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FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER **4/7/24**

WELCOME in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Take It from an Eyewitness," 1 John 1:1-2:2

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 5 Hymns: 208; 192; 371; 188

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 151-166 Hymns: 470; 605; 467; (631, 411, 563,649); 763

ATTENDANCE: (M) Cemetery Devotion: 6 Easter Sunrise 27
Easter Festival 168 (C) 32 Sunday School: 17 Adult Bible
Classes: Sunday:4 Weekday: 11 Good Friday (M) 28 (C) 8
Afternoon: 110 (estimate)

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, April 14th, is for the Building Fund.

THANK YOU: "Thanks to everyone for their caring calls, visits, messages, asking about Stanley and all your prayers. We know from that that God is good." Stanley & Nancy, George & Heather, Shaun, Shannon & Keeghan.

BROUGHT TO THE ARMS OF JESUS through the washing of Holy Baptism was Ellis Keith Gray, son of Zeke Gray and Felicity Rivera (friends of Stacy Vogt). Pastor Mueller baptized the 8-month-old, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. He was immediately released into the spiritual care of Calumet Street Christian Church, Centralia.

BROUGHT TO THE ARMS OF JESUS this morning at St. John's is Freya Jo, infant daughter of Kody & Courtney Moore. Freya's sponsors are Lexy Meier, Tierney Moore, and Jared White. We welcome Freya into God's family here at St. John's and pray God's richest blessings on her.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to the family of Larry Brinkmann who went to his heavenly home on Thursday, March 4th. Funeral arrangements are pending. May the sweet assurance of a blessed reunion in heaven comfort the survivors at this time.

THE LWML PRAYER SERVICE will be held at St. John's, New Minden, Saturday, April 13th. See flyer on bulletin board for time and more information.

AN OFFICERS' AGENDA MEETING will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the service next Sunday, April 14th.

THE LWML MEETING for April 18 has been changed to **7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Mueller will be giving a presentation on his recent trip to Uganda. All members of the congregation are invited. Refreshments will be served.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Apr 7th-13th, 2024

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Pastor Mueller—will have heart catheterization on Friday, April 12th

Frances Kasten—kindergarten teacher at Trinity, Hoyleton, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer

Bill Funke at St. Louis University Hospital recovering from another back surgery

Ellis Gray—friend of Stacy Vogt—8 months old; at Cardinal Glennon with cancer

Marilyn Stevenson (C) at Mercy Hospital South for rehab in St. Louis

Addilyn McKnight—daughter of Josh McKnight and Kerry McKnight, broken arm.

Darrel Maschhoff—nephew of Eunice Hausler—at Christian Hospital Northeast recovering from by-pass surgery

Marvin Miessner at Friendship Manor for rehab

Lola Wessel recuperating at returned home

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) recuperating from neck surgery

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—recovering at home

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Doris Meadows—sister of Rosalie Rice—undergoing treatments.

Brent Maschhoff—New Minden neighbor—dealing with pancreatic cancer

Gloria Koehler—sister of Lola Wessel—lung cancer

Lauren Aussieker—mother of one of our PreSchool students—taking chemo

Gloria Hitpas—niece of Wayne Wessel—diagnosed with breast cancer

Mike Curry—friend of Charles Vogt—dealing with cancer

Stanley Renth finished with chemo; latest cat scan showed no cancer

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—taking chemo again

Vickie Emery—wife of former teacher Glen Emery—undergoing radiation

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer. .

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

We Remember in our prayers:

Pastor Ron Rall--friend of the Hauslers—working in Papua New Guinea to assist our sister church there in building unity Pray for peace with tribal warfare breaking out. We also pray for his wife Mary Ann and friends, **Roy and Judy Schache**.

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions

- Ministry to inactive members.

-Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School Mission Project

-Centralia Correctional Center

We Remember:

St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch calling a seminary graduate

Pastor Jacob Mueller considering a call to Shawnee, Kansas

TSJ: Pray that God would guide the Board of Christian Education as we seek to fill the staff at TSJ.

