



Christ
IS
Risen
INDEED
Alleluia!

Easter Festival Service

April 9, 2023

Adult Choir

“Rising by the Power of His Name”

Please stand

Easter Acclamation

Christ is Risen!
He is risen, indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I will not die. No, I will live,
and I will proclaim the works of the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Easter Confession/Absolution

It is always proper to praise God’s name with hearts that acknowledge our sins and to rejoice in God’s grace and forgiveness. Also on this festive day, let us join to confess our sins and celebrate the resurrection with the comfort of forgiveness filling our hearts.

Holy God, we confess that we are indeed sinners, unworthy of your love. In many ways we have gone against your will and failed to love you and each other as we should. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who has overcome sin and death for us, forgive us.

God, our Father in heaven, has been merciful to us. He sent his Son Jesus to suffer and die as payment for the sins of the world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

In the peace of forgiveness let us praise our Risen Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Jonah 2:2-9 (EHV)



²He said the following: In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the belly of the grave I cried out, and you heard my voice. ³You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas. The currents swept around me. All your breakers and your waves swept over me. ⁴I said, “I have been driven away from your sight. Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple.” ⁵Waters engulfed me so that I was near death. The deep surrounded me. Seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down. The earth locked me behind its bars forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God. ⁷When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD. My prayer came to you, to your holy temple. ⁸Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs. ⁹But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you. What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full. Salvation belongs to the LORD!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (EHV)



Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it – unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. ⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Easter Anthem

School Children

"Sing a Song of Gladness"

Please stand



After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!" ⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Please be seated



Hymn 438

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

The brass choir will play a full verse introduction.

Please sing a resounding “Amen” at the conclusion of the hymn.

Easter Message

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

First things, First

Please stand

Confession of Faith

Explanation of the 2nd Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

Offering

During this time, you are encouraged to fill out the Connect Card located in your pew. Please give it to an usher at the end of the service or place it in an offering plate. Online giving is available on our app and website for St. John’s Church. Also, please take this time to greet those sitting around you. After the organist finishes the musical selection, please stand and sing the hymn verse while the ushers bring the plates forward.

Please stand

Offering Hymn 470 v4

“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”

For the joy your advent gave me, For your gospel's great reward,
For your baptism which has saved me, For your supper and your Word,
For your death, the bitter scorn, For your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank you and extol you, And in heav'n I shall behold you.

The Prayer of the Church

God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you for the mercy you have shown us through His glorious resurrection. Help all to be faithful unto death that they may receive the crown of life.

Fill all who hear the Easter Gospel this morning with the joy of the resurrection, that they may walk in the newness of life in Christ.

Almighty God, as Your Son on this day rose from the dead for us, victorious over sin and the grave, grant that sin may no longer live in our hearts. By the power of His resurrection set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. Grant that in Christ's resurrection we may conquer sin and find strength to resist the devil's temptations.
Give us a living hope and a lively faith that death may have no more power over us.

Rule over the nations of the earth, O Lord, that they may join the hosts of heaven in songs of Christ's victorious triumph. Bless and preserve our President and Congress, and all those who govern us in our nation, state, and town, that justice and peace may prevail. Watch over the members of our armed forces as they protect our nation from harm and evil. Grant peace to both soldiers and their families as they spend these holy days apart from each other.

Grant comfort to those whose sons and daughters have been killed in conflict, and sustain the civilians who have been injured or mourn the death of loved ones.

In every adversity and trial preserve us. Heal the sick, according to your wisdom and will, giving them the hope of a glorious body in the resurrection of the dead. In the promise of Easter take from the dying the fear of death. And to those who mourn, grant comfort in knowing that those who fall asleep in Jesus shall live eternally. Bestow Your gracious favor on our homes and families and bless them with Easter's joy and consolation.

Defend the weak and vulnerable, especially the unborn, the aged, those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed, and those who are struggling under the load of troubles and trials.

