
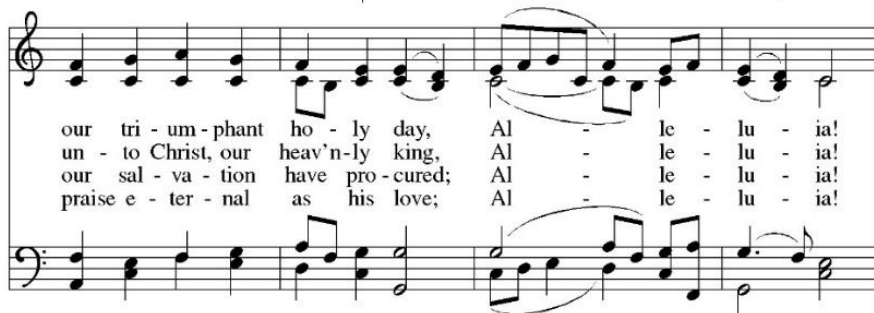
A photograph of three golden trumpets and several white lilies on a blue background. The trumpets are positioned in the upper half of the frame, with their bell ends pointing downwards. The lilies are scattered throughout the lower half, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The overall scene is set against a deep blue background.

*Christ the Lord  
is risen today!*

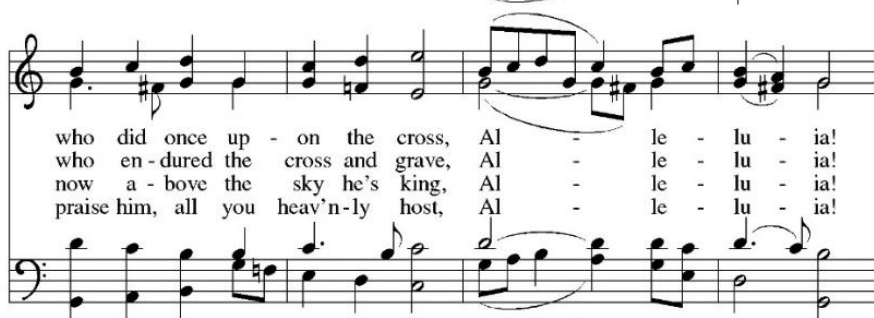
*Alleluia!*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### “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 Acclamation:



#### P: *The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8*



## Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord*



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Special Music/Hymn of the Day*    **“Because He Lives”**

*Trinity Choir*

*The Prayers (P):* Lord in your mercy.

Response: **hear our prayer.**

### ***Please keep the following in prayer:***

Scott Aspholm	Don Knowlton	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward	Stan Mehmen
Linda Girken	Sherman Loudermilk	Imani Sande	Deb Watkins	Vince Huegel
Axel Heller	Dave Litterer	Lorna Scrimger	Kiki Connell	
Mary Jean Zilm	Dick Harrington	Maggie Schultz	Gladys Kellogg	

**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



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

## 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.**

*Communion Invitation*

*The Distribution*

**“Come to the Table”**

#481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

**“Here is Bread”**

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup a life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup a life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup a life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.



# “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing;  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!



# “Beautiful Savior”

#838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Closing Hymn:

“Thine is the Glory”

#376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piece is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a refrain section. The score concludes with a final vocal line and piano accompaniment.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude:

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Handel

**The Easter Lilies have been sponsored by...**



*Peg Poppen in memory of loved ones*

*Cal & Joyce Wood in memory of Kurt Wood*

*Gary & Julie DeBower in memory of DeBower & Thompson family members*

*Linda Klemesrud in memory of loved ones*

*Kay Slindee in memory of loved ones*

*Charles & Teresa Knecht in memory of loved ones*

*Tilleen Litterer & Family in memory of Clarence Litterer (Altar Lilies)*

*Kip & Judy Hauser in memory of parents and other loved ones*

*Frank & Jeanette Anderson in memory of Clara Oeltjenbruns & Fritz & Irene Mehmen & Elver & Gay Anderson & loved ones*

