

† The Fourth Sunday of Easter †

Jubilate

April 22, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia. (Ps. 111:9a; Luke 24:26)

PRAYER: O Lord God Almighty, whose will it is to renew the fallen world, grant unto us that we may discern in Your Son the dawning of true life and that in Him we rejoice to share in this new creation. Amen

Sermon: "Easter Joy amid Life's Suffering" (John 16:16-22)

Preacher & Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (Jan Bender)

Offering: With High Delight (Charles W. Ore)

Postlude: Awake, My Heart, With Gladness (Flor Peeters)

Altar Guild:		Beth Giefer & LeAnn Cummins
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Joe Koehler & Dan Kolander
	10:30 am:	Ross Meyer & Dan Holthus
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Matthew Koosman & Christian Burfeind
	10:30 am:	Jada Clifford & Emma Kanz
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg, Al Mazurowski, Mark Radintz, Dennis Schewecke
	10:30 am:	Dan Holthus, Dan Picotte, Ernest Underwood
Money Counters:		Mike McFerrin, John Meyer, Bob Radintz, Bill Walters

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President and all our elected officers and board members in the LCMS.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for all of our Families with School-Aged Children and for our School Administration: Principal Gary Volberding and Admissions & Communication Director Suzanne Haag.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Ps. 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1-2

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

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.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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•Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

•Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.

•Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329-330).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 487

CONFESSION: LSB 151

INTROIT: (bulletin)

KYRIE: LSB 152

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual is omitted

Responses: LSB 156

Alleluia Verse: LSB 266

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 483

SERMON

CREED: LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 159

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 160ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 467

LSB 737

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 164

("Thank the Lord")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 548

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
April 22 – April 28**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
James Beck James Holthus Dylan Klesk	Trent Nelson Sam Say
MONDAY	FRIDAY
	Kyle Gardner
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
McKenzie Burke Joseph Burns Renee Day Ashley Kmecik Kari Schutte	Diane Haag Ronald Mead Crystal Rossow
WEDNESDAY	
Kimberly Fritz Morgan Slauson Iris Theis	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

COURSAGE SALE: Sunday, May 13 ---- Mother's Day corsage sale

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS:

4/15... Surprise topic!

4/29... Are you adventurous? Missionaries sure are! What are some specific jobs that missionaries can do? Where in the world are our LC-MS missionaries? How can we be involved?

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday before to allow processing time to accommodate your request. Thank you! email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: April 25- Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist (Is. 30:18-21; 2 Tim. 4:5-18; Mark 16:14-20)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, and Vivian Kuns. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, and the family of Caroline Lucht.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), and John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Francis).

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment...however, the date and time for May is moved to the second Thursday, May 10th, at 6pm due to the confirmation banquet being held on the 3rd. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.


"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.


SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 email: secretary@stjlutheran.org


† Announcements †


THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE! Easter is not one, single day. It's a *season!* A great feast that lasts seven weeks! This Sunday, we make a joyful noise (jubilate) over the new life we have received in the risen Christ. Even though we have a "little while" where we do not see Him, the Spirit He gives at the coming Pentecost sustains us in the joy of the resurrection.


BAPTIZED THIS DAY into Christ's death and resurrection is Clarke Julianne Eliza Kent, infant daughter of Stephen and Kristin Kent. May the salvation that Jesus earned for her, and now gives to her through this Sacrament, sustain her in living faith all her days according to the promise of the Risen Lord: "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved (Mark 16:16)." 

 **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS:** In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached a heightened *drama!* God is about to show His mighty wonders and signs. The Ten Plagues on Egypt are about to ensue! Pharaoh will repeatedly repent, but without faith God's merciful removal of each successive plague only serves to harden Pharaoh's heart.

This week: The Exodus (Exodus 13)
Next week: The Red Sea Deliverance (Exodus 14-15)
Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Moss is taking the class through the *Book of Hebrews*. We meet Tuesdays at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. Join us as we study this beautiful epistle which will enlighten our hearts and confirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Great High Priest. 

 **CONFIRMANDS:** The Risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples to see the fulfillment of all the writings of the Old Testament in Him (see Luke 24). May His teaching continue to be passed on to the confirmands of this congregation as they prepare for the day when they will publicly confess their faith in Christ and their confidence in God's Word--and Luther's doctrine drawn from it. Please keep the following youth in your prayers: Alexis Brockberg, Michael Brown, Samantha Brustuen, Allison Cate, Dalton Cate, Mackenzie Coombs, Noelle Dolan, Madelyn Gangelhoff, Faith Grant, Emma Kanz, Adam Kiesow, Benjamin Kiesow, Kristian Lodholz, William Schutte, Jack Stoffels, Eric Toelle, and Colin Vetsch.


