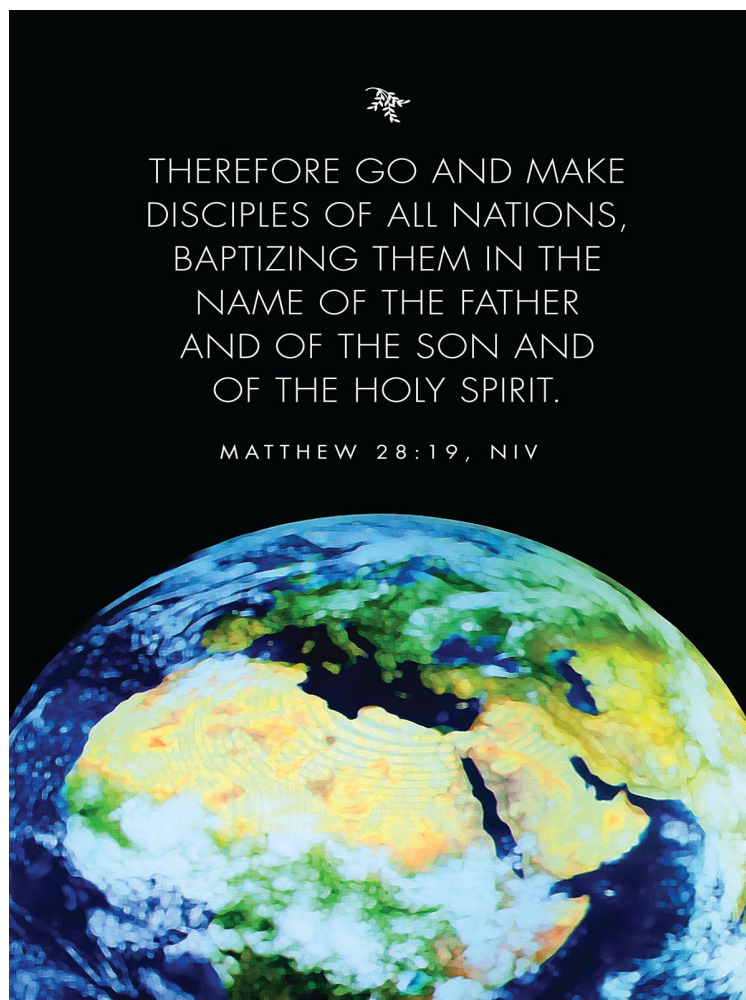


***St. John Lutheran Church & School
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***



**April 9 and 12, 2026
The 2nd Sunday of Easter**

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Large Print Bulletin

AS WE GATHER... "Seeking dedicated worker. Suffering not optional." If we were to read that simple line in a job posting, it certainly would give us pause. People generally want to avoid suffering at any cost. Scripture reminds us that there may be a dynamic of discomfort to faith-filled living that follows the call of the risen Savior. In his hymn text "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake" from the 1600s, Johann Scheffler concludes, "Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff'ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain" (*LSB* 688:5). The challenges of the twenty-first century may differ from those of the seventeenth, but they are just as real. Our Lord promises that He is always with us on our life's journey. With Easter joy, we travel onward together toward His glorious heavenly kingdom!

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 Narthex.

Confession and Absolution

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

**Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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The Rite of Holy Baptism for Dawson and Henry Evenstad

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.**

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

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 204

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

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.

CAmen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:2–5

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
³and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:12–16, 20–21

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:18–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Sermon

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,

Spoken, written, mighty Word;

Ev'rywhere His creatures call

To His heav'nly banquet hall.

**2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.**

**3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.**

**4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.**

**5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!**

**6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.**

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. composite
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**Sermon "The History of the World that *Really* Matters:
The Church"**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

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 "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, let us now and evermore praise God's glorious name, singing:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210

**C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution Hymns

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

**1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,**

**Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.**

**2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

**3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.**

**4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might**

**Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.**

**5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.**

**6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.**

**7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;**

**Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified.”**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

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537 Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior,

**King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

2 Fair are the meadows,

**Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

3 Fair is the sunshine,

**Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss,
1823–1904 Text: Public domain

Stand

Post-Communion Collect

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.
C Amen.

