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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!
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This Joyful Eastertide

- 1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:
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:
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!
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number:
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!

O Sons and Daughters of the King

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!
 - 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
 - 3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!
 - 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
 - 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
 - 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
 - 7 No Longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
 - 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
 - 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with un-moistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.

- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!

- 4 For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.

- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Doug & Lynn and family at the death of Lynn's father Stan; *for healing and recovery*: Jan, Cookie, Dave, Opal, Chris, Hendricks - grandson of Dan & Joanie, 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, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Connor, Ben, Matthew; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Mavis, Geneice, Lavina.

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

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

Holy Communion – Pastor Caithamer will be offering Holy Communion next week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Please phone or email him if you would like to be included. No more than ten will be communed at one time.

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.

Offerings – As you have supported St. John with your tithes and offerings before, it is important to continue doing so, even now, as you are able. Your offerings can still be brought directly to the church from 10-2 each day. An offering plate and box are located on the counter in front of you as you enter. You can also mail your offerings to the church, though our treasurer reminds us not to send cash. We are also now able to receive contributions to St. John electronically. PayPal, Venmo, Google Pay, and Amazon Payments are all available. You do need to have an account with the service you choose. When asked, you can send your electronic contributions to this email address: contributions <at sign here> stjohn-lcms.org. And of course you can still have your bank transfer funds directly to St. John for your offering purposes.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members' email addresses, and has sent a few communications out. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

The Living Alternatives Walk is now virtual so we can walk wherever we are and get sponsors by May 15. So, it's not too late to register to be a walker. We will gather together for a celebration at a later date/time to be determined. Here is the link to Register, be sure to select St. John Lutheran Champaign as your team.

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=19917>

You can also make a donation here.

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=4855535#1>

Living Alternatives still remains open now to help those in need and lead people to Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Voter's Meeting – The April Voter's Meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, May 31st.

New Church Photo Directory Dates: We have rescheduled the church photo directory for the following dates: August 4 and 5, 18, 19, and 20 and 31; September 1. More information will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters.

Cancellations – Due to the current gathering restrictions the following have been cancelled: Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class, Lighthouse, and all Choir/Handbell rehearsals. The garage sale has been cancelled for April. If an alternative date can be selected we will let you know. Council has been cancelled for this month.

A Daily Lutheran Bible Study - Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: "Patience" in the Bible, The Book of Titus, Jesus' Ascension, The Passover and more. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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.

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

Covid-19 – Due to the ever changing information and data for COVID-19, the Governor of Illinois has issued a current mandate stating no more than 10 people should gather at a time. Along with this mandate, it is recommended everyone practice social distancing and self-quarantine if possible. To follow guidelines and to keep the safety of everyone as a top priority, St. John has moved to an 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 church office hours from 10 until 2.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *2nd Sunday of Easter*; Divine Service III (Recorded)
Tuesday *6:00 Council is cancelled*
Sunday *3rd Sunday of Easter*; Divine Service IV (Recorded)

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 - To Wives

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5–6

Bible Passage: Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

Hymn 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 98

Bible Readings for the Week:

Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberious – John 21:1-14

Jesus Restores Peter – John 21:15-25

The Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20

The Ascension of Our Lord – Act 1:1-14