

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

There are times you might feel like you are doing some plyometric gymnastics when you come to church. This is because we will go from sitting to standing to sitting again and it seems like there is no real rhyme or reason for what we do.

In truth, there is a reason for when we stand and when we sit. First, as a general rule, we stand when we are praying or receiving the blessing of God. To stand is a posture of reverence and prayer. Alternatively, we could also kneel. The hymnal even makes this suggestion at different times in the liturgy. There are words in red ink that are called rubrics that offer suggestions of posture during the service. They will say things like “Stand”, “Kneel/Stand”, or “Sit”

Second, we generally sit to listen and sing. This is a time when our ears and body should be focused on what is going on around us and not to be fidgeting by transferring weight from one leg to another.

The one time when we stand that can often catch people by surprise is when we stand for the last verse of some hymns. Some of the hymns in our hymnal have doxological stanzas as their last stanza. These are marked by a Δ . A Doxological stanza means that it references specifically all three persons of the Holy Trinity. The historic practice of the church is to stand or show some sign of reverence when the Triune Name of God is said or sung.

An excellent example of this is shown in the picture. The final stanza of the Easter hymn, *He's Risen, He's Risen* is marked with a Δ . It says, “Then

sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.” The Father and Holy Spirit are mentioned by name and Jesus is referred to as the Lamb. To illustrate that this verse is doxological it pictures a triangle because a triangle has been a symbol of the Holy Trinity for a long time. It is a single shape but has three corners or sides. This illustrates that we have One God in Three Persons.

The word ‘doxological’ means ‘having to do with doxology’. Doxology means praise. These verses that speak of all three persons of the Trinity are about praise to the specific name of God into which we are

baptized. Must you stand when the congregation is asked to stand? No. Must you kneel to receive Communion? No. These postures are all optional and never are they to be a requirement. They

should be seen as a way to show reverence to God but if you are physically unable or don't feel comfortable doing these things you should never feel as if you must absolutely do them. We wouldn't want there to be any man-made laws or rules about this.

As the season of Lent draws to a close and we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I pray that all that we do would be a doxology, that is,

praise, to our loving God who has rescued us from our sins and defeated the last enemy of death.

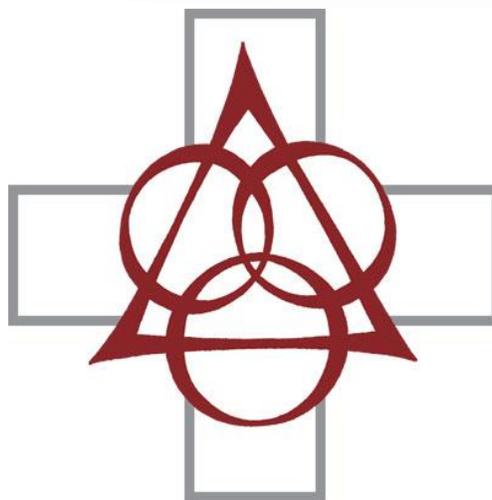
In our Crucified and Risen Lord,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

EASTER

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He's Risen, He's Risen

1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1st is Maundy Thursday this year. We will recall how Christ has given to us the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar with services at 10:30am and 6:30pm. April 2nd is Good Friday when we recall the death of Jesus Christ. Services are at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning, April 4th with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter morning there is breakfast in the Parish Hall of egg casserole, fruit, and buns. Come between 7:30am and 8:15am for a great breakfast!

EASTER FLOWERS

Let's Celebrate! Please feel free to bring a plant to beautify our church for Easter! It can be an Easter lily, hyacinths, tulips, a pot of bright daisies or hydrangea; whatever you would like. Bring them on Saturday April 3rd and we will have them on display for Easter Sunday! Please be sure and have your name on the bottom of the plant. After the 9:00 service on Easter Sunday you may take your plant home or you may leave them in church! Thank You! St. Jakobi Altar Guild



LENT DINNERS – THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, or clean at the Lent dinners. We had great turnouts and it was wonderful to have time for fellowship and a shared meal

CONSTRUCTION KICKOFF

On the weekend of May 1st and 2nd we will be having a construction kick-off. Of course, we had the ground breaking last fall but we are now ready to enter into the major construction season. We are going to have a celebration that weekend with some activities at church and be sure people are ready to celebrate and work! More information will be coming in the weekly bulletin.

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THE BUILDING PROJECT?

Several weeks ago, we mailed out letters to all households regarding where we are at with the Building Project and where we will go from here. In order to complete the building, we need help from all who are able to do so. The letter included a Skills sheet, listing the types of jobs that need volunteers. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to read through the packet and fill out the form. You can either email the church or drop your completed form in the basket located in the Narthex. With everyone's help, the project can be completed on time.