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.**

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.**

△ 3 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!**

Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

13 Monday	Trustee Meeting	6:30 pm
14 Tuesday	Spring Music Showcase	5:00 pm
14 Tuesday	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 pm
14 Tuesday	Board of Elders Meeting	6:30 pm
15 Wednesday	Chop Suey Dinner – drive thru only	
	4:30 pm until out	
16 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
19 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

19 Sunday

Sunday School/ Bible Class

10:30 am

DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE: Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

NEW BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION: **Beginning April 12th**, we'll be studying selections from the book of Revelation using Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" in our post-Sunday Service Bible Study. This will hopefully be a jumping off point to go a little deeper into the book for the rest of the year. I hope you'll join us!

PIZZA SALE: St. John School 6th and 7th grade students will be selling pizzas after church on Thursday, April 9th and Sunday, April 12th for their class trip to Catalina Island in May of 2027.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SURVEY: In an attempt to understand where we're at and realize God's mission for us, our church is asking those affiliated with it to take a quick survey. Whether you've been a member for years or are brand new to our church - your response will be very helpful! When you get a chance, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey by typing in this link or scanning the QR code (<http://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C76148>) (if prompted, enter the code: C76148) or pick up a paper copy in the back of church. Responses are required by May 3. Your responses will be anonymous. You can skip questions you don't have an answer for. We need your help - please fill out a survey! Thank you!

SUMMER VBS PLANNING MEETING: If you're interested in helping out with VBS this summer, please join us for a planning meeting on April 21 at 5:00pm at the church. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONCERT: The St. John Lutheran Church Evangelism Team is hosting Randy Peterson as part of St. John Lutheran School's participation in National Screen-Free Week. The Concert is Tuesday, May 5th starting at 6pm in the church. This evening concert gives students and families an engaging alternative to screen time and encourages meaningful time together through music.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CAMPING TRIP: Pastor Rob is taking the Confirmation students camping May 1-3, and we need your help to make it a successful trip! On the back table is a donation list. If you're able, please stop in the back and sign-up to bring something. You can drop off your donation in pastor's office any time before the 1st (the office is open from 9:00-12:00 Mon-Thurs and pastor may be there at other times depending on his schedule). Cold donations can be placed in the refrigerator in the church basement (please label it "Camping"). Thank you!

CHURCH PICNIC ACTIVITIES: We'll be hosting our church picnic on July 19 and we're looking for someone to plan some activities for kids and adults. If you're interested, please talk with Pastor Rob. Thanks!

SIGN UP FOR A CONNECTION GROUP: Our Connection Groups connect Christians to other Christians, Christians closer to Christ, and non-Christians to Connection Groups. If you want to get connected

to other Christians and our awesome God, sign up for a Connection Group in the narthex today. We have Groups that meet at different times and for different ages. If you have questions, please ask a leader or pick up an FAQ sheet in the narthex or email Pastor Rob at pastor@stjohnberlin.org.

1 – Amy & Eric Vetrone / Monthly / Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM / N452 25th Ave Neshkoro / Ages 35-55

2 – Candy Schram / Every-other-week / Wednesday @ 9:30 / St. John Church / Any age, WOMEN ONLY

3 – Dave & Brenda Faucett / Every-other-week / Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM / St. John Church / Any age

4 – Lori Piechowski / 2nd & 4th / Monday @ 6:00 PM / St. John Church / Any age

5 – Pastor & Carol Busse / 1st & 3rd / Monday @ 9:30 AM / St. John Church / Ages 60+

6 – Rob & Paige Schrader / 2nd & 4th / Monday @ 6:00 PM / 363 E Cumberland St. / Ages <40

MRS. CHAR FRITSCH IS RETIRING! Come and help us celebrate Mrs. Fritsch's retirement after over 35 years of teaching in Lutheran Schools. We will have punch, desserts and a reception in the church narthex on Sunday, April 19th following the worship service.

SCRIP: We are looking for someone to take over the Scrip program. Please contact Julie Snow 920-745-0977 or Rich Wallner 920-252-0049 if you have any questions or are interested.

LWML: Our LWML Spring Rally will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield on Saturday, April 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Bennett Reisler, Mission Advocate for LCMS Mission Advancement, as our guest speaker. His message will focus on current mission initiatives and how we can continue to support the spreading of the Gospel.

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's lesson, "The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleanes Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

SPRING MUSIC SHOWCASE: St. John Lutheran School is presenting their Spring Music Showcase on Tuesday, April 14th starting at 5pm in the church. Grades Preschool - 8th grade will be performing, including choirs, handbells, and recorders, all are welcome to attend.

