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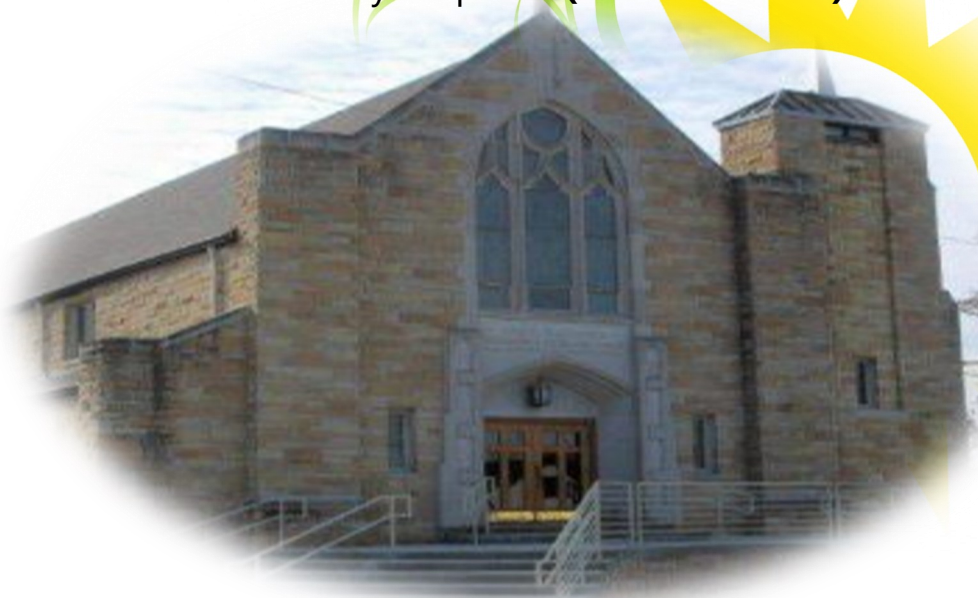
St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

04-24-2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**



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2nd Sunday of Easter
24 April 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Acts 5:12–32 / Psalm 148 / Revelation 1:4–18 / John 20:19–31

Sermon Title: True Peace Comes Only From God
Sermon Text: John 20:19-31

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ.” (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

Our Gospel lesson starts on the day that Jesus rose from the dead. John tells us what the disciples were doing that evening AFTER they had learned that the body of Jesus was no longer in the tomb where they had buried it. Instead, the disciples were a little scared—they didn’t know what to do—since they hadn’t taken Jesus’ dead body and hid it somewhere. At least this is what the religious leaders claimed the disciples had done.

From a human point of view, this is what happened. From a human point of view in which you don’t believe in God, then digging up the body and hiding it somewhere else is exactly what happened. Again, this is what the religious leaders were declaring what had happened to the body of Jesus.

Of course, we know that this isn’t the truth. The truth is that Jesus was raised to new life by the power and work of God our Heavenly Father, but that was a hard thing for the Jewish religious leaders to believe. And it’s a hard thing for some people today to believe.

In fact, in our Gospel lesson we see that Thomas—one of Jesus’ disciples—even doubted Jesus’ resurrection from the dead when the other eleven disciples told him that this is what happened. So let’s join those ten disciples in that upper room where they had previously ate the Passover Meal with Jesus.

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 [= Jewish religious leaders], 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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’” (John 20.19-23)

The ten disciples were gathered in that locked upper room where they had previously celebrated the Passover Meal with Jesus. There were ten, because Judas had hung himself, and Thomas not with them for this event. They were scared. Some of the Jewish religious leaders were probably threatening them about the fact that Jesus’ body was no longer in the tomb where it had been buried.

But in the midst of their fears and concerns, Jesus appears to them. *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.”* Jesus stands among them now showing them his hands and side where nails had previously pierced him. And then the mood in the room changes from sad to glad. *“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. ’’

Jesus knows that his disciples were scared and a little concerned about the fact that Jesus’ body was no longer in tomb where he was buried. Now, Jesus does what he does best—he gives them his peace. He reminds them that he is the Prince of Peace—that he is the source of deep-seated peace which surpasses all understanding.

“Peace be with you.” Our world is in desperate need of peace, and yet it seems many of us Christians are not living with God’s peace. It seems many of us believers in Jesus Christ fret and worry just as the disciples were doing in that locked upper room.