We give thanks for all those who have died and now live with Christ in the triumph of Easter, especially all our faithful departed loved ones.

Unite us with them in the hope of the resurrection of the dead.

Special prayers may follow

Hear us, O Father, for the sake of Him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. It is in his name that we bring this and every prayer to you, just as he taught...

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.

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

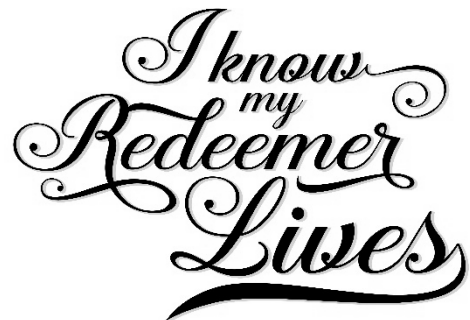
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen!

Please be seated

Closing Hymn 441

Verse 1 & 2	All
Verse 3	Women
Verse 4	Men
Verse 5	All
Verse 6	Women
Verse 7	Men
Verse 8	All



Pastor: Joel Luetke Organist: Becky Schultz Choir Director: Matthew Lober
Instrumentalists: Rick Leissring, Dennis Affeld, Beth Guenther, Mason Braun, Michel Krebs III, Randy Mohr, Matthew Lober



The Faculty and Staff at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School wish each of you a very blessed Easter. We wish to thank each of you for the many prayers, well wishes, good cheer, and faithful service you have given to your congregation. May God bless and keep you, not only at Eastertime, but every day of your life. We pray that you all enjoy this glorious day, spent in the peace of our risen Savior.

New Pastor Coming!

St. John's is sooooo excited that the Lord has answered our prayers by sending us Pastor Nicholas Mount as our new Associate Pastor! Pastor Mount, his wife Diana, and their five children will be arriving to Dodge County in June. Please keep their Nebraska dual parish in your prayers as they now look to fill the vacancy left by Pastor Mount. Also, please keep Pastor Mount in your prayers as he transitions to serving us in Dodge County! For more information on Pastor Mount, please see the April Welcome newsletter! Pastor Mount will be arriving to Dodge County in mid-June. Please Save-the-Date for his Installation Service, Sunday, June 25th at 3:30pm at our Juneau Campus. In great anticipation of his arrival, we are releasing one "Fun Fact" on the Mount Family each week until his installation.

Fun Fact #2 of 13:

Pastor Mount and Diana have 5 children. Here are the reasons why the kids are excited to move to Juneau.

- Sam (15yrs) - One word from Sam, "FISHING"
- Izzy (11yrs) - She will be closer to family, especially her second-cousin Autumn.
- Jonah (9yrs) - He is really excited to go fishing with Grandpa who lives in Sturgeon Bay.
- Isaac (6yrs) - He said one word, "CHEESE".
- Gideon (4yrs) - He wants to go to Wisconsin because, "It is so fun!"



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Announcements

Adopt a Bill's New Envelopes! The new April Adopt-a-Bill Envelopes are in the narthex! St. John's is thankful for the **many** members who took advance of contributing to this program through their prayers and gifts. The updated April envelopes have the new April bills notated on them.

ST. JOHN'S SPRING FLING EVENT: Ladies, you are cordially invited to a **ST. JOHN'S SPRING FLING EVENT** - hosted by St. John's Ladies Aid - on Thursday, April 20th, 6:30pm at St. John's Juneau Fellowship Hall. There will be games, refreshments and fun! Bring your favorite snack or finger food to share, beverages will be provided. In conjunction with the Spring Fling we will be doing a **Baby Shower for New Beginnings - A Home For Mothers**. For each item you bring you will be entered to win a door prize! The following items are needed: Washcloths and towels (baby & adult), Pajamas and sleepers (all sizes and seasons), Spring & Summer clothes (size NB-5T), Baby body wash, Baby lotion, Infant care/grooming kits, Infant & toddler feeding bottles and cups.

Call News:

Please keep our teachers in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve our Savior.

Principal Richard Cody:

Has a call to serve as Principal of Nebraska Lutheran High School, in Waco, NE.

Teacher Michel Krebs:

Has a call to teach 3-4 grade at St. John's Ev. Lutheran School in Waterloo, WI.

Teacher Matthew Lober:

Has a call to teach 5-6 grade at Bay Pines Lutheran School in Seminole, FL.

Care Packages for Soldiers:

Our Military Support Committee will be assembling another round of care packages for our five out-of-the-area members in the military. If you would like to contribute anything for this round of packages, please bring it to church by Sunday morning, April 10. Your care and concern for our members in the military is greatly appreciated. This is a good way to show them some love and support and to let them know their home congregation cares about them. Cards, notes of encouragement, food/snacks, gift cards are all excellent options for sending to them.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (4/9) EASTER!!!

Worship 6:30 & 9:00 AM - J

Worship 9:30 AM - SL

Easter Breakfast 7:30-9:00 AM - J

Easter Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM - SL

Monday (4/10)

Readings Bible Class 6:30 PM - J

Board of Education 6:30 PM - J

Tuesday (4/11)

Old Testament BC 6:30 PM - J

Wednesday (4/12)

Confirmation 5:00 PM - J

Trustees 6:00 PM - J

Elders 6:00 PM - J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM - J

Thursday (4/13)

Worship 6:30 PM - J

Saturday (4/15)

Worship 5:00 PM - H

Sunday (4/16)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM - J

Worship 9:30 AM - SL

NO Bible Class

Sunday School 8:30 AM - SL; 9:15 AM - J

Open Forum 9:15 AM - J

10:45 AM - SL

Open Forum April 16, 2023

At St Johns Juneau 9:15-10:15

At Lowell 10:45-11:45

Topic: Participation in the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program (WPCP) at St Johns starting 24-25 school year

What is WPCP?

- Created in 1990 to give parents a choice of where to educate kids
- 60% of WELS Elementary Schools and 100% of WELS High Schools in Wisconsin (Including Luther Prep and Lakeside) are part of the WPCP program

Why?

- Church Council Recommended to Voters that St Johns participate in the WPCP beginning in the 24-25 school year. This is on the agenda for the Voters Meeting April 30

Purpose of Open Forum:

- Presenters from WELS schools who participate in WPCP lay out benefits and challenges of being part of the WPCP program
- Find out how participating the WPCP will advance the mission of St. John's Church and School

Please contact Principal Rick Cody or any of the Board of Ed Members with any questions, comments or concerns

Board of Education Members

Nick Tolkinen

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Ron Preskar

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Kyle Wolter

More information of the WPCP can be found at <https://schoolchoicewi.org>



Cindy Roberts & Family

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Gary and Jen Thiel

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Don Klug

Rosanne Kjornes

David and Pennae Schultz

Matt and Char Lober

Neil and Jodi Foch

Anthony and Suzanne Colantonio

Memory of Randy Roberts

Memory of husband, Robert and son, Jeff

Christ Is Risen!

Memory of loved ones

Memory of Donna Skolaski

Memory of Joanne Zank and Marvin Ninmann

Memory of Harold and Sharleen Winter

Memory of Barb Smith

Memory of loved ones

Memory of loved ones in heaven

Memory of loved ones in heaven

Memory of mother, Elaine Hebbe

Memory of husband, Michael

Memory of Kim Daniels

Memory of Arnold Homan, Ronald Zank, Randy Homan

Memory of loved ones

Memory of our son, Waylon

Memory of our parents in heaven

Memory of our children

Memory of Erica J. Thiel

Memory of Grandma and Grandpa Saeger

Memory of loved ones

Memory of mother, Dorothy Klug

Memory of Glen

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