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICES

If you would like to receive Communion but don't feel comfortable coming into church during a normal service, then please contact Pastor. He can arrange a time for you to come to church for a short service of Confession & Absolution, Scripture, Prayer, and Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

4/4	No Sunday School
4/11	A Life Restored
4/18	The Fish & Bread Sign
4/25	A Hearing Aide



READINGS AT CHURCH

April 4th:	Isaiah 25:6-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8
April 11th:	Acts 4:3-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
April 18th:	Acts 3:11-21 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49
April 25th:	Acts 4:1-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Rooted and Built Up in Christ Commitments are underway. You can fulfill your pledges with the pink envelopes that are located in the Narthex above the guest book. You can also put in the memo line of the check "Building Fund" and place the check in your normal offering envelope. If you have any questions, contact Marlene at 920-400-0013. As of March 21st, we have commitments totaling \$444,264.28. Total dollars received is \$255,006.71. If you haven't made a commitment yet, you can find a card on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate.

FUNERALS

Roy Habeck passed away on March 1st. Phyllis Habeck passed away on September 15th, 2020. A combined funeral service for Roy and Phyllis was held on March 6th.

CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or a Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Also available for students enrolled at Wolf River Lutheran High School is a \$1000 discount for each student. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.



SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

A huge Thank You to all who have supported our Bucket of Sunshine project. We will be assembling the Buckets and delivering them to the two shelters that we are partnered with. If you would like to support this project, hand-outs and envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex. The envelopes will be available in the future if you wish to continue to provide support. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 10th, at 9:00am. We will be discussing the Bucket project, and also making plans for future projects and fund raisers. All members are welcome to attend. We do this because 'St. Jakobi Cares'.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 7th-11th** in the mornings. There will be some changes this year. Because of construction, we will use the Parish Hall very little and have tents set up south of the church parking lot. This will keep the children away from the construction site. There will be mitigation efforts in regard to the Corona virus that are still being worked out. The theme this year is Rainforest Explorers; Jesus Leads the Way. Romans 11:33 is the theme verse: "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. **You can register by going to <https://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS>**. This allows you to register your children or to register as a volunteer.



DIRECT GIVING

If you want to give monthly from your checking account, please pick up a form in the church office and then return it to the church office.

ONLINE GIVING

You can now give online by visiting <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi> This easy way to give to church can be done as a one-time gift or recurring. You can give from your checking account or credit card. If you would like you can help offset the expense of offering this service, there is information at that website.

LOOKING AHEAD

Easter is April 4th, Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd and the Outdoor service and church picnic is tentatively planned for June 13th.

VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 25th after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Tuesday of every week the audio recording of the Bible readings, Creed, Sermon hymn, and Sermon are posted on facebook. You don't need a facebook account. Simply go to www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi to listen on your electronic device.

SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. You can sign up for email delivery at <http://www.bit.ly/jakobisignup>

CAMP LUTHER NEWS

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Greetings from Camp Luther!

Registration for Summer 2021 is open! Are you ready for the Best. Summer. Ever!? You can learn about all our summer programs, including session dates and prices, on our NEW website, www.campluther.com/register. Additionally, brochures were mailed right after Christmas.



CHURCH HISTORY ARCHIVE

Looking for a person or persons interested in the church's history. We have a number of pictures that we would like to have archived, possibly adding names and dates and any other pertinent information. As some date back as far as the early 1900's, we would like to preserve these in some fashion. If you have knowledge of how this should be done, or you would like to take on the project, please speak with Pastor or Nancy Thelen.

PRAYER PARTNERS

The Prayer Partners are here to pray with you for your concerns. Contact the Church Office with your prayers at 715-524-4347 or email to church@stjakobi.org. You can also use the prayer pew cards located in the narthex and place them in the offering plates. The contacts for Prayer Partners are Bob and Joanne Behrens. Are you interested in joining the Prayer Partners ministry? Contact the church office with your name and email address and you will be added. "To pray is to let go and let God take over." Phil. 4:6-7



EASTER VIGIL

We won't have service on the night before Easter, but you can still attend a special service. The Easter Vigil will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bear Creek. Nine area congregations will be represented by their pastors. The service will begin at 6:30pm. You are invited to attend.

A REMINDER OF WHAT ST. JAKOBI IS DOING TO MITIGATE COVID-19

Services will continue to take place in the Sanctuary, including distribution of the Lord's Supper. Please continue to observe Social Distancing between families. Pews that are roped off are not available for seating. For communion, we will continue approaching the altar single file up the center aisle. Pastor will place the Body of Christ in your hand. You will then step to the side to either pick up an individual cup, drink it, and place the empty cup in the bowl provided, or you can receive the Blood of Christ from the Chalice. Please do not touch the stands or the chalice. The chalice will be purified with 190 proof alcohol between communicants. You will return to your pew by the side aisle.

Our drive-in services on Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9am will continue. Please check the church website for the bulletin and bring it with you. Stay in your car and tune your radio to 104.5. You must be within a quarter mile of the church to pick up the radio signal. If you remain in your car you can still come in to the sanctuary for the distribution of Holy Communion

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 125 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in Large Print. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material.