And yet, now Jesus stands among them and says: *“Peace be with you.”* Jesus gives us his peace so that we can then share that same peace with others. Right after Jesus gives the disciples HIS peace which surpasses all understanding, he commissions these ten disciples to go out and preach and teach God’s Word—to encourage people to confess their sins and to receive God’s gracious forgiveness.

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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’*’’

Back at their baptisms, the disciples received the Holy Spirit. Now, Jesus sets these ten disciples apart to preach and teach God’s Word, and to encourage people to confess their sins and to receive God’s gracious forgiveness.

But Thomas, one of the eleven remaining disciples, was not with the rest of the disciples that first time that Jesus appeared to them, and he couldn’t believe that Jesus rose from the dead. After all, when was the last time you heard about someone coming back to life after being declared dead?

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.’*’’ (John 20:24-29)

Jesus knew that Thomas was not present in the upper room the first time he appeared to his disciples after he had been raised from the dead. Jesus also knew that Thomas doubted what his fellow disciples said about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead.

A week after Jesus appeared to his disciples in that upper room, he appears a second time to this same group—this time including Thomas. So now Thomas is with the other ten disciples, and even though he suddenly appears again in their midst, Jesus once again says: *“Peace be with you.”*

Jesus knows that tensions are high and nerves are frazzled. This is why Jesus again greets his disciples: *“Peace be with you.”* Jesus wants his disciples to be at peace in the midst of chaos and discouragement and confusion. Jesus wants you and me and all people to also be at peace in the midst of chaos and discouragement and confusion.

Jesus gives Thomas a special opportunity that none of us has. ²⁷ *Then [Jesus] 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.'*” (John 20:27-29)

Jesus gives Thomas the opportunity to put his finger in the marks on the palms of his hands, and to put his hand in the wound in Jesus' side. That was amazing, and it surely convinced Thomas that Jesus HAD been raised from the dead!

But Jesus goes on to point out that putting your own fingers in the marks in the palms of Jesus' hands isn't necessary in order to believe in 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.'*”

You, me and all people are blessed, because we believe in Jesus as the Son of God Most High, and we have never seen Jesus standing bodily in front us. That's the definition of faith. We believe in Jesus, because God the Holy Spirit creates faith in us. We believe in Jesus, because God the Holy Spirit nurtures that faith so that we grow as disciples—as followers of Jesus. This is what we confess in the Apostles' Creed: the Third Article and Meaning:

“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.” *What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.... On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.”

And I have heard unbelievers say that they can't believe in a God, who they cannot see. But God shows himself in so many ways. *“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”* (Psalm 19:1) All of nature proudly announces the presence of God Almighty. Every day that you wake up and the sun is shining brightly is another example of the presence of God Almighty.

There are several passages in Scripture which point out how God is revealed to us. In nature, God reveals how he created living things—especially plants, trees, birds and land animals. God has ultimately given us his Holy Word—the Bible—in which he tells us all that he has done for us through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

“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.” (John 20:30-31)

Everything written down in the Bible was written for a reason—so that we can learn more about God and all that he has done for us through the person and work of Jesus. This is why it's important to read or listen to your Bible every day. After you read or listen to a portion of the Bible, then pray and ask God to help you understand that portion better.

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

The peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Announcements

Voters Meeting to be held today after the Worship Service.

Nominees for Office, April 2022 Election

President: Mark Witzel, running for re-election

Vice-President: No One

Head Elder: Ryan Paulsen

Financial Secretary: Dawn Paulsen, running for re-election, second term

Director, Christian Ed: Marla Hogan, running for re-election, second term

Director, Youth Ministry: Sarah Schmidt, running for election, first time.

BUSY BAGS for 1-4 yr. old's 5 yrs. and up they will contain some age appropriate books, color pages, paper, puzzles, possibly memory cards. Not all at once of course. Please enjoy, but take care of the bags and items inside. Return all bags in the box and return all items back in the bag. Color pages and paper can all be taken home.

PICK A HYMN: If you have a favorite hymn you would like to hear please contact the church. We will try to play your choice at service. Going into the Easter season feel free to chose from the Easter hymns

Please Reminder: Only Spring and Summer clothes will be accepted now. When you bring clothes for Finders Keepers no boxes, only clean clothes no tore or stained clothing please. Thank you. Remember proceeds go to our church.

April 25th – April 30th Pastor Peitsch will be on call his phone number is (515) 570-8078.

May 1st will be Pastor LaBoube's last day with us. Please pray for him and his family that they find their new journey in their life blessed as he serves the Lord in his new church.

