



ON POST EASTER by Pastor Max Whitehead

“Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’”

~ John 20:20b-23

Easter has now come and gone. Regardless of the frequency of your church attendance, I’d guess that you and most people you know attended an Easter service somewhere. And what a refreshing service Easter Sunday is! We get to sing hymns that are only sung on that specific Sunday, some come in their Sunday best, maybe you get to have a fancy Easter meal with family, and we get to celebrate the reality that Jesus Christ is risen today! We get to rejoice and exclaim “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

We are all refreshed, perhaps revived with a new spirit and fervor... until the meal is over and we have to clean up. Or until Monday or Tuesday morning comes around and we have to go back to work. Where did that newfound gusto of Easter morning go?

Like the disciples, we were glad when we saw the Lord. And you heard these words in the Easter service (and every service), “Peace be with you.” Even in our gladness, Jesus still comes to us and says the same thing as when we are afraid.

The reality is that even though we have that gladness on Easter morning, all too quickly the minutiae of the daily grind sets back in. This is not unique to us and our time. As the disciples were glad and rejoicing that Jesus had returned, Jesus gives them His peace, and in the same breath sends

them out. “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

So what does it look like post-Easter for us? Is it just a morning celebration? A time to hide Easter eggs, eat too much candy, and then get back to daily living? Or has Jesus tasked us with a new duty in which to serve God and the world?

If that last question scares you, hear this: Peace be with you! Post-resurrection, we are now all called to go out into the world as the Father sent His Son, this is true. But Jesus doesn’t hang His disciples out to dry, nor does He do that to us. Rather in the wake of Easter, He breathed on them the Holy Spirit. It is in this Spirit that you are actually able to forgive the sins of the people!

Jesus does not wait for the disciples to peek out of the locked room. He does not wait for us to muster up the confidence to step out into the world. He tells us to be at peace, and then breathes His word of forgiveness on us. It is in that Word that we go out into the world! It is in that Word that we trust and faith is created. In that Word we have full confidence that as Jesus has taken our sins with Him to the grave and has risen, we too are given new life! Life to live at peace in the name of Christ now and forever.

This is most certainly true.
Pastor Max

May Worship Helpers Schedule

May 1 (Communion)

Reader Mitch Larsen
Acolytes Carston and Lincoln Mellem
Communion Helper Riley Gall
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske
Live Stream Janet Munkvold

May 8

Reader Faydra Christensen
Acolytes Brooklyn and Emily Ludens
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

May 15 (Communion)

Reader Janet Munkvold
Acolytes Reagan and Nora Rudd
Communion Helper Parker Christensen
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske
Live Stream Janet Munkvold

May 22 (Contemporary)

Reader Karen Larsen
Acolytes Carston and Lincoln Mellem
Music Praise Band
Live Stream Janet Munkvold

May 29 (Communion)

Reader Brett Mellem
Acolytes Brooklyn & Emily Ludens
Communion Helper Zoey Christensen
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske
Live Stream Janet Munkvold

May Ushers

- ☀ Marlin and Tena Johansen
- ☀ Faydra Christensen
- ☀ Kim Flint
- ☀ David and Melissa Johnson

Church Cleaners (May 1 -8)

- ☀ Tammy Zimmerman,
- ☀ Tonya Rudd,
- ☀ Amy Christensen,
- ☀ Kelli Zimmerman,
- ☀ Amanda Goergen

Church Cleaners (May 15 - 22)

- ☀ Rita Westergaard,
- ☀ Wanda Kost,
- ☀ Charlene Overgard,
- ☀ Gail Anderson,
- ☀ Kristi Johnson

Church Cleaners (May 29)

- ☀ Pam Ludens,
- ☀ Andrea Baer,
- ☀ Sarah Ludens,
- ☀ Lynne Elcock,
- ☀ Tammy Sorensen,
- ☀ Kari Novak,
- ☀ Michelle Sorensen

May 2022 Church Calendar

For complete information and additional details, please visit www.svlcvib.org/calendar/

May 1

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)
11:00AM-ish Council Meeting

May 4

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM VCIS

May 8 Mothers day

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship

May 11

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM VCIS

May 15

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)

May 18

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM VCIS

May 22

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (Contemporary)

May 25

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS (last meeting until fall)
5:30PM Confirmation (last meeting until fall)
7:00PM VCIS

Newsletter Deadline

May 29

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship (Communion)

May 30 Memorial Day



A heartfelt Thank You to our Veterans, those who serve and have served!

May Scripture Readings

May 1

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

May 8

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

May 15

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

May 22

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

May 29

Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

Looking Ahead to June 2022

Wednesday, June 1

7:30AM Bible Study
7:00PM Council Meeting

Sunday, June 5

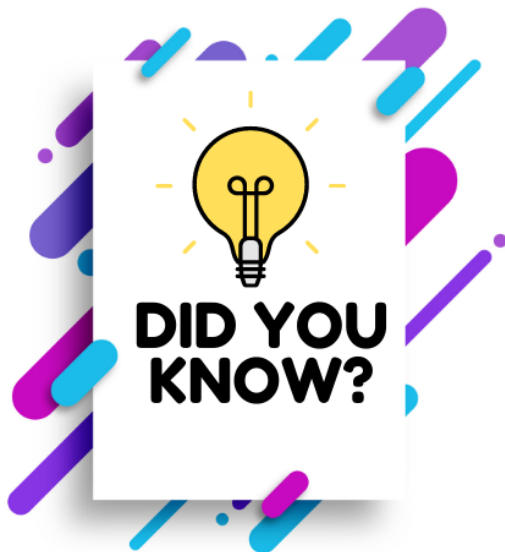
9:00AM Worship Service
7:00PM VCIS


Wednesday, June 8


7:30AM Bible Study


Sunday, June 12

9:00AM Worship Service
7:00PM VCIS




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 We appreciate our volunteers... without them our newsletters, bulletins, and programming would be impossible. Make sure to thank them and to let them know they're appreciated.



Can You Help?

We would love your help making a difference in projects for our congregations and community by using *Thrivent Action Teams* that Thrivent members are eligible for every year!

How it Works

Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Apply to have a one-time event, such as a fundraiser, service activity, educational event, or basically any ministry need that can be completed within 90 days. Those who can be a part of your Thrivent Action Team can be people from your ministry team, from a council committee, from the congregation, or from the community. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- ☞ Promotional banner
- ☞ Invitations and thank-you cards
- ☞ Thrivent Action Team T-shirts
- ☞ A \$250 Community Impact Card that you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact

Our Current List of Projects

- ☞ Gas & Signs for Flamingo-ing
- ☞ Toner cartridges for printing bulletins
- ☞ Mothers Day Meal
- ☞ Holy Grounds Coffee Hour
- ☞ Licensing for Worship