BUCKETS OF SUNSHINE

St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach is partnering with Safe Haven, the women's abuse shelter, and Sam 25, the homeless shelter, to provide Buckets of Sunshine to the residents who will be moving into their own homes.

These Buckets of Sunshine include the standard cleaning items that the residents will need when they are starting over. Following is a list of what each bucket will contain cleaning supplies and various personal items.

A sample bucket has been placed in the Narthex. Our minimum cost per bucket is \$20. Most items are a smaller size, a starting point allowing the resident to get back on their feet after they've been through difficult circumstances.

If you would like to help with this project, a donation can be placed in one of the Bucket of Sunshine envelopes. Please place the envelope in the collection plate at the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like your donation to be included on your yearly giving statement, there is a place to write your envelope number on the Sunshine envelope.

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi,

April will be an exciting month for us. The long-awaited call day is this month, and we are very excited, to put it mildly! Tuesday, April 27th is the big day. We would be honored if you tuned into the service from home. Visit callday.ctsfw.edu to watch! Please pray for our family as Andrew anticipates this call and for the congregation he will serve.

Backing up, in March, Elizabeth's sister and her family came from Wisconsin to visit. Jane and Eve played with their cousins and watched airplanes approach and land at the airport near our house. March also brought us lots of sunny weather! It quickly melted our mid-February snow of about 14 inches. Jane and Eve loved playing in the generous snowfall for the first time in years.

Andrew's final quarter began in March and school ends - finally - in May! His classes center on The Lord's Supper, ethics, Psalms, church fathers, and American Lutheran History. For quarter break, he went fishing in Ohio for a couple of days and went disc golfing - again, thanks to the beautiful weather! Thank you for continuing to support our family and seeing us to graduation and call day. It's no small thing to commit to helping a seminarian through

four years of school. Please know that we appreciate you! We look forward to writing again to let you know about Andrew's call.

Sincerely,
The Twietmeyers

BUILDING PROJECT



Looking North from the existing door at the end of the church hallway.



Looking South where the new hallway will go.



Looking North into the gym. You can see where the double doors into the gym will go where there is no concrete footing poured.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carl Montoure
1 - Patrick Tuma
2 - Michelle Teetzen
3 - Brynlie Boyles
3 - Brenda Gast
3 - Lori Opperman
3 - Harper Rettke
4 - Dylan Genke
4 - Nancy Marcell
4 - Marlyn Teetzen
4 - Kendra Westphal
5 - Ainsley Jashinsky
5 - Mary Ludolph
5 - Kim Wendorff
6 - Virgil Gueths II
6 - Jim Horne
7 - Sarah Engel
7 - Gabriella Wendorff
8 - Libby Buettner
8 - Alyson Buntrock
8 - Ashley Scray
8 - Dawn Wesenberg
11 - Ross Fischer
11 - Aspen Gast
11 - David Kroenke
13 - Ben Reinke
14 - Jeff Hartmann
16 - Bruce Kunze
17 - Brandon Buntrock
17 - Leah Gebert
18 - Mackenzie Boyles
20 - Timothy Benser
20 - Tristan Szucs
21 - Hunter Hawkinson
21 - Christian Lindner
22 - Jennifer Bisterfeldt
23 - Larry Lindner
23 - Brad Raddant
24 - Don Bublitz
25 - Blaze Ejnik
25 - Leland Habeck
27 - Darlene Ross
28 - Vicky Szucs
29 - Amber Fischer
29 - Tia Hein
30 - Casey Carroll
30 - Josie Gueths
30 - Steve Koenig

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

17, 1999 - Dana & Brenda Price
18, 1987 - Arvin & Vicki Bahr
27, 1986 - Bruce & Connie Kunze
30, 1983 - Jon & Dawn Wesenberg

AN ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE PRAYER



O Lord Jesus, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank You for another year of married life together for name and name. Open their hearts always to receive more of Your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Mark Schuster Sun: Jamison Yorton Mike Kroenke Special: Rich Raddant				1 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Service (HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kelsie Wendorff	2 Good Friday 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	3
4 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Hawkinson 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colbie Reinke	5 6:00 Cemetery Association	6	7 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	8 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders	9	10 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Harper Rettke
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Lily Felckowski	12	13 6:30 Council	14 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	15 1:00 Bible Study	16	17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kennedy Meyers
18 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Lainey Peters	19	20	21 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Tucker Reinke
25 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour 10:30 Voter Meeting Acolyte: Kendra Westphal	26	27	28 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	29 1:00 Bible Study 6:00 Building Committee	30	Altar Guild: Donna Lopez Betty Szucs Carol Magee Donna Ward

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

“We Preach Christ Crucified”



***Check inside for information
about the Church expansion and building project!***

Church Services:

Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

Sunday School:

Sunday at 10:30am

