

St. John's Lutheran Church

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April 18, 2021
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Easter**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. **HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

O Blessed Savior, who did stoop to rescue us, sinners worthy of eternal judgment, we pray that Your love will so penetrate every part of our being that we will think, speak, and act in the same spirit of love. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Dunlap’s Creek”

arr. Biery

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” LBW 352 vs 1-4

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***KYRIE**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



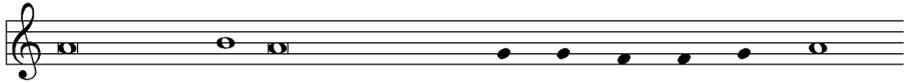
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and



strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant Your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Bell Anthem

*“Morning Has Broken”
Jr. Bells*

Gaelic

FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 3:12–19

A The First Lesson is from the third chapter of Acts.

¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

A Here ends the reading.



PSALM:

PSALM 4



The LORD does won-ders, does won-ders for the faith-ful.



Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

**2 "You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and
run af- | ter false gods?"**

3 Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;*
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

**4 Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**

5 Offer the appointed | sacrifices*
and put your trust | in the LORD.

**6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.**

7 You have put gladness | in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;*
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety. R.**

SECOND LESSON:

1 JOHN 3:1-7

A The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of first John.

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **3** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in

him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

LUKE 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

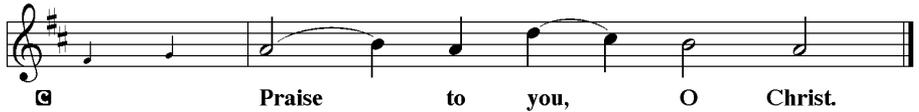
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN**

"They Cast Their Nets"

LBW 449

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all
people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, give us grace, when it's hard to see you in ourselves and each
other, to cling to that promise, and to catch a glimpse of our love shining
through. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

ANTHEM

"Now the Green Blade Rises"
Jr. Choir

Noel Nouvelet

*OFFERTORY



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

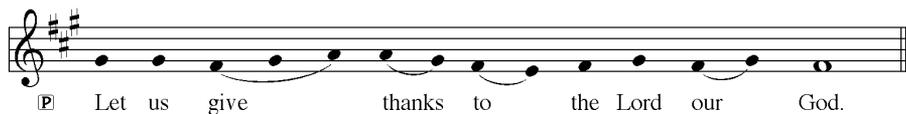
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen



☉ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 224, 210, 252, 128, WOV 740

*COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.*

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers

*For those that require special dietary restrictions, we now have gluten-free, communion wafers.
Please inform the Pastor of your needs.*

P The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

***CANTICLE**



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray....We give You thanks almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C A - men

RECESSIONAL HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LBW 352 vs 5-8

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Duke Street"

arr. Held

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YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Group Lead Worship Service has been rescheduled!

The Youth Group will lead our worship on Sunday, May 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. service. As always, our youth will preach, read, usher and greet. Please plan to support our youth by attending this joyous service of praise!



**YOUTH GROUP
BIBLE BOWL 2021
The Gospel of Mark
April 25th at 5:30 p.m.
Here at St. John's Lutheran Church**



The flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Gr 6-12
Monday 4/19	7:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry meeting
Tuesday 4/20	6:00 p.m.	Faith Girlz
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Boyz
Wednesday 4/21	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour (in person)
	11:30 a.m.	Children's Hour (on facebook)
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
Thursday 4/22	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter mailing
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 4/25	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Bowl (The Gospel of Mark)



Looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also**

encourages community and love for neighbor!

Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community.

How can you help today? Please call Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773 or the church office @ 724-548-2051. Thank you for your support!



Women's Banquet
Sunday, May 16, 2021
***after service - 12:30 PM**
A Lesson on Fruits of the Spirit

Inviting all the ladies - young and old to join us for a “beautiful bounteous luncheon” in appreciating each other and celebrating our spiritual gifts!

The men will be preparing a meal of a Grilled Chicken Salad with the fixings, Ham Salad Croissants, Fresh Fruit Salad and Eclairs for dessert. Lemonade, fruit punch, hot tea and coffee will be served. Return this flier to the church office or in the offering plate with an envelope marked **Ladies Banquet by Sunday, May 2nd** or mail to the church office.

Cost is \$8.00 Ages 12 and under free.

- Name: _____
- Phone: _____
- Number attending: _____adults _____children 12 & under
- Total enclosed \$_____
- * Food allergy information: _____
- *** I would prefer take out/pick up after church_____

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Mollie Bouch
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Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the Altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Earl Schall given by Christine Schall and family.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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