



## The Third Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Breakfast with Jesus – John 21:1-19

Jesus invites Peter & the disciples for breakfast –  
Jesus lovingly restores Peter & prepares Him for future ministry.



What qualities of faith do you think are necessary for Jesus Christ to use you to build up his kingdom on earth? Are you thinking of such virtues as compassion, perseverance, patience, unending love, and absolute trust in the truth of his Word? We do tend to describe a person Christ might use as already complete, or developed in their faith. After all, that is what we look for when we choose church council members, elders or deacons.

And yet, in John 21: 1-14, that image is blown as we see our Lord spend one of his last times on the earth with Peter, who was anything but a fully mature man of faith. And yet, Jesus Christ based his plan for the Gospel to be spread throughout the entire earth on people just like Peter. Listen as we identify what Jesus saw in this fisherman ... and perhaps sees in you.

## Join us this Sunday, Invite a Friend to Worship Service --9:30 A.M.

### Scripture Readings

Acts 9:1-22

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

### • Happening Around St. James

- **Sunday School & Adult Forum resume today following worship**
- **Women's Bible Study** Monday 11 A.M.
- **Men's Bible Study** Tuesdays at 9 A.M.
- **"Keep It Shut" Bible Study** Thursdays at 6 P.M.
- **Coffee With Council . . . .** immediately following service today. This is your chance to ask questions or bring up any concerns. It is a way we hope to keep communication open and be transparent in all we do.

- **Save the date! June 12, 2022** following Service will be the St. James Annual Meeting. Besides the annual report, we will review and vote on a change to the St. James Constitution.
- **Pastor Blue's Moving Fund . . . .** As of yesterday we have received over \$7,400. We hope to wrap up this appeal by this coming Sunday. Thank you to all who shared the 2<sup>nd</sup> mile gift.
- **Disaster Relief Building Project has been put on HOLD . . . .** Pastor Norman Dew just sent us an email letting us know that due to problems with city permits and the death of the construction manager's wife just prior to Easter . . . . they are delaying the work day that we were supposed to have this Saturday. I suspected something was wrong when we hadn't heard from anyone there with details of what was needed or what we should bring.
- **Altar Flowers. . .** As is the case with many things, altar flowers will cost more. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> the price of altar flowers increased from \$25 to \$30. Inflation is hitting us all.
- **Grief Share . . . has begun.** You are invited to join our 13 week sharing group, --April 20 through July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful program of support for those who have lost a loved one and are struggling through the grief process. Time will be 6:30 PM every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Cindy Gregory.
- **VBS Is Coming . . . .** Dates are set . . . we'll be gathering on five Thursdays starting June 16. From 6 to 8 pm. We are looking at some exciting materials. Tracy Guffey has stepped up to be our coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this important education/fun/fellowship/adventure, please reach out to Tracy.
- **Youth Progressive Dinner is set for April 30<sup>th</sup>.** This will be a fun event as travel to four host homes starting with appetizers, then on to salad, then to our main course and ending with dessert. This for our youth 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- **Time and Talent Sheets** are available in the narthex. Please pick one up and fill it out and return here to church. Thanks.

**Greetings from the HMD Council for the blessings** for the Easter season and the month of May 2022.

Please: pray

- Continue to pray for humanitarian efforts underway in Ukraine, for the people of Ukraine and for everyone who is assisting the people of Ukraine.
- Pray for blessings for the new Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte Indiana and Pastor Dennis Meyer.
- Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides the call processes at First United Lutheran Church in Hammond Indiana, Adams Lutheran in Batesville and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland Indiana.
- Pray for all who have life threatening, degenerative or mental illnesses. Pray that individuals and their loved ones facing these illnesses remember that there is more to life than the affliction they are facing. Pray that God gives them strength and comfort and healing.
- Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.

Thank you all for your prayers.

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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug