

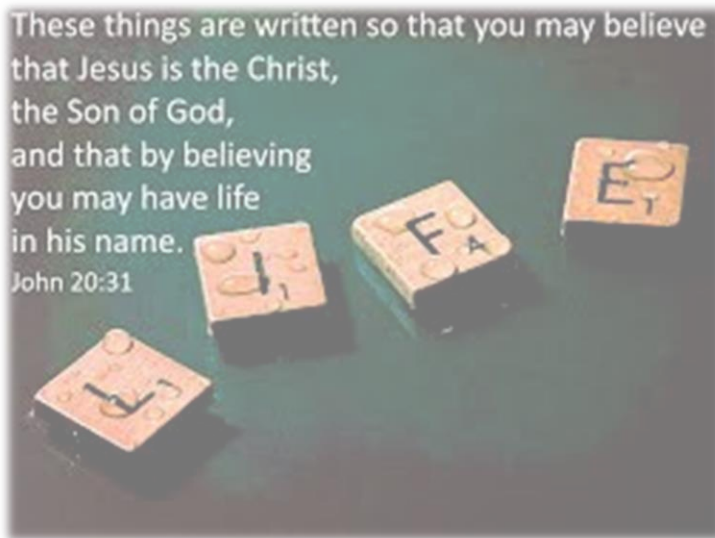


St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Charles City, Iowa 50616
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Rev. Russ Leeper, Senior Pastor
Beth Hurt, Intern
Melanie Johanningmeier, Director of Music

Participating in Worship: Wartburg College Kammerstricher
Dr. Rebecca Nederhiser, Conductor

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter



John 20:19-31

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The altar flowers are sponsored by Norma Overlee in memory of Calvin Overlee.

After Worship Social Time treats are being provided by Carolyn Marth and Family.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-rious 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-rious 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-rious head!

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

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

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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 God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music:

“Suite for Strings Mtv. II Air”

Trimble

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Read by Eric Johanningmeier

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

“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 **John 20:19-31**



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.”²⁶ A 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.”²⁷ Then 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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But 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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Cornerstone”

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 (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	Vince Huegel
Axel Heller	Deb Watkins	Maggie Schultz	
Mary Jean Zilm	Dick Harrington	Stan Mehmen	

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Imani Sande upon her passing.

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

Offering

“Serenade. Mtv. II Larghetto”

***Response**

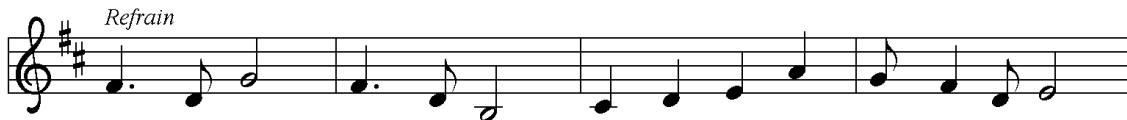
“Feed Us Now”

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 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.



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 - dant, 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.



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!

