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Today's Focus:

OUR NEW LIFE IS BUILT ON FAITH IN OUR RISEN SAVIOR

OPENING HYMN (*Blue Songbook – see handout*) – Page 7, #16

“As the Deer”

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 John 5:1-6 (*on back*) Love for God through Christ will move us His children to please Him in renewed living.

RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord calls on us to be eager for spiritual growth and development, even as babies crave nourishment that they may grow. This "growing up" spiritually involves living in such ways that proclaim the wonderful works of God in Christ.

L: As newborn babes:

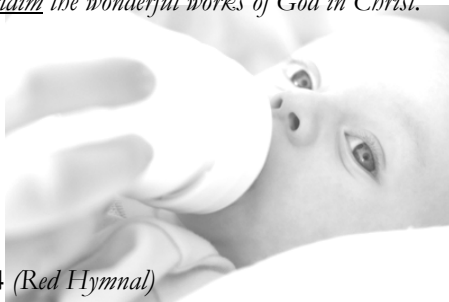
C: Desire the sincere milk of the Word.

L: Hear, O My people, and I will testify to you:

C: O Israel, if you will hear Me:

L: Sing loudly to God, our Strength:

ALL: Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob! Amen.



THANKFUL PRAISES TO THE LORD – Sing 244 v. 1, 4 (*Red Hymnal*)

1. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, power, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

John 20:24-31 (*on back*) The spiritual life of Thomas was renewed when he saw Jesus. We see Jesus in His Word!

CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Worship Supplement, Page 15* – *Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 347 v. 1, 5, 6 (*Red Hymnal*)

Jesus, Priceless Treasure



SERMON – NAS John 20:19-23 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send 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, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

THEME - **CHRIST IS THE KEY TO TRUE PEACE.**

HYMN 733 (*Worship Supplement*)

This Joyful Eastertide

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 400 v. 1, 6 (*Red Hymnal*)

*Take my life and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be; Ever, only, all, for Thee.*

**SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN 207 v. 1, 6 (*Red Hymnal*)

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-**TODAY:** Bible Class will be taking up an in depth study of Comparative Religions. Come and take notes!

-**THIS WEEK:**

TUESDAY APRIL 21st - Bible class at 10am continuing the study of the prophet Zephaniah.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22nd - 6pm Elders, 7pm Council, 7pm Woman's Auxiliary, 8pm Missions

THURSDAY APRIL 23rd - No Choir, SLS Book Club at 7pm

-**CALL NEWS:** Living Word of Liberty, MO has called the Rev. Michael Gurath to serve as pastor. <> The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, Hecla SD, has received and accepted the vacancy call to Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD. The call is effective April 13. Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich also called Michael Gurath the same day, to serve as pastor. <> Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Peace Thru Christ, Middleton WI, where she has taught for 8 years, will be retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of the school year.