*Kay Tjaden in memory of Craig Tjaden*

*John & Bev Selvig in memory of loved ones*

*Marty & Sandy Hicks in memory of loved ones*

*Bev Jensen & Family in loving memory of James Jensen*

*Duane & Sandra Kellogg in loving memory of Marvin, Lucille, Terry & Errol Hoy*

*Eric & Melanie Johanningmeier in memory of loved ones*

*Mike & Tammy Quade Family in memory of Angie & Becky*

*Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall in memory of loved ones & in honor of children & grandchildren*

*Russell & Betty Ball in memory of our son, Jimmy*

*Sandy Miller in memory of Dale Miller*

*William & Kathy Jacobs*

*Don & Shirley Holm*

*Eldon & Lynne Meyers in memory of Lorraine M. Meyers*

*Ron & Marilyn Venz with John & Julie Corbett in memory of our parents*

*Phyllis Foxen & family in memory of Chad Foxen*





ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool**  
**200 S. Main Street, Charles City, IA 50616; 641-228-3397**

March 2024 Schedule...

<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship in Sanctuary</b>
		<b>Communion is the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month</b>
<b>3/31/2024</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Easter Worship &amp; Communion Service</i>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Easter Worship &amp; Communion Service</i>
		<b>No other Sunday Morning Activities</b>
4/1/2024		Office Closed (Leave a message if you are trying to sign up for the mission trip.)
4/2/2024	6:30 p.m.	GriefShare
4/3/2024	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	3:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper & Activities
4/5/2024	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Game Night
<b>4/7/2024</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School Class (Begins)</b>

**Board Meetings:**

Building & Grounds	4/2	6:00 PM
Parish Ed	4/7	10:00 AM

**The office will be closed  
April 1st in observance of  
the Easter holiday.**

**Grief Share meets  
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday Night Supper**

*Will resume April 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

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**

Terry & Becky's pork loin,  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans  
Pudding

**Offering from the week of:**

**March 24, 2024**

General Receipts: **\$4,114.16**

Designated: **\$1,440.00**

**Total \$5,554.16**

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

**Sunday Attendance: 245**

**Wednesday Night Schedule**

**3:30 p.m. After School**

**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**

**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>**.

# Noisy Bucket Sunday Coming - April 14<sup>th</sup>!!!

(Start saving your change!!!)

## Blessing Box

Donations are **greatly** needed!

Items should be weather appropriate, non-perishable food and personal items. You can put your items in the Blessing Box outside the East door or bring to the office.



## St. John Helping Hands...

If someone needs help with in-town transportation, light household chores, changing a lightbulb, etc. call St. John at 641-228-3397 & help will be arranged for you!

On **April 7<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Russ will begin an Adult Sunday School Class called "Making Sense of Scripture."

This study and conversation will cover the following topics: What Is the Bible? Is the Bible True? How Is the Bible the Word of God? Where Did the Bible Come From? How Can

I Read the Bible with Greater Understanding? Is There a "Center" to Scripture? What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold?

The class will meet in the chapel on Sundays from **10:15 to 11:00AM.** Everyone is welcome!

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup>.** (Special Note \*\* Office will be closed on April 1\*.

Any questions contact Kim at 330-5441.

(Our God is a giving God... That is why it feels so good to give)

Tons of opportunities to give & have fun during this trip!!

## 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.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pack the Parking Lot!!!**  
**Games, music, & food!!!**

We will be having a **Man Day** coming in **June**. Plans are in the works and fun is to be had!! Watch for more information to come!!



**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](http://lifeserve.info/schedule)



St John has a fund to help people for emergencies or short-term help. Vouchers for gas or food are given to those in need. Money for this fund comes from members of the congregation. Volunteers are available on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 to help people in need. If the need is ongoing, they refer them to an agency where they can receive longer-term help.

Compassion Fund is a ministry to the community. **If you would like to volunteer to help with this St. John ministry, call the office and leave your name with Toni.**

1st to 6th Grade Unit

PK and K unit

**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!**

*Let's Laugh & Play with Friends*

**ST JOHN THIRD FLOOR**

**GAME NIGHT**

**FRIDAY APRIL 5** 6:30 TO 8:30PM

1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE  
 \*\*1ST GRADERS NEED A PARENT TO STAY WITH THEM\*\*  
 SEE ST JOHN FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

***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.***