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

The people suffering from the bridge collapse, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

God's Blessings to:

Ellis Gray (nonmember) baptized last Sunday

Freya Jo Moore baptized this morning

In Sympathy With:

The Family of **Larry Brinkmann**

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Shirley Hanenberger & Wyatt Shew 4-8;

Wally Holm s4-9; Kyle Brink 4-10; Kyliah Kellermann 4-12; Bob Jack 4-13

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Mark & Cassie Sachtleben 4-10

CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HS has some very exciting news to announce. Our boys baseball team gets to play at BUSCH STADIUM this year!!! That's right, the same field as so many Cardinal legends and current MLB team. That date is April 12, at 6pm. In order to make this happen we need to sell 700 tickets to the Cards vs Brewers game on April 19. Tickets are \$25 a piece in the Infield Terrace (sec 400s). If you would like to purchase tickets for family, friends or giveaways contact me dkueper@corlhs.org or at the school 618-226-3315. You can also reach out to any of our current baseball players. What a tremendous opportunity for our kids!!!

HYMN FESTIVAL APRIL 14 AT ZION LUTHERAN, MASCOUTAH

This year, 2024, is the 500th Anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnal, Etlich Cristlich lider, (also often called the Achtliederbuch) which was published in Wittenberg early in 1524. In honor of this anniversary, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL will be hosting a Hymn Festival on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 4:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will feature several hymns first published in this earliest Lutheran hymnal, as well as more recent Lutheran contributions to hymnody. Each hymn will be preceded by a commentary given by an area LCMS pastor to give the background and meaning of the hymn. The Hymn Festival is free and open to all. Come and join in the great Lutheran tradition of singing hymns together at Zion Mascoutah at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 14!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! St. John's VBS will be held June 3-7 from 5:30-7:30 pm for grades PreK-5 (based on grade entering in fall 2024). Students can be registered at vbsmate.com/events/stjohnsnewminden/28631. If you would like to help with VBS or have any questions, please call or text Jessica Spenner at 618-214-8295.

LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES: The Kyrie, Sanctus, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis... Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? **Issues, Etc.**, a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a Classical Christian Worship series with Dr. Arthur Just, author of Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service. You can listen to this six-part series at issuesetc.org/classicalworship.

GRIEFSHARE will meet again Monday, April 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

THE 2023 ANNUAL SREPORT BOOK (green) is now available on the table by the restrooms and in the narthex window. One to a family please.

THE APRIL NEWSLETTER is available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy.

PASTOR'S HEALTH UPDATE: "Recently an echocardiogram indicated something abnormal about my heart that my cardiologist wants to investigate further. For this reason, I have a heart catheterization scheduled for Friday, April 12th, at St. Elizabeth's, O'Fallon. Lord willing, whatever needs work can quickly and easily be taken care of. However, just as a precaution I am taking April 14th as a vacation Sunday. Pastor John Lukomski will be filling in. Your prayers are appreciated." Pastor Mueller

The Second Sunday of Easter + April 7, 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting One

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of St. John's and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, **are asked first to speak with the Pastor.** (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)*

For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.

HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" *LSB 470*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 151*

PSALM: Psalm 148 *spoken responsively* *LSB 148*

KYRIE *LSB 152-153*

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" *LSB 155*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [*LSB 156*]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **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: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

P: ³² Now 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. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There 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 ³⁵ and 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

P: ¹ That 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— ² the 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— ³ that 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. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1} 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. ² He 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.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(Sing:) **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 20th chapter.

C: (Sing:) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: ¹⁹ On 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." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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."

²⁶ Eight 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." ²⁷ Then 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord

and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but 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: *(Sing:)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN: "Father Welcomes" *LSB 605*

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *LSB 268-271*

HYMN: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" *LSB 467*

SERMON: "Take It from an Eyewitness" *1 John 1:1 – 2:2*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *LSB 159-160*
(Sung by all after the collection plates are placed on the altar.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT *LSB 160-166*

During the Distribution, we will sing the following hymns, as time allows:

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" *LSB 631*

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LSB 411*

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" *LSB 563*

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *LSB 649*

The Post-Communion Canticle will be "Thank the Lord," LSB 164.

CLOSING HYMN: "When Peace, like a River" *LSB 763*

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This Week : Apr 7th-14th, 2024

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE

Monday NO GriefShare

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC
1:30 p.m.. Bible Study in FH
6:00 p.m. Voters' Mtg (C) in FH

Saturday LWML Prayer Service at St. John's
NO Worship

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's w/HC
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7
10:00 a.m. Worship NM
10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377
and Channel 18 on Cable TV
Officers' Agenda Mtg After Svc in FH
4:00 p.m. Hymn Festival at Zion, Mascoutah