~ Ladies ~

Please join us for Coffee, Breakfast,
Bible Study, and fellowship with other
Christian women.

Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 9:00 am

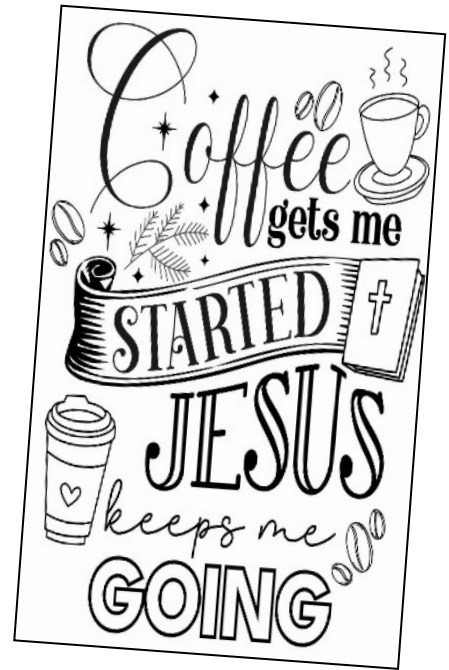
Saturday Morning Coffee

The Triangle Restaurant, 215 Ripon
Rd., Berlin

(Small room to the left as you enter
main door)

Bring ideas for future gatherings, and
bring a friend.

Contact Brenda at 920-202-2677
with questions.



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 list of donors will be repeated in the bulletin next week and will also include anyone who gave flowers after the bulletin printing deadline this week, provided you let someone from the Altar Guild know that you gave the flowers and how you'd like your announcement to read. Once again, thank you to all!

**THE LADIES AID PROVIDED 2 LILIES TO BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH
AT EASTER**

IN MEMORY OF my dear husband Paul, from Joyce Parsons.

IN MEMORY OF all loved ones, from Norm and Nancy Fibiger.

IN MEMORY OF Sharon Zimmerman from Reagan and Gabrielle Kropp.

IN MEMORY OF Leo & Agnes Henriksen, and Walter & Louise Rodensal, from The Henriksen Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Bill Brooks from the Brooks Family.

IN MEMORY OF Karl & Joyce Krause from Judy Uchytel.

IN MEMORY OF Ward Durrant, Harry and Kathryn Froelich, and Vicky Hunt, Pat Durrant.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RALPH VAN DELLEN, from the Van Dellen Family

IN MEMORY OF Bob Dewhurst, from the Dewhurst Family.

IN MEMORY OF My Beloved Husband Jerry, from Carol Krause.

IN MEMORY OF Bud Polk from the Polk Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF My Mom Marge Boening from Chris & Dave Dretske Family.

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

IN MEMORY OF my beloved husband, Ken Fink, the love of my life, from JoAnn Fink.

Sermon Notes – 4-12-26 – The Church

-But, really, knowing the answers is useless unless the answers are _____.

-Today, our history catches up with us – we’re still a part of that same church. And as we believe the same things, we should find ourselves living in the same ways.

-“What does that account teach us about how to live out who we are as the church?”

-We’re all sinners bound for hell. But God found us, forgave us, and has given us eternal life in heaven! He changed who we are – before we were sinners, now we are saints.

-Will we devotedly bring his _____ to others? We should. If we believe our history and who we are in Jesus, it makes sense.

-“Why are things the way they are?”

-Those places that have more good are all places that have either been entrenched in Christianity or heavily influenced by places that have been entrenched in _____ for over a millennium.

-When we believe our history and live it out, we change the world for the better. The world is the way that it is – better than it would be – because the church has acted like the church.

-“How do we live as the church knowing where we’re going?”

-We’ve learned that our belief isn’t just in what Jesus did but also in that because of what he did, we have eternal life in _____. And just like believing in our history changes how we live now, so also believing in that future changes how we live now.

-As we believe we’re going to eternal life – we should use this temporary life in a way that really _____ – to point others there. As we believe in our future, Lord, help us to start living out that future.

-Think about your past – what Jesus has made you. Think about your future – you’re going to heaven! And as you believe it, live now in accordance with the two, live now in a way that makes sense – live as the church – live all for the glory of God!