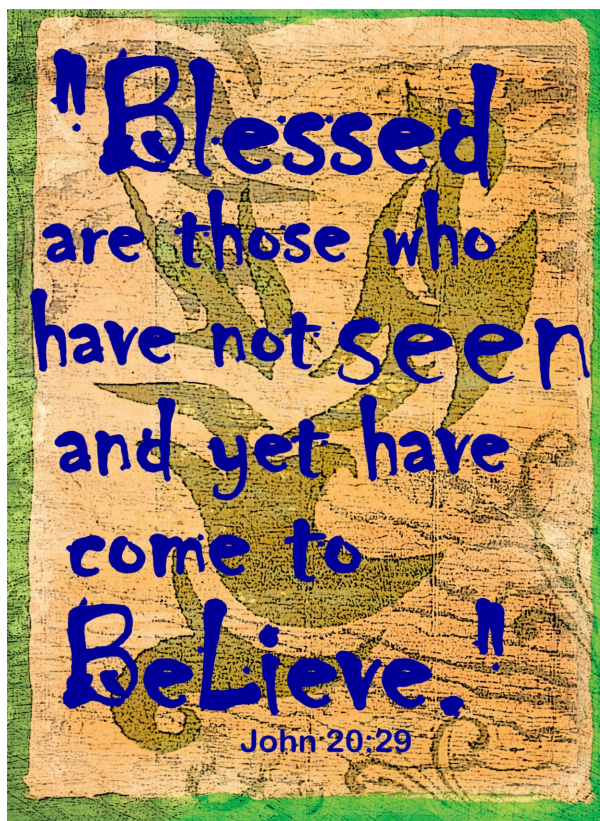


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***Berlin, Wisconsin***  
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***The Second Sunday of Easter***  
***April 24 and 27, 2025***

**Serving Us Today:**  
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***Large Print Bulletin***

**As We Gather...** Thomas is forever marked with the qualifying adjective "doubting." How Thomas is known is due to one episode in a career marked more by faith and faithful discipleship. Could it be that the doubts that plague us are less marks of our unfaithfulness than they are challenges we must daily face in order to be Christ's own disciples? What defines you are not the doubts but what you do with them. Thomas brought his doubts to Jesus. We, too, are called to bring our doubts to the Lord and to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in a life of following our Savior.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS...** Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

### **Confession and Absolution**

**487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

**1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain**

**Of triumphant gladness!**

**God has brought His Israel**

**Into joy from sadness,**

**Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke**

**Jacob's sons and daughters,**

**Led them with unmoistened foot**

**Through the Red Sea waters.**

**2 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n  
Laud and praise undying.**

**3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts  
Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain  
Jesus' resurrection!**

**4 For today among His own  
Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore  
Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death  
Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal  
Hold Him as a mortal.**

**5 Alleluia! Now we cry  
To our King immortal,**

**Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
Of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness!**

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**The Rite of Holy Baptism for Aurora Jo Block [Thursday]  
Congregational response at the end of the Baptism  
(also on screens)**

***"We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom"***

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

## **Service of the Word**

### **Introit**

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

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

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
**Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

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

### **Gloria Patri**

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

### **Kyrie**    *LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**LSB 187**

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

**CAmen.**

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 5:12–32*

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards



standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*Revelation 1:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

<sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,  
<sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia *LSB 190***

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel *John 20:19–31***

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

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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."

<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 believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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 Praise be to Thee, 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 Sermon**

**O Sons and Daughters of the Kingsts. 1–5**

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

**2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,**

**“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

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

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## **Sermon**

**470 O Sons and Daughters of the Kingsts. 6–9**

**6 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be.”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

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

**9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## **Offering**

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## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C It is meet and right so to do.**

P 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 singing:

**Sanctus    *LSB 195***

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer    *LSB 196***

P 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.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to



the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini    *LSB 197***

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**Agnus Dei    *LSB 198***

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**Distribution Hymns**

**633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing**

**Praise to our victorious King,**

**Who has washed us in the tide**

**Flowing from His pierced side.**

**Alleluia!**

**2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Alleluia!**

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.**

**Alleluia!**

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.**

**Alleluia!**

**5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.**

**Alleluia!**

**6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;**

**You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!**

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!**

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!**

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## **629 What Is This Bread**

**1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.**

**2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;**

**The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.**

**3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.**

**4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.**

**5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

**LSB 199**

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving LSB 200**

**P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P Let us pray.**

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 in 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.

**C Amen.**

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And with thy spirit.**

## **Benedicamus *LSB 202***

P Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction *LSB 202***

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## **920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go**

**1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;**

**Christ to the world with joy we bring;**

**Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,**

**Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

**2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;**

**Kingship with Him His servants gain;**

**With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,**

**Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth**

**This world of time to consecrate,**

**This world of sin by grace to heal,**

**Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;**

**Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim**

**Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**

**5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

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**Attendance Last Week: 689**

**General giving last week: \$17,647.00**

**Budget giving needed: \$ 7,500.00**

## **Calendar of Activities this week at St. John**

<b>30 Wednesday</b>	<b>Chop Suey Supper</b>	<b>4:30 till out</b>
<b>1 Thursday</b>	<b>Worship Service/HC</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>4 Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service/HC</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>

4 Sunday	Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
4 Sunday	Sunday School	10:30 am

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Being received through Baptism into the covenant and kingdom of God's grace on Thursday, April 24th is Aurora Jo Block, daughter of Richard and Bridget Block, who entered this life on February 22, 2025, and is being given new life in Christ through this washing of regeneration. Serving as her sponsors are: Kara Block and Chase Freimark.

