

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



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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE BY PRAISE TEAM *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH SINGING

GATHERING HYMN

Make Me A Servant

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

(Quietly)

**Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is a Redeemer

**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Ho-----ly One.**

Chorus:

**Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer;,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain.**

Chorus:

**When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.**

Chorus:

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

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

Brief Silence

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

WE WORSHIP THE LORD BY LISTENING TO HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

L: The Holy Gospel according to LUKE the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Brief Silence

A: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially Sue Schnarr, Jerry Jackle, Bob Daunhauer, Annie Voelkel, Courtney Drew, Renee & Nick Hedinger, Lisa Boerste, and John Schnarr*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We thank you Lord, for this congregation. Direct us as we wait for a new pastor to lead us and walk with us. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD BY GIVING

OFFERTORY

ELW 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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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,



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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LIVE AS CHRIST'S BODY IN THE WORLD

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Working to Share God's Love. Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to St. John's Lutheran Church and we hope that you will enjoy our worship to God. We hope that you will consider making St John's your worshipping community.

Those Serving Sunday TODAY April 14, 2024

Worship Leader: Jeff Pinney

Acolyte: Cali Jackle

Reader: Diann Zehr

Those Serving Sunday April 21, 2024

Worship Leader: Pastor Nancy Nyland

Acolyte: Josie Englert

Reader: Tim Mehne

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sunday School: 11

Church Attendance: 79

Current: \$1,914.00 Goal: \$2,618.00

Benevolence: \$71.00 Goal: \$145.00

Africa: \$10.00

ELCA Disaster Offering: \$10.00

ELCA Hunger Appeal: \$135.00

Loose: \$115.00

Lutheran Child and Family Services: \$15.00

Lutheran World Relief: \$10.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 14th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Practice

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

10:00 a.m. Worship

Jeff Pinney – Worship Leader

Monday April 15th

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Sunday April 21st

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

10:00 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

Pastor Nancy Nyland – Worship Leader

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jeff Pinney for leading Worship this morning.

BIBLE STUDY: On April 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, the study will continue from the book “*They Walked with God*”.

OUTSIDE WORK SESSION: The Facility Team is having an outside work session on Saturday, April 20th starting at 9:00 a.m. All help is appreciated.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY: We are looking for two individuals to attend the Synod Assembly in Louisville, KY on June 7-9. Usually one male and one female representative. Any confirmed member is welcome to attend. Registration closes May 6th. Contact Paula for registration details.

Working to Share God's Love

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