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**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!**

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**Prelude Music Notes:**

The first selection – “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” - is by the contemporary English songwriter, Stuart Townsend. Here is a link to what the composer has to say about this piece:  
<https://www.stuarttownend.co.uk/song/how-deep-the-fathers-love-for-us/>

“On Eagles’ Wings” was composed in 1979 by Michael Joncas, a Catholic priest and Professor. It has become one of the most popular songs in its style, and was included for the first time in an LCMS hymnal in the present *Lutheran Service Book*.

“The King of Love” is one of many beautiful poetic renderings of Psalm 23, this one dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The tune “St. Columba,” collected in Ireland in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is named for the Irish saint who carried the torch of Christianity to Scotland (and who has the dubious distinction of being the first to report a sighting of the Loch Ness monster - in 546).

The text of the hymn “Sing, my tongue,” dates from the 6<sup>th</sup> century, written by *Venantius Honorius Fortunatus Clementianus*. The eponymous tune, “Fortunatus New,” was composed by Carl Schalk, emeritus professor at Concordia University in Chicago, one of the LCMS’s most distinguished and inspiring teachers, authors, and composers. Here is a link to information about the hymn by Arthur Just, Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.  
<https://issuesetc.org/2020/04/08/1022-the-hymn-sing-my-tongue-the-glorious-battle-dr-arthur-just-4-9-20/>

“Alleluia, sing to Jesus” was written by the Englishman William Chatterton Dix, who also authored “As with gladness men of old” and “What child is this.” The tune “Hyfrydol” (a Welsh word meaning cheerful) was composed for a children’s songbook by a Welshman who was not yet 20 years old.

**Prelude Hymns:**

**How Deep the Father’s Love for Us**

- 1** How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
- 2** Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.
- 3** I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

## **On Eagle's Wings**

**1** You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust"

**Refrain:**

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

**2** The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge, His faith-fullness your shield.

Refrain

**3** You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come.

Refrain

**4** For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against  
a stone.

Refrain

## **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**1** The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

**2** Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

**3** Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

**4** In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

**5** Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

**6** And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

## **Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

- 1** Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay;  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a victim won the day.
- 2** Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His Father's home,  
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3** Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did His work, and met His death;  
Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.
- 4** Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thine equal be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!
- Δ5** Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,  
To the eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.

## **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

- 1** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2** Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?
- 3** Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4** Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- 5** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

## Service Hymns:

### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

### 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.

## **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou has for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Richard and Judy and family at the death of daughter Shelli; *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*: Rachel, Allie, Jaclyn; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Esther, Leona, Walt.

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.

**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.

**Old Theology, New Technology** - 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 topics include: The Third Use of the Law, "Kindness" in the Bible, 4th Century Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria, Speaking the Truth in Love and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app

**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 goes here>stjohn-lcms.. And of course you can still have your bank transfer funds directly to St. John for your offering purposes.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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.

**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 Parents, To Children

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Eph. 6:1–3

Bible Passage: They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

Hymn 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Psalm 133

Bible Readings for the Week:

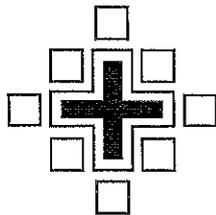
Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas’s Office – Acts 1:12-26

The Feast of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-13

Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel – Acts 2:14-21

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 133; antiphon: Ps. 133:1*

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of | Aaron,\*

running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!\*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

**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.**

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## DAILY READINGS

**April 26:** Ex. 32:15–35; Luke 6:39–49; **27:** Ex. 33:1–23; Luke 7:1–17; **28:** Ex. 34:1–28; Luke 7:18–35; **29:** Ex. 34:29–35:21; Luke 7:36–50; **30:** Ex. 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31; Luke 8:1–21; **May 1:** Ex. 39:32–40:16; Luke 8:22–39; **2:** Ex. 40:17–38; Luke 8:40–56.

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## Third Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

### Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talk-

ing with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.