



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool

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**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



**Luke 24: 36b-48**

**Prelude:**

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Handel/Ritter

**Welcome**

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Dale & Helen Bond in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Susan Shankland in memory of Steve Shankland.

**Gathering Hymn:**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they  
sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Apostolic Greeting:**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

***Prayer of the Day:***

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***Music:***

**“Look at the World”  
Cherie Schafer, Piano**

**Trinity Choir & Kids Choir**

***Scripture Reading:***

**1 John 3:1-7**

**Read by Kathy Crooks**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.

**Refrain:**

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin  
Let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

## Children's Sermon

### Gospel Song:

### “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 36b-48*



### Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36b-48

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

*L: The Gospel of the Lord...*



### Sermon

Pastor, Russ Leeper

### Song of the Day:

### “Great is the Lord”

Trinity Choir

Cherie Schafer, Piano / Kathy Rogotzke, Violin

**The Prayers (L):** Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

*Please keep the following in prayer:*

Scott Aspholm	Don Knowlton	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward
Linda Girken	Gladys Kellogg	Lorna Scrimger	Kash Kubik
Axel Heller	Deb Watkins	Stan Mehmen	
Mary Jean Zilm	Dick Harrington	Vince Huegel	

**Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families:**

Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox,  
Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland,  
Ben Hauser, Tyler Brockney

**Offering:**  
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**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

*\*Response:*

**“Take Our Lives”**

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;  
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Benediction*

*Sending Hymn*

**“The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”**

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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;  
Jesus their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

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

Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;  
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,  
from death's sting free your servants too,  
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*L:* Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

**“I Will Extol Thee”**



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## April 14—April 21

4/14/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship (Final performance of the season)Trinity &amp; Kids Choirs Noisy Bucket</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Annual Ladies Luncheon</i>
4/15/2024	6:00 p.m.	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
4/16/2024	6:30 p.m.	<i>GriefShare</i>
4/17/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Do Day Quilters</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Wednesday Night Supper &amp; Activities</i>
4/19/2024	5:00 p.m.	<i>Girl Scouts</i>
4/21/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship &amp; Communion SJCP Sings</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>

### Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Service
10:05 a.m.	Youth Hour
10:05 a.m.	Spark Sunday School
10:05 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class

### Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30 p.m.	After School Program
5:00 p.m.	Supper
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6:00 p.m.	Tone Chime Choir

### Wednesday Night Supper

**\*\*April 17th\*\***

Pizza & Oreo Fluff

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults

Children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
free thanks to

Kans for Kids

(Menu subject to change)

Offering from the week of:

April 7, 2024

General Receipts: **\$11,774.94**

Designated: **\$325.00**

**Total \$12,099.94**

*General Receipts of \$10,902.91 are needed  
weekly to meet the approved budget.*

**Sunday Attendance: 184**



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**WANTED**  
Information on this  
400 pound "Steeple"  
bell that was found in the  
far corners of the church  
basement.  
From current or previous  
church?

**T O D A Y ! !**

***The Annual Ladies Luncheon***

April 14th in the Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m.

**Noisy Bucket Sunday**

Donations go to the  
Kansas City Mission Trip

**Adult Sunday School Class** called "Making Sense of Scripture", with Pastor Russ began April 7<sup>th</sup>...It isn't too late to join!!  
The class will meet in the chapel on Sundays from **10:15 to 11:00AM.**  
Everyone is welcome!

**S P E C I A L D A T E ! !**

**Pack the Parking Lot!!!**

***Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>***

***Games, music, & food!!!***

***Burgers and Hot Dogs with drinks provided.  
Potluck items for anyone wanting to bring something: Salads, Side Dishes, and Chips are welcome.***

**Scholarship Applications:**

Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Spring Clean-up Day Coming!!**

May 18<sup>th</sup> 9am to Noon

**G E N E R A L ! !**

***As precautionary steps for safety and security, we would like to ask all attendees and visitors of St John, to make sure you are locking your vehicles anytime you are inside the church or away from your vehicle.***

**After Worship Social Time**

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday!!  
Please join us!

**BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Just a reminder that St. John offers scholarships for all our youth members attending a Christian camp. Scholarships are offered in the amounts of \$25 for a one-day camp, \$50 for camps lasting 2-3 days, and \$150 for camps lasting 4-7 days. Just bring in a copy of your registration to the Business Office for a reimbursement.