



St. John Lutheran Church and School
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Divine Service III
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Prelude- *“Sonne der Gerechtigkeit”*

Bender

OPENING HYMN 465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Δ4 Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav’nly bless-ed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on high;

C and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray...(*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*)

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Acts. 3:11-21

¹¹ While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 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, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹ 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. (36-49)

C Glory be to Thee, 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 for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 483 *With High Delight Let Us Unite*

- 1 With high delight Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory
O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring: Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

SERMON "*Resurrection Confirmation*" Luke 24:36-49

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER

*COLLECT

*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 482 *This Joyful Eastertide*

1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: Refrain

3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

Postlude- "*Vreuchten*"

Bender

SERVING:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer
Organist: Keith Williams
Videographer: Lou Ann

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *3rd Sunday of Easter*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
Monday 6:00 LWML Salad Supper
Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday 8:20 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
Saturday 10:30 Walt Lembke Memorial Service
Sunday *4th Sunday of Easter*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

The Celebration of Life Service for Walt Lembke has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at 10:30am at St. John.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery*: Gilbert, Cindy, Barbara-family friend of Bob & Joan, Starley, Taylor, Maelynn-granddaughter of Rick & Rita, Karla, Pastor Ehlers, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie’s grandson, Barbara-friend of the congregation, John, Tom, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, 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, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’; *for successful treatments*: Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Isabelle, Erin, Sophia; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Esther, Mavis.

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

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

LWML Salad Supper will be a St. John LWML only. Bring your own bag supper for fun and fellowship April 19th at 6:00pm in the overflow. All women of St. John are welcome. Bring one or two” Thinking of You” cards with a stamped envelope to send with a \$10 gift card to encourage St. John’s college students. The gift cards will be purchased through St. John School gift card program. Please give your donations for the gift cards purchase to Martha Milas. Contact Linda Thiele or Martha Milas for more information.

Enrollment for 2021-2022 –St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool offer a Christ-centered education for students age three through eighth grade. Our caring, skilled teachers use a variety of strategies to engage students’ minds in a safe learning environment, with the focus on teaching every subject with a Biblical worldview. Little Lamb Preschool offers morning and full day classes. Two-day (T/TH), three-day (M/W/F), and five-day options are available. Tell everyone about our wonderful school! Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is underway and space is filling up. For more information, contact the school office at (217) 359-1714.

St. John School Wish List – There are several items that our teachers, students and school would benefit from: interactive projectors, new classroom flooring, Chromebooks, outdoor pavilion, office computers, new assessment program. Please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for more details and estimated costs and consider making a donation towards one of the items. If your donation goes in the offering plate, the donation remains anonymous. If your donation is turned into the school office, we can thank you for your generosity. All donations will be included on your Contribution Statement.

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip – Immanuel, Springfield is hosting a trip see the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. Dates are April 26-29, roundtrip motor coach, 3 night stay in Cincinnati area, breakfast and dinner 3 days, admissions, baggage handling, all for \$450.00 per person (double occupancy). Call Pastor Stuenkel at the church officefor details and sign-up.