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Divine Service III

**stand as you are able*

Prelude- "*Jesu, meine Zuversicht*"

Near

OPENING HYMN 529 *Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus*

- 1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus, Bears the name above all names,
Reigning Son of God, surpassing Other titles, pow'rs and claims—
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, Let us hold our witness fast!
- 2 Since we have a priest who suffered, Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
Who like us was tried and tempted, Unlike us, without a stain—
Since He shared our lowly place, Let us boldly seek His grace.
- 3 Sacrifice and suff'ring over, Now He sits at God's right hand,
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, His preeminence long-planned;
Such a great High Priest we have, Strong to help, supreme to save.
- 4 Love's example, hope's attraction, Faith's beginning and its end,
Pioneer of our salvation, Mighty advocate and friend;
Jesus, high in glory raised, Our ascended Lord be praised!

***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.

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who

arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”
¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

““Let another take his office.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:9-15

⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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. John, the seventeenth chapter. (11b-19)

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

^{11b} [Jesus said:] Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of

destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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 539 *Christ Is the World's Redeemer*

- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The fond of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
- Δ4 Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole-begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit – The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

SERMON “*Truth*” John 17:11b-19

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 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won*

1 Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence: This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence!

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

Postlude- “*Jesu, meine Zuversicht*”

Krebs

SERVING:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

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OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Betty and family at the death of husband Tom, Bob & Joan and family at the death of Joan's brother Jerry; *for healing and recovery*: Gilbert, Joyce, Rick, Brian, Paul, Larry, Teresa-godchild of Bob & Joan, Cindy, Barbara-family friend of Bob & Joan, Maelynn, Lilly, Karla, Pastor Ehlers, Aidan, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Jacob, Maria, Merv, Jessica, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments*: Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Jordan, Kate, Jacob; *for those in the military*: Adam/, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Gaylord, Geneice.

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

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

Vacation Bible School 2021 – God's Wonder Lab - June 21-25, 9-11:30am - A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. This year, registration will be prioritized and opened in phases. St. John Lutheran Church and School families will be given priority until May 7th. Register early to reserve your spot. Registration is open for children 3 years old (and toilet trained) to completed 5th grade. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. At this time, masks will be optional for all participants. Cannot wait to see you there. Register online at www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign. E-mail vbs - at - stjohnls.com, if you have any questions.

VBS Volunteers - We are still in need of three leader roles to be filled for Vacation Bible School. Those are: two group leaders for the K-5th grade groups, and then a preschool teacher. If you are interested in serving as one of these, please speak with Sara.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	6:30 LWML
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	<i>No School</i>
Friday	<i>Last Day of School</i> ; 8:20 Chapel; 6:30 8 th Grade Graduation
Sunday	<i>Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

LWML will be meeting on Monday, May 17, at 6:30.

Lost and Found – A hearing aid was found in the sanctuary on 4/25/21. Please contact the church office with any questions.

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.

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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 Widows - The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Tim. 5:5-6

To Everyone - The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9
I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1

Bible Passage: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21

Hymn 733 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (sts. 5-6)

Psalm 4

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Plagues – Exodus 8:1-4, 13-25, 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6, 20-29

The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced – Exodus 11:1-10

The Passover Is Instituted – Exodus 12:1-14