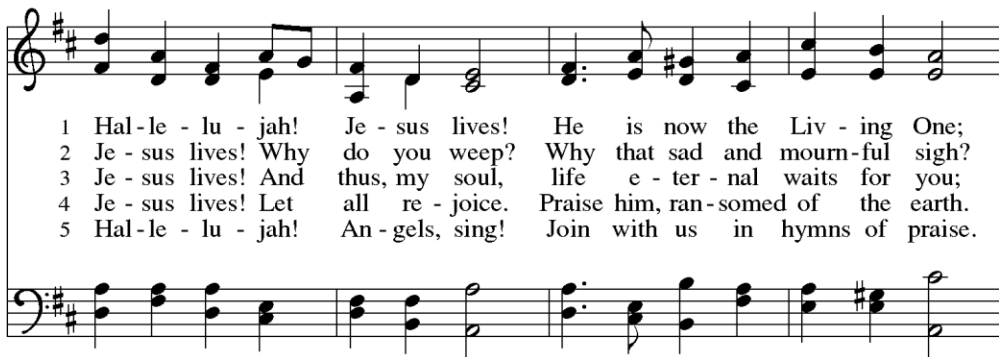
“October” Whitacre/arr. Lavender

Communion Blessing & Benediction

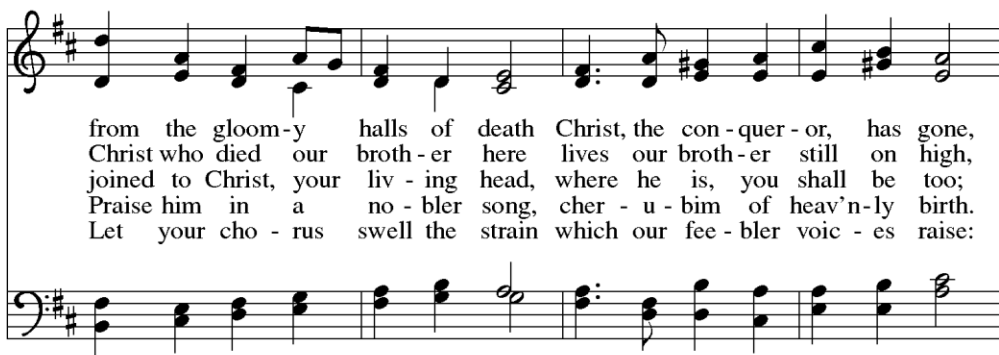
Sending Hymn

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

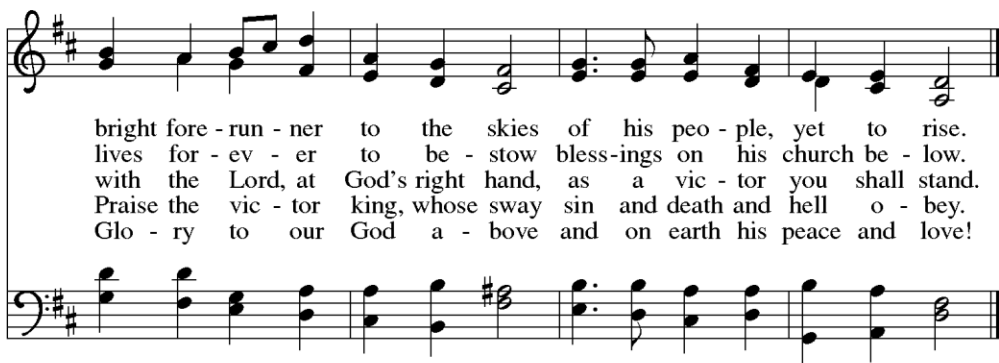
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1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise 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!

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Adoration”

Price



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 7—April 14

4/7/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship & Communion Kammerstreicher from Wartburg 100th Anniversary Planning Meeting (PH)</i>
	After Worship	<i>100th Anniversary Planning Meeting (PH)</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class (Begins)</i>
4/8/2024	6:00 p.m.	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
4/9/2024	6:30 p.m.	<i>GriefShare</i>
4/10/2024	3:30 p.m.	<i>Wednesday Night Supper & Activities</i>
4/12/2024	5:00 p.m.	<i>Girl Scouts</i>
4/14/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Trinity & Kids Choirs</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>

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
5:30 p.m.	Kids Choir
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6:00 p.m.	Tone Chime Choir
7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir

Offering from the week of:

March 31, 2024

General Receipts:	\$8,200.52
Designated:	\$330.00
Total	\$8,530.52

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

Sunday Attendance: 444

Wednesday Night Supper

****April 10th****

Maidrites, Au Gratin Potatoes, Applesauce,
Cherry Bars

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
Children through 12th grade free thanks to
Kans for Kids
(Menu subject to change)

TODAY!!!

Adult Bible Study Begins

TODAY!!

100th Anniversary Planning Meeting
(In the Parish Hall after service.)

Mission trip to Kansas City will be June 16-22. This is open to 7th thru 12 grade students. There is a sign up sheet by the youth office along with information sheet.

EXTENDED!!

Deadline to sign up will be April 10th.

Any questions contact Kim at 330-5441.

NEXT SUNDAY!!!

The Annual Ladies Luncheon

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

Games, activities, food, and devotion...
you won't want to miss this!

Reservations need to be made by April 10.

The meal will be baked ziti and Tuscan chicken, olive garden salad, and breadsticks. Dessert will be host table surprise. We will have a devotional, trivia game, and plant succulents. No fee, just a free will donation.

Call Kim at 330-5441 for information or the office for reservations.

Noisy Bucket Sunday
Coming - April 14th!!!

(Start saving your change!!!)

Donations are to go to the
Kansas City Mission Trip



Pack the Parking Lot!!!

Sunday, April 28th

Games, music, & food!!!

Scholarship Applications:

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**.



GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group that is beginning again at St. John. Join us to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays at 6:30***January 23 through April 16
Register at GriefShare.org or call the church office at 228-3397.

See Susan Leeper for more information.

After Worship Social Time

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

Special Note

We do need volunteers to sign up for bringing treats. There is a sign-up sheet by the Narthex doors.

(Approximately 3 dozen)

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Spring Clean-up Day Coming!!

May 18th 9am to Noon

1st to 6th Grade Unit PK and K unit

THIS OR THAT **Hop To It**

St John After School Program
Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:00pm
The St John bus picks up at IC, Lincoln, Washington and the Middle School
Join anytime!

The graphic features two colorful panels. The left panel has a blue background with a yellow arrow pointing right containing the text "THIS OR THAT". The right panel has a pink and purple background with a cartoon rabbit and the text "Hop To It". Below these panels is a yellow box with black text providing details about the after-school program.

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.

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.



Charles City Community Blood Drive

Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City

Tuesday, April 9

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule

