- 1** He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
 He opened death's prison, the_ incarnate, true Word.
 Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
 And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

- 2** The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
 The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
 In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
 For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

- 3** But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
 And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
 The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

- 4** O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
 For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
 Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Stand

- Δ5** Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
 Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
 Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
 With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C **Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

C **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

C **Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♩C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♩C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♩C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♩C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♩C **Amen.**

♩Hymn of Praise: “This Is the Feast”

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 470 sts. 1, 4–8,

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

**8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

♫C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

♫C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♫C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♫Sanctus

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

Distribution Hymns

♪ “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

LSB 741

1 **Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many_an anxious thought.**

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3 No, too closely I am bound By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.
- 5 Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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♪“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LSB 469

- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris'n today!” Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

- 4 **Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?**
- 5 **Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
- 6 **Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

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Stand

♪ Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”

LSB 164

- ☩ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

- ☩** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪☩ Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- ☩** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

♪☩ Amen.

♪ Closing Hymn “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real” *LSB 472 to tune Tallis' Canon*

- 1 **These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.**
- 2 **The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact.**

**3 His reasoned certainties denied That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille The markings of the spear and nail.**

**4 May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Payton Janke, Tim Reinhardt, Kourtney Hefti, Carlene Bodlak, Nancy Johnson, Joey Niemann, Ethan Cross, Diane Hefti, Konnor Kai, & Sydnie Niemann

ANNIVERSARIES: Cody & Stephanie Henderson, LeRoy & Carol Robbert and Rod & Loreta Tompkins

PASTOR BUCHHORN is on vacation this weekend. He should be back in the office on Wednesday.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "One Greater Than Mrs. McCalliter" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: After our Holy Week and Easter break, our study of the book of Revelation will resume on Wednesday (4/14) at 9:00 a.m. with chapter 14. In response to the powerful beast of the earth, our eyes are directed to the Lamb and his sealed children who sing the song of salvation. New participants are always welcome.

SPRING CHURCH CLEAN UP: On Saturday, April 17 beginning at 1 p.m. we will have a church clean-up day. A number of maintenance projects inside and out will be undertaken. Your help would be appreciated. See Jerry Echtenkamp or Justin Anderson for more information.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: During our Adult Bible Class on Sunday, April 18, our Missionary Daniel Conrad will be presenting our Bible Class via Zoom live from Mexico City. Pastor Conrad is one of our congregation's recipients of direct mission support. Join us for this special event.

CONNECT TO DISCIPLE: On April 25 we will begin a new Disciple Training workshop entitled "Connect to Disciple." This material was produced in response to the Re:Vitality initiative of our synod. In the survey conducted at the end of 2020 outreach and equipping to share our faith was one of the areas that our congregation self-identified as an area where growth was needed/desired. This material was developed by our synod to help meet that need. This class will meet in the basement during adult Bible class hour beginning at 9:15 a.m.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

WAYNE ZONE LWML WORKSHOP Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, Grace Lutheran Church -- "KNOW YOUR IDENTITY" Speaker: Pastor Nabil Nour -- He was born in Israel, Immigrated to USA when 16. Graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1994. Now serving at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD, 4th Vice President of LCMS. Registration will be from 9-9:20. We will close with lunch at noon. Ingathering of Hygiene kits and school kits will be given to Orphan Grain Train. Grace Ladies will deliver to Orphan Grain Train. Check the exit doors for a list of items needed. **All Grace members are invited, men too!**

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDIES: This semester we are going to have two opportunities for Bible studies as a group. We will meet every **Thursday at 5:30PM** at Cup of Grace. During those times we will be discussing the question **“Is the Bible Reliable?”** Hint, hint... the answer is YES! The other opportunity will be held on Sunday evenings at **7:30pm at Cup of Grace.** Hope to see you for these awesome opportunities and be sure to invite your friends!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER: The Jr. High and High School Youth Group want to thank you for taking the time to support, pray for, and encourage us throughout this past year as you always have. All of you have meant so much to us, during a time of great uncertainty in a lot of ways. Two things have been certain though and that is first God’s love and second your commitment. The Youth Group is also working on a fundraiser to help make it to the National Youth Gathering that takes place July 2022. On the wall leading into the Fellowship Hall, you will find a lot of envelopes. If you feel led to support this effort, please take an envelope and you the dollar amount on each one is merely a suggestion. You can donate more, or less depending upon your interest. All proceeds will go towards our trip to the Gathering, and if you write a check please make it out to LYF Grace Lutheran. Thank you again for all your support! We could not do anything without your help!

VISIONARY PARENTING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR ERIK: Parents are you looking at getting into God’s word with your children. Are you not sure how to even begin doing something like that? Wanting to strengthen habits that you are already doing. Well then, we hope you will join Pastor Erik on Sunday April 25th during the Sunday School Hour from 9:15 to 10:15AM! We will cover great topics like God's grand vision for the home, a God-filled normal life, Biblical fatherhood and motherhood, family worship, multi-generational faithfulness, a safe home, and disciplines that disciple. What you will hear and learn is that God has brought your family together for a grand purpose! Our study called *Visionary Parenting* will help you discover and lean into this awesome opportunity. Through studying God’s Word in this Visionary Parenting series, you will be inspired to catch a fresh vision of God's purpose for your family. While also being inspired to build faith and character in the hearts of your kids.

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Charles & Ruth Maier in honor of their wedding anniversary

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY	6:15 pm.	Choir
TUESDAY	9:00 am.	LWML Spring Rally
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	2:00 pm.	Ladies Aid
	5:30 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	5:30 pm.	College Bible Study
SATURDAY	1:00 pm.	Spring Clean-up
	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Supper

FUTURE PLANS: As we continue to move toward our new normal, we rejoice that we are able to begin to make plans for our congregational life following the time when COVID casts such a long shadow over us. We thank God for granting healing to many who have suffered under COVID's effect, for protecting our congregation and community from a major outbreak and thank you all for your cooperation in adjusting our practices for the well-being of our fellow members. In their most recent meeting, the board of elders approved a plan for continued steps toward our church life as we move out of the pandemic. Some of those changes will happen immediately and others will be delayed until June when the majority of those desiring to be immunized will have been fully vaccinated.

Changes you will notice immediately.

- The hymnals and Bibles have been returned to the pews, along with the small attendance registration pads.
- While social distancing is still encouraged, the ropes helping to guide that will be removed on the south pews but will remain in place on the north side of the sanctuary.

Beginning in June the following is being planned.

- Communion distribution at the communion rail will resume.
- Disposable communion cups will still be used.
- Greeters, lay-readers, and robed acolytes will resume service.

For the foreseeable future until we know more about the duration of immunity and the effect of variants.

- Offerings will still be gathered at the doors without passing an offering plate.
- The common cup will not be used for communion distribution.
- Livestream of Sunday morning services will continue.

For those with health concerns the Saturday evening small group family communion hour will still be offered through April and May and will be re-evaluated as we approach summer.

If you have questions or concerns about these plans, please contact an elder or one of the pastors.