Honoring Rev. Christopher LaBoube, Christine LaBoube, Rosie LaBoube, to celebrate their time with us at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Come help us celebrate on May 1, 2022 at a potluck luncheon after church services. Please come and bring a covered dish and enjoy the fun and fellowship with your church family.

*Pastor LaBoube: A pastor devoted to giving so much, **God** only knows all the souls that you touch. Committed to serve when you answered **God's** call you prove it by being a servant to all.*

In His Footsteps: God
is our Light, let it
shine bright to others
and show them the
way.



Please Give the office a call or the Pastor...

Before going to hospital

Private communion

Address or name changes

Death in the family

Birth of your baby

Making wedding plans

AS A
FATHER HAS
COMPASSION
ON HIS
CHILDREN,
SO THE
LORD HAS
COMPASSION
ON THOSE
WHO FEAR
HIM.
- PSALM 103:13 -

*LCMS Memory verse of: Week of
April 24, 2022*

<i>Elders</i>			
	04-24-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Communion	05-01-22	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
	05-08-22	Leo Dose	712-880-0000
Communion	05-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-22-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
	05-29-22	Leo Dose	712-880-0000

April

Beloved let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

<i>Lay Readers</i>			
	04-24-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Communion	05-01-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	05-08-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Communion	05-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-22-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
	05-29-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775

Altar Guild

Kay Johnson 881-2247	Carolyn Sexton 883-2312
Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095	

May

Altar Guild

Rita LaFrentz 881-2078 840-9703	Inez Voss 712-882-9034
Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095	

<i>Screens</i>			
	04-24-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Communion	05-01-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-08-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Communion	05-15-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	05-22-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-29-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

	<u>Week of Schedule 04-25 to 05-01</u>
Mon 25	04-25 to 04-30 Pastor Peitsch is on call.
Wed 27	Helping Hands 1-4 pm
Sun 01	3rd Sun. of Easter services 9:30 am Pastor LaBoube's last day with us. Elder: Duane Hamann Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Sunday School 10:45 am Bible Class 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Church offering 04-17-22	\$1,294.00
Church offering 04-15-22	\$365.00
Kid's offering 04-15-22	\$1.00
Church offering 04-14-22	\$270.00
Church offering 04-10-22	\$977.38
Finders Keepers 04-10-22	\$25.75
Church attendance 04-17-22	54
Church attendance 04-15-22	34
Church attendance 04-10-22	66
Bible Class 04-10-22	NA
Sunday School 04-10-22	3
Church attendance 04-06-22	26



Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
Alan Bruhn

Carol Dose
Fred Fletcher

Myrna Gosch
Fern Jacobsen

Selma Schrader

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Dis Reitz**, husband of Caroline ; friend of Kay Johnson. **Pam Clausen**, daughter of Fern Jacobsen; **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl; **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber;

Those who serve in the military:

Triston Twedt (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army at Ft. Lewis, WA

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming (wife and child are here). Ryan is at this address: Prince Sultan AFB, Saudia Arabia 378ECF-CEOIU Unit 61362 APO, AE 09877 (here for only 6 months)
His birthday is Feb 3, send him a card!

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo St Omaha, NE 68136

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann) PSC201 Box 6997
APO AE 09522

St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934
Main Street Apartments
516 Main Street Apt 2
Mapleton, IA 51034

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939
31153 Juinter Ave.
Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933
815 Ring Street
Mapleton IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928
Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
404 1st St.
Battle Creek, IA 51006

Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934
Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home
51034

Myrna Gosch 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941
Pleasant View Care Center
200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
Whiting, IA 51063

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929

21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034
George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home
51034

Our prayer List

Nazaria Kaderabek
310 S. 6th St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Fern Jacobsen
Main Street Apartments
516 Main Street Apt 3
Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

Sharon Kuehl Henning
312 Highcroft
Window MN 56101

Cecil, Fred Fletcher
1225 B Ave.
Danbury, IA 51019

*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace,
Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control,
Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded!*



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Worship time: Sunday



9:30am Worship Service

10:45 Bible Class

10:45 Sunday School

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS B
READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran**
Family Service: www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** [Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) [Camp](http://www.campokoboji.org)
[Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a
Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every
Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24
hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the
left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR** airs on the following stations every Sun
day: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm
Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** www.lofsiowa.org **MainStreet Living**— is a
Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broad
cast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.
The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a
modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.

*Dear Lord, keep this church under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and church that we may
be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the others of the earth. Grant that we may
choose trustworthy leaders to contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare and to serve You
faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*