



## Neighbors meeting Neighbors!



### Today's Message:

## How are your relationships?

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## Building - Caring - Sharing!

Thank you for being here at this sacred time!

You are welcome at this incredibly sacred time for online worship! Hear the Good News of Jesus in this time of incredible need and confusion.

Building new relationships with your neighbors, and caring for your neighbors far and near.

Feel the love and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

### Key Verse:

#### John 20:27 (NRSV)

*Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe!"*

### EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday, Apr 11

- 10:00 Online Service
- 10:00 Drive-in Service – with Holy Communion (BYOE)
- 11:30 Coffee time on Zoom

Monday

- Prayer time-Easter Challenge-Wk 2

Weds

- 8:30 Siren Shelter Volunteering

Friday, Apr 9

- 9:00 Fellowship time on Zoom

Sunday, Apr 11

- 10:00 Online Service
- 10:00 Drive-in Service
- 11:30 Coffee time on Zoom

**No other activities at the church building this week.**

### **John 20:19-25** (NRSV)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

### **John 20:26-30**

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

### **Acts 1:1-5**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### **PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

Our country! Paul & Marie, Roy, Kelly, Cam, Siren Shelter families, those afflicted with the Coronavirus, and especially those on the front lines of health care, the hungry and homeless. Our church and its mission, our neighbors, leaders around the globe, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and most especially, those who do not know Jesus!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Drive-in worship every week** Except for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy worship from the comfort of your heated car!!!

**Easter Challenge – Week 2** Spend 5 minutes in prayer each day: Think about how much God cares for you. Reflect on Jesus appearing to His followers after Easter morning. Ask yourself if God’s incredible care and love for you allows you to trust God and grow in relationship with Him. Pray for Jesus to help you use the foundation of His love and care to enrich your life and give you joy!

**“Check Us Out” Cards!!** Grab a few “Check us out” cards to share with your friends and neighbors! We need to get the word out about Kalamo! Otherwise – nobody knows! Contact Pastor Jerry for questions and to get more cards!

**Pray for our church!** Please lift up our church as we continue to develop our online presence. We all would rather gather in-person, but there is an incredible potential for reaching people online – that are not likely to come into our physical church. Jesus tells us to go to where the people are. Prayers are needed!!

**Pray for our country!** Please continue to pray for our country and our new President. Regardless of our political orientation, our best interests are for our President to be successful in healing the divisions in our country and bringing people together!

**In-Person Worship** The light seems to be appearing at the end of the tunnel!!! It is looking like we may be able to resume in-person worship maybe early May! Stay tuned!!! We are closely monitoring the developments in our area.

**Fellowship Opportunities!** The Covid-19 virus seems to be getting worse so we need to make every effort to stay in touch with each other. This is also a time that we can discuss new ideas for gathering, studies, and worship content. We will be offering more opportunities for virtual fellowship:

- Sundays 11:30 – Coffee on Zoom!
- Friday mornings at 9:00 am - Fellowship on Zoom!

**Siren Shelter Help needed!** Wednesday morning at 8:30 we volunteer at the Siren Shelter to help them put away their food delivery. This is a wonderful way to care for your neighbor! Please contact Sandy for more information.

**Food Pantry Help needed (next week)!** When the pandemic hit, we limited our volunteers for the Food Pantry. As we get our vaccinations and start coming out of the lock-down we would appreciate having more help. More hands make lighter work! Please contact Sandy for more information.

**Feedback – please!** As in all things – please give us your feedback! Nothing is cast in stone; we are all trying to adapt to these changing times! When we do our worship video the silence on my side of the camera is deafening! I need your comments!

**Offering Bucket** Please continue to support the church and her ministries during this time of “social distancing” Our ministries and efforts are continuing.

The options are:

- mail in your check (1475 S. Ionia Rd, Vermontville, 49096)
- set up online bill pay in your bank’s website
- Use the PayPal donation button on our website: [kalamochurch.org](http://kalamochurch.org)!

### **Call to Confession (in unison)**

Merciful God,

**we confess that like the disciples of old, we run and hide in our hearts, from the terror and sadness of the crucifixion. We don’t want to be there. We find ways of avoiding the scene and pretending that it was all a bad dream. But it wasn’t a dream. Jesus our Lord was crucified. That’s a fact. And we are numbed by the news. But now we have been given the most blessed gift of forgiveness for our weakness and stubbornness; we have been given the gift of everlasting life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. New Light has shined in our deep darkness. Restore us again to your presence. Soften our hard hearts. Brighten our spirits.**

**We ask this in the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ. AMEN**

### **Notes from today**

*Please use this sheet to make any reminder notes from the worship service this morning for reflection during your personal devotion time.*

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