

Dear Families:

Happy Easter! We hope you welcomed your risen Savior last week! Easter is not over- the official Easter season lasts for 50 days. But as Christians, we celebrate Easter every day. We would not be here without it!

Today, we talked about what happened to the disciples after Jesus had risen from the dead. The women who had visited the tomb had told the disciples about the tomb being empty, the stone being rolled away, and the angels who had said that Jesus lives. The disciples had been hiding in a secret, locked room. They were afraid of being arrested and killed like Jesus had been. As they were in the room praying, Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be among you!" They couldn't believe what they were seeing. Jesus said that he would be back.

Not all the disciples had seen Jesus. Thomas had been out obtaining supplies. When he returned, the other disciples told him what had happened. Thomas laughed in disbelief. He said that he wouldn't believe unless he could stick his finger into the nail hole in Jesus' wrist! Well, later that day Jesus returned. This time, Thomas was home. Jesus called him forward to stick his fingers into his wounds. Thomas replied, "My Lord, and my God!" Jesus said, "You believe because you have seen. Blessed are those who believe without seeing." The chances that we will see Jesus with our own eyes are very slim, but may that never diminish our faith in Him!

Looking ahead, we see that we are running out of Sunday School classes for this school year! There will be no class on Sunday May 18, as Teddy and Nathaniel will be running worship in Pastor's absence. The room will be open if you'd like to come downstairs for an activity. Youth Sunday will be during worship service on June 8th. The students will lead worship, perform some songs, and display some of their hard work from this year.

Thank you for being with us today!

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