

APRIL 12, 2026

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

JOHN 20:19-31

Today we move from the empty tomb of Easter morning to behind locked doors on Easter night, joining the disciples as they hid in fear. The past few days for these men had been filled with fear, flight, and even denial. Behind these closed doors we find the disciples unsure of what to do next. Yes, they had heard of Jesus being alive, Peter and John had even seen the empty tomb for themselves, but they were still afraid.

And in this place of fear and uncertainty, Jesus shows up and brings the peace and certainty that comes with His presence. We read that Jesus stood among the disciples. He had Thomas touch His wounds to see that not only was He real, but that He still bore the marks of the crucifixion. And what does Jesus then do to these men filled with fear and uncertainty? He sends them out to bring this good news and hope to the world. On their own, they were unable or unwilling to do this, but they were not alone, they were empowered by the Holy Spirit and hope of the resurrection.

As we live in the world today, it is easy to adopt a siege mentality. To hide behind closed doors, closed off from the world and filled with fear of what being associated with Jesus would do to us. In response to this, people and even churches try to shut themselves away to preserve, protect, and live in fear of the outside.

But as believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are not just given confidence in our faith, but we are sent out into the very world we can often fear. Because it is the world that needs to hear this good news which we ourselves hear and believe in faith. And just like the disciples, we are not alone, but equipped by God in every way to do this great work.

PRAYER

Almighty God, in Your Word You reveal Jesus for us. In our baptisms, we have been given the Holy Spirit. Empower us to leave safe places in order to go to the new places already prepared in advance for us. Amen.

Pastor Barry

THIS WEEK

Monday - April 13

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - April 14

Elders Meeting 6:30pm

Mary Martha Guild Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - April 15

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Thursday - April 16

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Jersey Mike's Youth Fundraiser 4:00-8:00pm

Friday - April 17

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - April 18

Bible and Bacon Men's Study 7:30am

Sunday - April 19

Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Education Hour 9:30am



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Construction Update



The carpet has been installed in the Sanctuary. On Monday a group of St. John's volunteers vacuumed and wiped off the stained glass and woodwork in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Upper Gathering Area.



The carpet has been installed in the balcony. There will be enough rows of pews installed in the balcony to accommodate about 50 worshippers, which is the most allowed with a single stairway.



Workers have installed scaffolding behind the altar and are beginning to apply the gold stenciling. Now that the final coat has been applied to the maple flooring, the pulpit has been moved back up the raised Chancel.



Rejoicing in the Resurrection

What a joy it was to gather together for Easter worship and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks for the beautiful morning we shared and for all who joined us in worship.

A special thank you to our talented musicians and to everyone who gave their time and gifts to help make our Easter services possible.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RAISING CHRISTIANS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

A 6-Week Parent Bible Study
Sundays | April 12 – May 17
9:30 – 10:30 AM | Room B02



Scan for details
& to sign up!



JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISER



Support St. John's Youth Group and their trip to the 2028 National Youth Gathering at **Jersey Mike's in Chaska on April 16, 4-8 PM**. Scan the QR code to download the flyer or pick one up at church. Bring the flyer or mention St. John's while ordering, and **50% of your purchase** will go back to St. John's.

Circles of Love

MARY MARTHA GUILD
LADIES LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 11:30 AM
St. John's Lutheran Church, Chaska

Reserve Your Spot

Tickets: \$20
Call Karen: 952-448-4875 or
Email: mmg@stjohns-chaska.org

Event Highlights

- Music by Allen Carlson
- Salad bar lunch
- Beautiful themed tables

St. John's Softball Team Leader Needed

Chad Reisner is stepping down, and we're looking for a new leader for St. John's softball.

Co-ed Softball • Ages 16+ • All skill levels
Mondays • June-mid August • Chaska Rec Park

Interested? Contact the Church Office or Chad Reisner (cmreisner@gmail.com/763-442-7734)

Next Gen NIGHT

05.03.2026



5:00-8:00PM

5TH AND 6TH GRADE

St. John's Lutheran Church - Chaska, MN

justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org

St. John's & Christ Victorious invite you to

Family Faith Nights

Intergenerational summer evenings full of faith, food, and fun!

Wednesdays | 5:30-7:00 PM

St. Johns
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

June 10, July 8,
& August 5

CHRIST VICTORIOUS
ANOTHER CHURCH TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

June 24, July 22,
& August 19

SCAN FOR
MORE DETAILS



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

Education Hour 9:30am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.



PRAYER LIST

We would love to pray for you. You may share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering area and main level common areas, or by visiting www.stjohnschaska.org and clicking "Prayer Request" under "Resources." You are also welcome to contact the church office by email at churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or by phone at 952-448-2433.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/12
Finley DeWaard
Nolan Schneider

4/13
Linda Knox
Megan Langmade
Jessica Lewis
Andy Tesch

4/14
Cindy Bauer
Tim Bode

4/14
Andrea Eggert
Titus Leao
Joseph Walden

4/15
David Burfield
Rayen DuToit
Christy Garner
Ann Leier
Joey Matzke
Eli Schmidt
Dan Stewart

4/16
Amanda Milbrandt
Jay Molnau
Dan Paulson

4/17
Jeff Davenport
Charlie Huibregtse
Michelle Wrase

4/18
Chad Clemens



EXPECTANT MOMS

Christina Krueger
Clara Crawley-Reid
Brittany Thormodson
Brenda Simpson
Kourtney Vipond

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 - Jason and Kristin Beussman
4/14 - Ryan and Sara Buesgens
4/16 - Steve and Kimberly Ische

Roger Forner
Mary Snorek
Angeline Rannow
Ruth Anderson

Elizabeth Wysocki
Emily Pagelkopf
Stephen Wetzel
Anne Dutcher
Brody Miller

Tim Laubach
Lois Wenz
Pastor Al Holthus
Jolene Berg

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver

Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis
Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms

Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen
Tracy Koepsell
Gretchen Laubach
Marilyn Lenzen

Melinda Meuwissen
Steve Pond
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler