



St. John Lutheran Church and School
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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Divine Service IV with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

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Organist: Keith Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Cookie, Dave, Gilbert, Cindy, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Kim and Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts', Merv, Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for peace, hope, and comfort:* Deb -sister of Pam, Philip -son of Starley; *for successful treatments:* Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Cole, Jordan, Kate; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Mavis, Geneice & Lavina.

(Note: announcements, were typed up before the most recent Illinois Mandates)

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

COVID-19 – Due to the ever changing information and data for COVID-19, To follow guidelines and to keep the safety of everyone as a top priority, St. John will move to online worship for the time being. Services will be posted on Facebook, on our website (www.stjohn-lcms.org), as well as having physical copies of the bulletin and recorded service available to pick up on the narthex table during office hours.

Online Bible Study Options – Please continue to check our website for any updates about online Bible Study opportunities. Audio files from previous Bible Classes are available under the Bible Study tab at the top of the page for your convenience.

Offering – Offering envelopes can be mailed in or dropped off to the church office during office hours. Alternate options for giving are being explored.

Hear God's Word for you through Worship Anew – Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. Each Sunday WCIX television channel 49 carries the broadcast at 7:30am and Direct TV channel 377 carries it Sundays at 10:30am. On the internet the service is available at any time by visiting WorshipAnew.org.

Easter Lilies – Forms can be found on the narthex table and online. Please email the church office with your information and we can fill out a form for you. Forms/Payment can be dropped off in the church office or on the narthex table. In the event that a lily order won't be placed, the church office will contact you directly.

Easter Breakfast and Garage Sale – At this time we are still looking for volunteers in order to have these events. The deadline to sign-up is April 1st.

This Week at SJ and LL –March 23-29: Monday – No School - office closed, Beef House Orders Due; Tuesday-Friday – No School, School Office open 9:00am-2:00pm.

Prairie Garden Gift Cards – Before you start your spring planting, get a \$10 gift card from PTF. Gift cards can be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens and the cards do not expire. Get your gift cards in the school office.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *Fourth Sunday in Lent; Divine Service IV (Recorded)*

Monday *Beef House Rolls order deadline*

Wednesday *Lenten Service (Recorded)*

Sunday *Fifth Sunday in Lent; Divine Service III (Recorded)*

Cancellations – Due to the current gathering restrictions the following have been cancelled: Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class, Lifelight, all Choir/Handbell rehearsals, as well as the last two remaining Lenten dinners.

Picture Directory – The church directory has been postponed. No new dates have been set at this time. Thank you.

Beef House Fundraiser – Orders are due Monday, March 23rd at 9am. Due to the office being closed, please email your order (ex. 3 dozen rolls, 2 Strawberry Jam) to Kim. Orders will arrive Friday, April 3rd (time TBD). Payments can be brought to the church/school offices during office hours next week or whenever school resumes. This fundraiser will benefit the Washington, DC trips.

School Office Hours – The school office will be open Tuesday-Friday of this week from 9:00am-2:00pm for any drop offs/pickups or questions.

Little Lamb Buddy Bench Project – Please keep collecting lids. Friday, April 3rd, is the last day to bring in items. Collection baskets are located by the school office, in the Fellowship Hall and in the coatroom by the church office all of which are available during office hours.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser – Catalogs are available on the narthex table. Orders may be brought to the school office by Monday, April 6th. Orders can be placed online through July 8th. If you have any questions,

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Walk 2020: Saturday, April 18, 2020, Registration between 8-9 with the walk from 9-10 am at Eisner Park, Champaign. Family friendly event with activities and playground for the kids. Please support the St. John team through prayer, as a walker or with your donation. To register as a walker for the St. John team go to this website: <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=19917> and click the Participate button. There are also pledge forms and more information on the narthex table. When you register, be sure to select St. John Lutheran Church as your team. To make a donation, please contact Vanessa or come to the Walk table in the Fellowship Hall between services. Thank you.

LEARN BY HEART *THE FAMILY ALTAR*

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Table of Duties

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrew 13:17

Bible Passage: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” John 11: 25-26

Hymn 428 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 104:31-35

Bible Readings for the Week:

Benjamin Returns with His Brothers to Egypt – Genesis 43:1-34

Joseph's Cup Is Found in Benjamin's Sack – Genesis 44:1-17

Judah Intercedes for Benjamin before Joseph – Genesis 44:18-45:3

Joseph Forgives His Brothers – Genesis 45:4-28

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2020 HYMNS

Hymn 873 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness arise; Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joy-less is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thy-self display, Shining to the perfect day.

Hymn 571 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

1 God loved the world so that He gave His only
Son the lost to save, That all who would in
Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all
sins which you have done; And justified by
Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made
flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in
Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with
saving grace is nigh; His Spirit in the
Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's
heirs.

Δ6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the
Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I
count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and
love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and
sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a
tribute far too small; Love so amazing,
so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

INTROIT Ps. 27:4–6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze
upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high
up- | on a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will
offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and
though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide
for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your
merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing
obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL Heb. 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

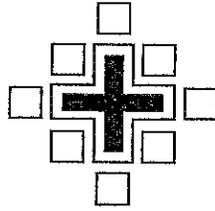
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

DAILY READINGS

March 22: Gen. 41:28–57; Mark 11:20–33; **23:** Gen. 42:1–34, 38; Mark 12:1–12; **24:** Gen. 43:1–28; Mark
12:13–27; **25:** Gen. 44:1–18, 32–34; Mark 12:28–44; **26:** Gen. 45:1–20, 24–28; Mark 13:1–23; **27:** Gen.
47:1–31; Mark 13:24–37; **28:** Gen. 49:29–50:7, 14–26; Mark 14:1–11.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸ Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹ The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸ For at one time you were darkness, but now you are
light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit
of light is found in all that is good and right and true),
¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take
no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead
expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the
things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is
exposed by the light, it becomes visible. ¹⁴ For anything
that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Holy Gospel: John 9:1–41

¹ As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this
man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus
answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his
parents, but that the works of God might be displayed
in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent
me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can
work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light
of the world.” ⁶ Having said these things, he spat on
the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he
anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him,
“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent).
So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before
as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used
to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some said, “It is he.” Others said,
“No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the
man.” ¹⁰ So they said to him, “Then how were your

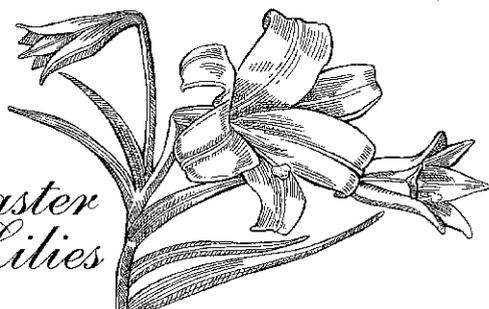
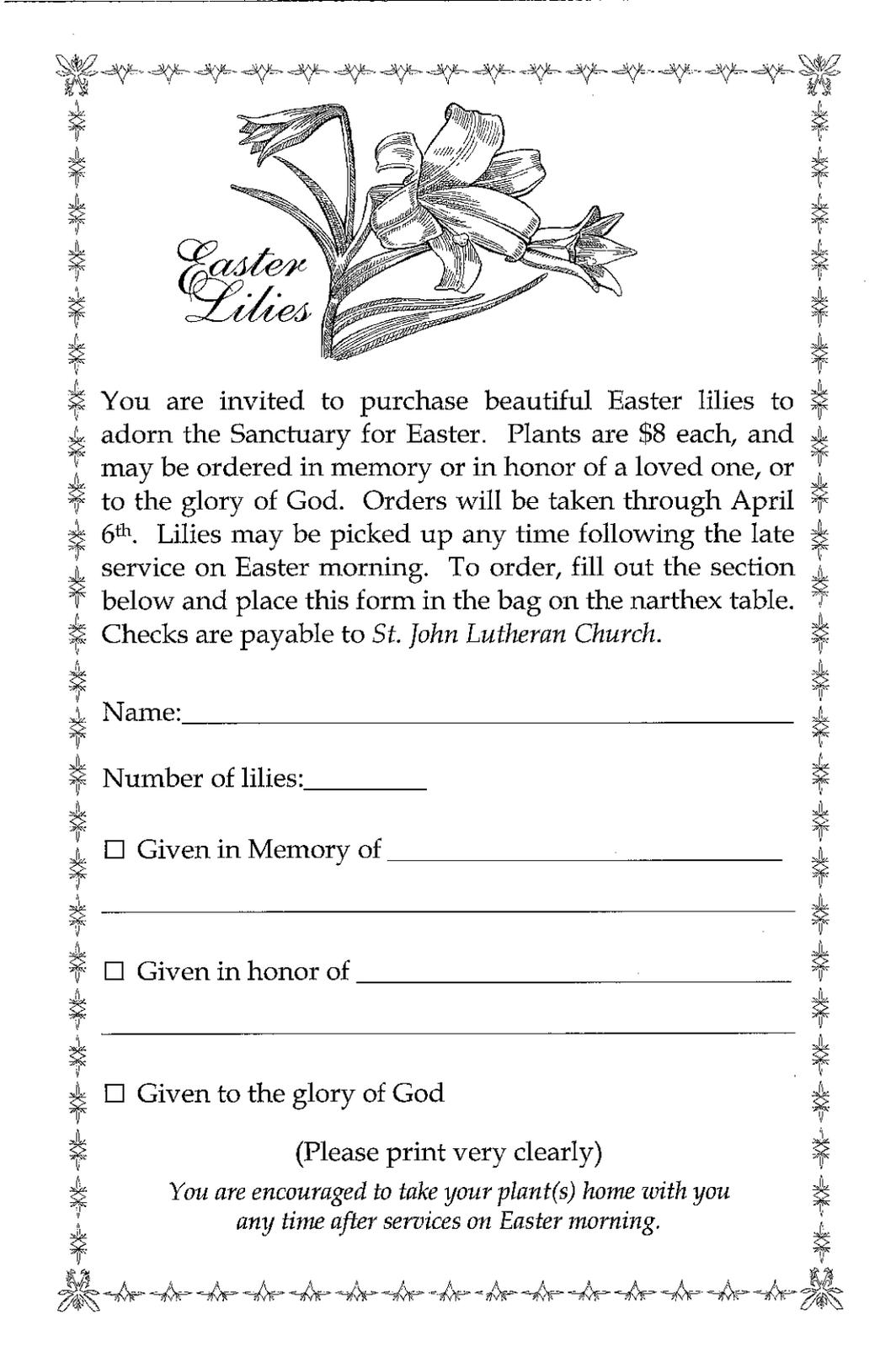
eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus
made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to
Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received
my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said,
“I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had
formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when
Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the
Pharisees again asked him how he had received his
sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes,
and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said,
“This man is not from God, for he does not keep the
Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a
sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among
them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do
you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He
said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and
had received his sight, until they called the parents of
the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them,
“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How
then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We
know that this is our son and that he was born blind.
²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we
know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He
will speak for himself.” ²² (His parents said these things
because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already
agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ,
he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³ Therefore his
parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who
had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God.
We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered,
“Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do
know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said
to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your
eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already,
and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear
it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”
²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple,
but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has
spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know
where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Why,
this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he
comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know
that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a
worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.
³² Never since the world began has it been heard that
anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this
man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They
answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would
you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having
found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in
him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is
he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,”
and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I
came into this world, that those who do not see may see,
and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the
Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him,
“Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were
blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say,
‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”



*Easter
Lilies*

You are invited to purchase beautiful Easter lilies to adorn the Sanctuary for Easter. Plants are \$8 each, and may be ordered in memory or in honor of a loved one, or to the glory of God. Orders will be taken through April 6th. Lilies may be picked up any time following the late service on Easter morning. To order, fill out the section below and place this form in the bag on the narthex table. Checks are payable to *St. John Lutheran Church*.

Name: _____

Number of lilies: _____

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 Given in honor of _____

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*You are encouraged to take your plant(s) home with you
any time after services on Easter morning.*