**HUMAN CARE** will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

**DESSERTS NEEDED!** St. John is slotted to make food for and give a devotion to students of Berlin High on Thursday, May 1. The students' favorite part is dessert! If you're willing to make a dessert, please sign up on the sheet in the back and bring it to church by Thursday morning. Thank you for your help!

**QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING:** A Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, after the church service, in the Lower Level of the Church. All communicant members age 18 and older are eligible to become voting members. Please plan to attend!

**THE PIZZAS ARE HERE!** If you ordered pizzas from the 7th & 8th grade class, they are in the freezers in the church basement. They are in bags labeled with names.



**CHOP SUEY SUPPER:** Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. 4:30 until out. Drive-thru only. Tickets: \$13 in advance. \$15 at the door. Tickets are sold at: St. John SCHOOL office, Ladybug Floral, F&M Bank, Mop Shop, Berlin Oil, State Farm, Krause's Service. *We deliver! Call Nancy Wallner at 361-4179.*

**A PLACE OF REFUGE LIFE WALK 2025:**

Support this important ministry by walking for life! The event, held at Elm Grove Lutheran Church on Saturday June 21, includes breakfast, an opening prayer service, the walk, prizes, music, and lunch. Friends and family are encouraged to support your walk; children are welcome. Registration opens May 1, 2025. Please go to [aplaceofrefuge.org](http://aplaceofrefuge.org) to register.

**A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES JOINING US:** On Sunday, May 4, Deaconess Grace Rao, Executive Director from A Place of Refuge Ministries, will be joining us to give a short presentation after the service and a longer one during the Bible study hour to share information about the important work this ministry is doing to care for pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Additionally, she'll share the joy of serving the Triune God as a deaconess.

**FREE FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING PRESENTATION:** Barbola and Barbola-Hempel Funeral Chapels will be hosting a free pre-planning presentation on *Wed., May 7*. There will be presentations in 3 different locations for convenience.

10 a.m. Barbola-Hempel Funeral Chapel (Poy Sippi)

2 p.m. Redgranite Lions Hall

6 p.m. Barbola Funeral Chapel (Berlin)

Pick a time and RSVP by phone to 920-361-2755 or email barbolafc@yahoo.com. Refreshments will be served.

**NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH SCRIP:** Earn 5% on local dining! Add some flavor to your earning potential! Now you can earn by dining at your favorite local restaurants. Link your credit card to the app and you will automatically earn 5% each time you use your linked card at participating local restaurants. Contact Julie Snow for more information.

We are still looking for volunteers to help sell scrip. Please let me know if you would like to learn more.

**GET MORE OUT OF THE SERMON:**

On the wood box underneath the "Hearing Loop" sign in the Narthex are a stack of sheets used by our confirmation students to take notes on the sermon. The sheets ask three basic questions that will help you focus on what the sermon is about, learn more, and grow in your faith. Please give it a shot to get more out of each sermon!

**TITUS 2 WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Titus 2 is a women's group dedicated to building Christian relationships between different generations. Their next gathering is May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-8:00 at River Shores Church. If you are mature in your faith, please bring advice, wisdom, or scripture to share with others. If you're younger or new to your faith, please bring a dish to pass and any questions you have! Please RSVP or direct any questions to Rachel Cassidy (920) 290-4459.

**EMAIL OR ADDRESS CHANGE? PHONE # CHANGE?** Please let the church office know so we can keep our records current. You may drop a note in the church office mailbox or write "CHANGED" on your next communion card and then fill in what has changed in your information. Thanks!!



**Easter Lilies and Flowering Plants have been  
given by the following members:**

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who gave his or her Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter morning.

**The St. John Ladies Aid has placed  
the ALTAR FLOWERS.**

**IN MEMORY OF Elaine Humphrey,** from Bob & Amy Radliff.

**IN MEMORY OF Harry & Kathryn Froelich, Vicky Hunt and Ward Durrant** from Pat Durrant and Family.

**IN MEMORY OF Walter & Louise Rodensal, Leo & Agnes Henriksen,** from Russ and Robin Henriksen.

**IN HONOR OF Bill Brooks: Husband, Father, and Grandfather,** from Amy, Steven, and Michael Brooks.

**IN MEMORY OF Karl & Joyce Krause** from Judy Uchtyl.

**IN HONOR OF their children Mark & Terri Rausch and Ted & Kim Van Dellen,** from Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen.

**IN HONOR OF Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen,** from Mark & Terri Rausch.

**IN PRAISE to the LORD,** from the Altar Guild.

**IN MEMORY OF their parents,** from Duane and Linde Nitz.

**IN MEMORY OF our Parents, Nancy's Sister and Brother,** from Norm and Nancy Fibiger.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF My Husband, Gerald Krause,** from Carol Krause.

**IN MEMORY OF Bud Polk** from Carolyn Polk and Family.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF My Dad Richard Boening** from Chris & Dave Dretske and Family.

**IN MEMORY OF the Love of My Life, Ken Fink,** from JoAnn Fink.

**IN MEMORY OF Our Grandchildren: Ariel, Micah and Gadiel,** from Norm and Nancy Fibiger.

**IN LOVING MEMORY of My Husband, Richard Boening and Daughter Lori Sertle,** from Connie Boening.

**IN MEMORY OF Paul,** from Joyce Parsons.