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April 16, 2023; Second Sunday of Easter



John 20:19-31

Prelude:

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Ritter

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar & the radio broadcast is sponsored by Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall in honor of their anniversary.

Thank you, Monte & Kathy Waldorf, for providing the treats for the After Worship Social time in the Parish Hall!

Gathering Hymn:

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

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1 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en-thrall.

Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!
through the o-pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
now has found a glo-ri-ous mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.
We are Christ's, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.

Grate-ful-ly our hearts a-dore him as his light once more ap-pears;
death and hell be-fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic-tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv-ing, spring-ing up from ho-ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow-ing down in joy be-fore him, ris-ing up from griefs and tears.
an-gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo-ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv-ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res-ur-rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain
Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!

Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!

Music: "There's Power in the Blood"/"Get Up, Get Up" St. John Christian Preschool

Apostolic Greeting:

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

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

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Read by Wayne McClintock

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

"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**

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song

"Alleluia"

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

"Cornerstone"

Video

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
 Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
 buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
 Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers	Linda Girken	Jerry Meader	
Joyce Boehmer	Ron Hoffman	Noa Mulholland	Ron Venz
Larry Bohner	Linda Hoy	Mike Ryan	Marilu Wohlers
Rodney Ellis	Donald Knowlton	Beverly Hinders Trost	Bill Wohlers Jr.

Family of Angela "Angie" Jean Quade Kettwig

Adam Heitz & family on the death of his mother

Dick Harrington and Family at the death of his sister and brother-in-law.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

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.

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
 God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
 Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
 Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya con - flict,
- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
- 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“There is A Balm in Gilead”

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Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Mansfield



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 16 - April 23

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Ed
	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship board
	6:30 p.m.	Preschool board
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	Newsletter Deadline	
	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl group
Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Wegner/Ragan wedding
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel!

Grief Share Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. In the Chapel

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday!

NEW EMAILS!
You can contact our new Intern Beth by calling St. John at 641-228-3397 or emailing her at beth@stjohncharlescity.com!
Also, the email for the secretary has changed to office@stjohncharlescity.com

Sunday, April 30th after the worship service come to the Parish Hall to celebrate with Kathy Hoeft on her retirement!

Wednesday Night suppers
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. *Menu for April 19th:*
Macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit salad, dessert
Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

**SJCP'S END-OF-YEAR
FOOD TRUCK "FRIEND"ZY!!**

Please join us for music, games, fun and food!!

Sunday, May 7th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the St. John parking lot!

This is a fundraising event featuring the "100 Envelope Challenge", where the funds will be used to purchase TWO tablets to use with our curriculum!

Featuring the following local Food Trucks:



The Prayer Shawl Group will meet in the basement near the kitchenette on April 20 at 1 p.m. to sort yarn onto the new shelving storage there. If anyone has yarn to donate it would be good to bring it in ahead of this date so it can be included in the sorting. It takes at least 2 large skeins to make a prayer shawl, possibly more for a lap-robe. Thank you. Janet Petefish

SAVE THE DATES: VBS - Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, 2023. We would love to have your kids attend Tuesday-Friday evenings! Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins and newsletters. If you are interested in volunteering with VBS, please contact Laurie.



WIYLDE registration forms are available in Laurie's office for any 8th-12th grade St. John student wishing to attend. WIYLDE will be held this year at EWALU from June 19-22. **Registrations are due to St. John by May 25th** so we have time to get them mailed in by the 30th.

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.

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

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

**Offering from the week of
April 9, 2023**

General Receipts:	\$10,644.70
Designated:	\$541.80
Total	\$11,186.50

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attenda	8:00 a.m. 172
	10:00 a.m. 258