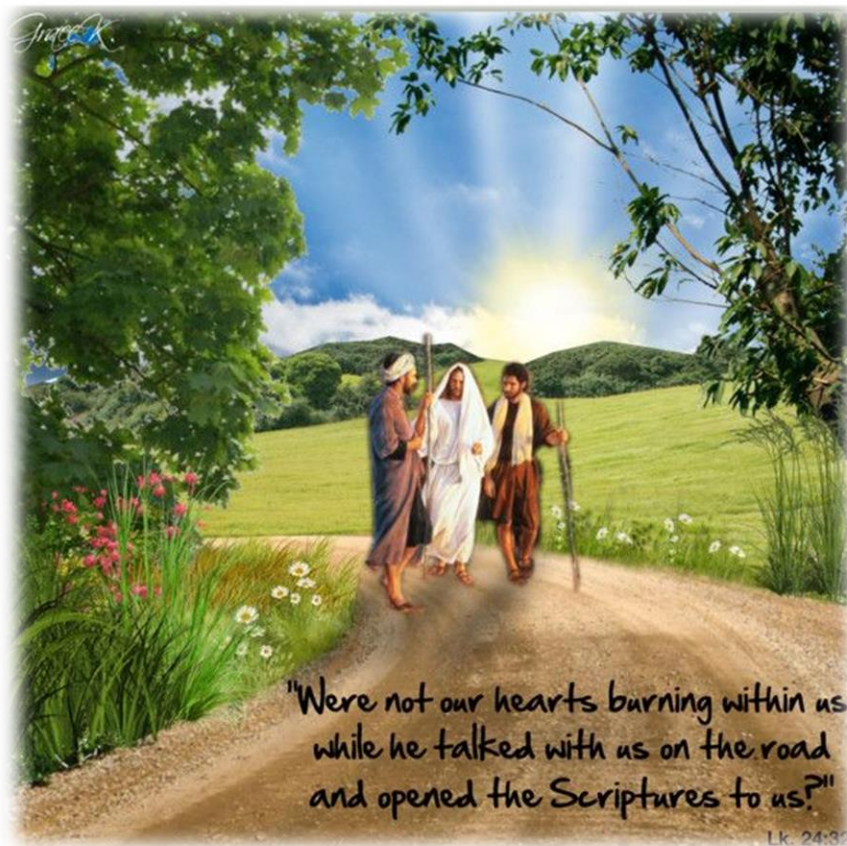




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**April 23, 2023; Third Sunday of Easter**



**Luke 24:13-35**

Prelude:

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Paxton

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Dale & Helen Bon in honor of their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The radio broadcast is sponsored by Judy Hughes in honor of mother’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thank you, Brenda de Buhr, for providing treats for the after worship social time in the Parish Hall!

Gathering Hymn:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia”

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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated but appear to be common time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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*

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Music*

“My Song for Life”

*Trinity Choir; Cheri Schafer, piano; Ben Hammond, soloist*

*Scripture Reading:*

**1 Peter 1:17-23**

*Read by Kathy Waldorf*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**“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 Acclamation*

**“Alleluia”**

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to* **Luke 24:13-35**



<sup>3</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Song of the Day*

“Brighter Days”

(Blessing Offor) **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      Ron Hoffman      Jerry Meader      Ron Venz  
Joyce Boehmer    Linda Hoy      Noa Mulholland      Marilu Wohlers  
Larry Bohner    Donald Knowlton    Beverly Hinders Trost    Bill Wohlers Jr.  
Linda Girken

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

*The Offering*

The Offering Hymn

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

\*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 this is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

*The Benediction*

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
 hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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

*Postlude:*

“A Concluding Voluntary”



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**April 23 - April 30**

Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Saturday	1:30 p.m.	Memorial, Donna Stewart
Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>

**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!

**Wednesday Night suppers**  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. *Menu for April 26<sup>th</sup>:*  
Spaghetti Bake, Layered Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Dessert  
Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

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

**Congratulations Don & JoAnn Knowlton who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**Building & Grounds Spring Cleanup Day will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m.** Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and other cleanup tools to help clean up the parking lot and the grassy areas around the church!  
**New this year!!! Clean-up inside!!!**  
Due to dust from construction extra cleaning is necessary at this time.

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

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

**Please join us for music, games, fun and food!!**  
**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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:



### Mobile Food Pantry

The mobile pantry is located at the Youth Enrichment Building (YEC) at the Floyd Country Fairgrounds on the 1<sup>st</sup> Weds of every month.

The pantry hours currently are 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Interested volunteers need to contact Jen Burton at 641-220-1769 for more information.

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 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>** so we have time to get them mailed in by the 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 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>**.

### Offering from the week of April 16, 2023

General Receipts:	\$9,143.30
Designated:	\$825.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,968.30</b>

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

**Sunday Attendance: 197**