

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



“Peace Be With You”

## AS WE GATHER

Though Easter is a season and not merely a Sunday, it can be hard to sustain the enthusiasm when attendance drops on “low Sunday.” That said, the source of our joy is not in the size of the crowd but the greatness of the gift that Christ has given us. We have the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness for our sins, there is also life and salvation. We are held captive to fear, to the guilt of our sin, and to the power of death until Christ enters our locked rooms, shows Himself to us, and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, rejoice in our Lord and God.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME GUESTS

We’re glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God’s presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

### PREPARATION

HYMN “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

LSB 464

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor’s triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:6–10*

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,  
**we lie and do not practice the truth.**

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with  
one another,

**and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

If we say we have not sinned,

**we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

**Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation.**

In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation.

**Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS... Glory to God in the Highest    LSB 204**

**To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Good-will from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing-  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us , Jesus;  
Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated**

**At God's right hand on high.**

**For you alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord,  
For-ever and for-ever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad re-ply.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of our sins, we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **MEMORIZED WORD**

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:6

### **FIRST READING**     *Acts 4:32–35*

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL**

**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.**

**EPISTLE**      *1 John 1:1–2:2*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

**Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 20:19–31*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

## **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Sons and Daughters of the King" *LSB* 471

**O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting!  
Alleluia!**

**That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!**

**An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia!**

**That night the Apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said: "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**



## SERMON

**NICENE CREED** *found in the back of the hymnbook or on the screen*

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom

our prayers have been requested.

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Restore those absent too long from the Church's sacramental life and bring to repentance those who have fallen into error and sin, that they may again be one with us at the Table of the Lord.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need,

[*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

Grant to us that we may worthily receive this blessed Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood and may confidently trust that You will both hear and answer the prayers of Your people and supply us with all good things according to Your merciful favor; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

LSB 208

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heaven and earth with full acclaim  
shout the glory of Your Name.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest,  
Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord!**

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T BE WITH US**

Many Lord, desire to be here at your altar today, but since they cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, Grant them Your Holy Spirit and come into their hearts through your Holy Word and promises so that they are assured of your personal embrace and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Never permit them to doubt being separated from You. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ on the cross.

**Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**LORD'S PRAYER** *found in the back of the hymnbook or on the screen*

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **PAX DOMINI** (The Peace of the Lord)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Lamb of God) *LSB 210*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”**

*LSB 467*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (Song of Simeon) *LSB 211*

**O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav’nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God’s triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, by Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your only Son, that believing in Him, we may have everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit, give to us Your comfort in trouble and guard us against all doubt, that we remain steadfast in the faith and

come, at last, to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

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

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

*Stand*

**Adoring praises now we bring**

**And with the heav'nly blessed 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!**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Dan Reh
Lector	Allen Dass
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, Ben Thomas, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Dan Reh
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Allen Dass

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# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

### Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 68

Communion: 51

Offering: \$3,750.00

**ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL** from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

**NT CLASS** is at 6:30pm on Thursday nights. This week will be about Romans. All are invited to learn the overview of each Gospel and letter of the New Testament with its major themes.

**SHINE:** The Missouri District's first ever state wide servant event. April 16-25 We will be participating. The first opportunity will be Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-2pm. The District staff will work side by side with us. We will be doing a community garden at Oak Hill Elementary and planting flowers. We will also be waterproofing benches at EAGLE.

**COOKING FOR KIDS** The Lutheran Elementary School Association is hosting our annual Cooking for Kids event on April 17. This is important because the funds raised at this event provide 50% of our annual scholarship distribution to more than 700 students each year. Building Blocks Scholarships and other programs we provide assist Lutheran schools in their efforts to be sustainable and also providing resources for educators. To sponsor the program, purchase a ticket or tribute ad, or donate an item for this year's Cooking for Kids, contact Katherine (Kit) Auble, LESA's Director, Fund Development and Marketing, at 314-200-0797, or [kauble@lesastl.org](mailto:kauble@lesastl.org) or visit [www.LESAstl.org](http://www.LESAstl.org)

**VOTER'S MEETING** There will be a voter's meeting today at 11:30am after Bible Class. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – **Carmen** Hobson for possible back surgery; **Ray** as he goes through therapy; **Joan** as she struggles with eye problems; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **St. Johns** for blessings on our virtual learning center; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry & ESL** for blessings on what they do.

**Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr

### ***Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week***

***April 11-April 18***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship <b>11:30am Voter's Meeting</b> 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	<b>8am-2pm Office Open</b> 3pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Tuesday	<b>(No Secretary)</b> 3pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6pm Adobe Connect
Wednesday	<b>8am-2pm Office Open</b> 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:30pm ESL/NT Class
Thursday	<b>(No Secretary)</b> 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Friday	<b>(No Secretary)</b> 8am Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1:00pm Vicar Class 7pm-10pm Virtual Youth Gathering
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship