

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

“You Are Witnesses of These Things”

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(without Holy Communion)

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(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: People of God, let us come into His holy presence with sincere hearts and confess to Him our sin, that by His grace, we might receive His mercy and the forgiveness of our sins for the sake of our resurrected Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.
(We pause for a time of silent reflection and confession). Almighty God. . .

C: **Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For all this we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. But for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us on the cross and is now risen from the dead, 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: Having heard your sincere confession, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to you, and in the place and at the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:29–42

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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* RESPONSE (Psalm 105:1-5)

A: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

C: **Make known His deeds among the peoples!**

A: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

C: Tell of all His wondrous works!

A: Glory in His holy name;

C: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

A: Seek the Lord and His strength;

C: Seek His presence continually!

A: Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

C: His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

A: He remembers His covenant forever,

C: The word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

BIBLE MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Petitions conclude: "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all respond: "Hear our prayer"*).

*** THE 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; 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.

*** BLESSING** (*including Hebrews 13:20-21*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will

C: And may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

*** CLOSING SONG**

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY (4/12)

Preaching and Assisting (A): Rev. Vincent Iqbal
Praise Team Director: Jane Connon
Lay Minister: Howard McNees, Dave Johnson
Ushers: Jesse Hogue
Greeters: Dar Swift, Virginia Hetrick
Lector: Mark Ruesch
Children's Message: Mel Schroeder

NEXT WEEK (4/19)

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann
Jane Connon
Howard McNees, Dave Johnson
Jesse Hogue
Sue Keltsch, Virginia Hetrick
Kerry Batten
Julie Prentice / Megan Cummins

Acts 5:29–42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19–31

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." 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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.