BAPTIZED IN THE PAST YEAR: The Risen Lord Jesus commanded that His disciples, eyewitnesses of His resurrection and "ear-witnesses" of His teaching over three years and now following His own resurrection, were to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations by baptizing in the Triune Name of God and teaching the baptized all things He had commanded and given. Please pray for those baptized at St. John's since last Easter: Charles Orbin, Adalynn Stewart, Jack Ashland, August Anderson, Jacob Briel, Isabella Lewis, **Landon Essig, Paisley Hamilton,** Piper Peterson, Nia Bredenberg, Regina Thomford, Louis Thomford, Emma Pulju, Micah Sumstad. 

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:00 am:	K-8 Sing at Glory of Christ
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym
MON:		
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Conference Rm)
WED:	6:00 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ 6 th Grade Sings
SAT:	9:00 am:	Eagle Family FUNDay
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper (K-8 Sing)
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper (K-8 Sing)
	11:30 am:	Special Congregational Assembly
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, April 29th:

Altar Guild:		Beth Giefer & LeAnn Cummins
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Kevin Pomeranke & Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Barron Cate & Jack Wold
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Mackenzie Coombs & Bradley Kruse
	10:30 am:	Gabriel Lodholz & Kristian Lodholz
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg, Al Mazurowski, Mark Radintz, Dennis Schwecke
	10:30 am:	Dan Holthus, Dan Picotte, Ernest Underwood
Money Counters:		Mike Desplinter, Paul Dolan, Dave Giefer, Russ Reznecheck

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **APRIL** are: Dish Soap & Cleaners (Toilet Bowl Cleaner, All-purpose, Etc.). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated. 

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: The Council of Deacons has called a Congregational Assembly to address whether St. John's should expand its school faculty by adding a new teaching position. That Assembly will be held on Sunday, April 29, beginning as soon after the end of the second service as we can get settled as a group. The need for the additional faculty position is being driven by an increase in Kindergarten enrollees and others interested in enrolling in Kindergarten beyond our current capacity for students in that grade. The Council of Deacons believes that this change will be "budget neutral" to our current fiscal year. The Agenda for the meeting is available in the narthex again this week. Please plan on attending this important meeting.



CHURCH TREASURER: Want to become more involved at St. John's? The church's current Treasurer, Chad Brown, is not seeking re-election when his term is up in September 2018. Consequently, the Board of Administration is seeking a qualified volunteer for this role. A strong financial accounting background and/or experience with Quickbooks is highly desirable. The time commitment is estimated at 8-10 hours per month. Activities would include preparing monthly financial reports and projections, reviewing financial transactions and budgets, performing bank reconciliations, communications with the congregation and other financial-related volunteers, working with the church bookkeeper, and coordinating proper treatment and acknowledgement of larger gifts and donations. If interested and for more information on the Church Treasurer role at St. John's, please contact Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com).

CEMETERY RESTORATION: P&G is looking for volunteers who would like to lead an initiative to do some restoration work in the cemetery. We would like to clean and restore the grave markers and record the names and dates on them before the information on the older stones is lost due to further decay. Please contact one of the P&G deacons if you are interested in helping.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

InFaith Community Foundation is offering 3 scholarships of \$9,000 each through the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Minneapolis Scholarship Program.
Beta Sigma Psi at IA State University is offering three \$2000 scholarships. See printouts on the narthex table.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: After 41 years of being an educator, Mrs. Julie Preus is retiring at the end of this 2017/18 school year. We would like to thank Julie for her service here at St. John's as its 4th Grade Teacher and the many other responsibilities she has shouldered throughout the years. Please join us, in concert with PTL, for a retirement celebration in Julie's honor, Thursday, May 31st after Closing Service/8th Grade Graduation. Congratulations Julie!



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION is seeking candidates for two positions for the 2018/19 school year (1) Full time, 4th Grade Teacher and (1) Full time, Jr. High Social Studies /K-5th Grade Resource Teacher. The Board is pursuing the fulfilment of these positions via multiple, in concert efforts, to capture the best field of candidates for these positions. These positions have been accounted for in the recently passed 18/19 budget. If you are aware of someone that we should consider, please pass their contact information onto Board Chair, Brian Callahan. Thank you! brian.callahan@centurylink.com 763-242-3837



THE ADMINISTRATOR CALL COMMITTEE has narrowed our candidate list down to Mrs. Krista Nagy (Fort Wayne, IN), and Mr. Edwin "Chris" Schoenleb, Jr. (Crystal Lake, IL). If you have any specific comments or concerns with these candidates, feel free to contact David Huth at 763-242-7103 or david.huth@bsci.com.

EAGLE FAMILY FUNDAY: THIS Saturday, APRIL 28TH! Many donations are needed to make this annual school fundraiser a success, and we need your help! You may donate gift baskets, items, services and talents for the silent auction. Simply fill out the online form at www.stjlutheranschool.org; click on Giving, Eagle Family FUNDAY. Contact Lori Kiesow at 612-201-5090 or lorikiesow@gmail.com with questions.



CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND: This St. John's fund assists students with a career path towards being a full-time church worker (future pastors, teachers, DCEs and deaconesses) with their college tuition. Disbursements are awarded each year from the interest earned on this fund. The application is available on our St. John's website. The deadline for application submission is May 31. Turn in completed applications to any member of the SEWAC Board or the church secretary. To make a donation to this important fund, write "Church Worker Scholarship Fund" on your offering envelope.

CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S: Sunday, May 6 at 7:00 pm -- The Bach Society of MN will present the "Ascension Oratorio" of J.S. Bach, the third in a cycle of compositions by the master composer (the three are Christmas, Easter, and Ascension oratorios). Registration is required; ...group pricing is available. To purchase tickets at the group rate - Use this link:



<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3077964>

The code is made, it is "stjohn", when you get into the ticket buying website, you will see "Enter a Password or Discount Code ", enter "stjohn", click "show available tickets", you would be able to proceed from that. The price is \$18 each. For students, our price is only \$5 to begin with, so there is no additional discount.

(No need to sign up with Secretary, Julie Anderson – just use link above to purchase tickets.)

PRESENTATION AT ST. JOHN'S: Saturday, May 12 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm -- Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford on "Reclaiming Family Virtue: Healthy Sexuality in Church, Home, and School" (this will include an opportunity for question and answer). More info to follow.

LITURGY WORKSHOP 2018 will be held at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 am (Matins) until 3:00 pm with speaker Rev. Peter Brock. Registration is \$25 per person; materials/refreshments/lunch provided. 763-478-6031 (www.gloryofchrist.org)

THANK YOU: The family of Dorothy Schutte would like to thank Pastor Moss and Pastor Johnson for their visits to her at the Park View Care Center in Buffalo, the beautiful funeral service and all the prayers. We would also like to thank everyone who helped with the service and lunch. It was a great blessing to our family. Thank you again, and God's blessing to you all.
~Dorothy Schutte Family

THANK YOU: A sincere thank you to the members of St John's and Pastors Briel, Johnson and Moss for your prayers and concern throughout the illness and death of our son Bill. Your support has been a comfort to Bill, his wife, children and us during this difficult time.
~Paul and Diane Radintz

"THE GIFT OF LIFE" ProLife Committee from St. Johns will be setting up a display of crosses which represent the number of babies lost to abortion since Roe vs. Wade. Each cross represents 250,000 babies aborted. We have set Saturday, May 19th, at 10:00 as a work day to set up the display. We are in need of helpers that morning, so if you are available for a couple of hours that day, we would greatly appreciate your help.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped be greeters during the Lifetouch Photo sessions! It is very much appreciated!! ~Sue Reznecheck



IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE: If you were unable to get your picture taken while Lifetouch was here at St. Johns, you can still submit a picture. Please place your picture with your name and phone number on the back, into the church mailbox of Russ & Sue Reznecheck. Or you can also email it to Sue at srezn@comcast.net. If you have any questions please call Sue @ 763-477-4959. If your photo was professionally taken by someone other than Lifetouch, Lifetouch requires a release disclosure to be signed by the original photographer.



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION would like to thank Deb Volberding, the entire Faculty/Staff, Pastors and BOE members for the tireless efforts on the Accreditation process. We received word from the Validation visiting team they will be recommending Accreditation once again to St John's Lutheran School!! They identified (4) Outstanding Strengths and NO deficiencies!! The Outstanding Strengths identified were, (1) The stated purpose of both church and school are very well aligned. (2) Pastoral and staff dedication to the mission of the church and school. (3) The addition of the communications/marketing/admission position is proving to be a very strong decision. (4) Christian ethos is abundantly evident in the building. This Accreditation proves once again the staff here at St. John's is dedicated and has a zeal to create students who lead lives according to God's example, not only in school, but also in their homes and communities. Congratulations!!! There will be a ceremony accompanied by the issuing of the accreditation certificate in late August or early September.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, April 15th: 8:00 am: cancelled (snow)
10:30 am: CT: 82 CM: 57

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 04/15/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 6,722	\$ 585,810
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 572,670
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (6,913)	\$ 13,140
% Ahead (-Behind)	-51%	2%



Please contact BOA Deacon Mike Gaffer, BOA Deacon Tom Eversman, or Church Treasurer Chad Brown if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

Eagle Family FUN DAY

Join us on Saturday, April 28th
for a St. John's School fundraiser

9:00 5K FUN RUN/WALK
Check in at 8:45am



9:45 LITTLE EAGLE LOOP
A short race for ages 1 - Kindergarten

**10:00-12:00 CARNIVAL,
SILENT AUCTION,
FOOD & FUN**



**12:00 HEADS & TAILS GAME,
5K MEDALS &
PRIZES**



Event proceeds will go toward safety enhancements like fencing, lighting, PA improvements, hydration stations, and more!