April 4-7, 2024



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

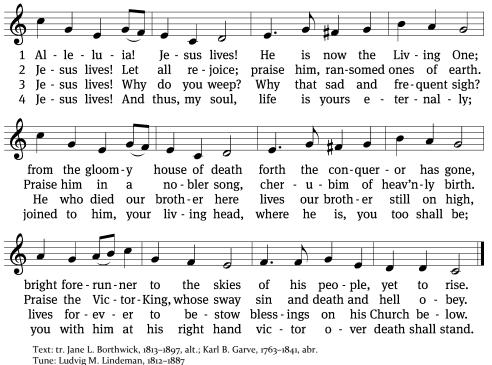
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HYMN 455

"Alleluia! Jesus Lives"



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STAND

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF **S**INS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

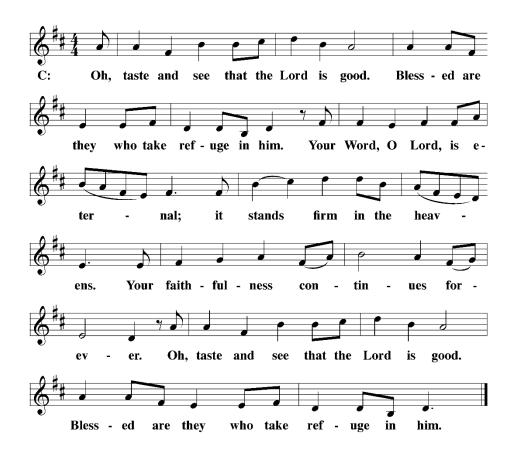
Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 18:1-11 (EHV)

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³ Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

⁷ He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized. ⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Adult Choir

9:30 AM

"Risen Today!"

Please follow the musical cues from our Choir Director.

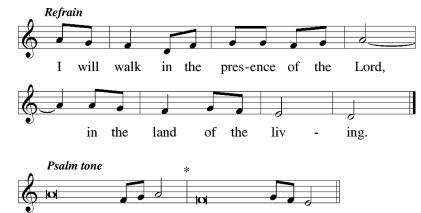
Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Choir sings "The Day of Resurrection"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Choir sings "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

PSALM OF THE DAY 16



Keep me <u>safe</u>, O God,* for in you I take <u>ref</u>uge.

- I said to the LORD, "You <u>are</u> my Lord;" apart from you I have <u>no</u> good thing."
- I have set the LORD always be<u>fore</u> me.* Because he is at my right hand, I will not be <u>shak</u>en. *Refrain*
- My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;* my body also will <u>rest</u> secure,
- because you will not abandon me <u>to</u> the grave,* nor will you let your Holy One <u>see</u> decay.

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You have made known to me the <u>path</u> of life;* you will fill me with joy in your <u>pres</u>ence.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— ² the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

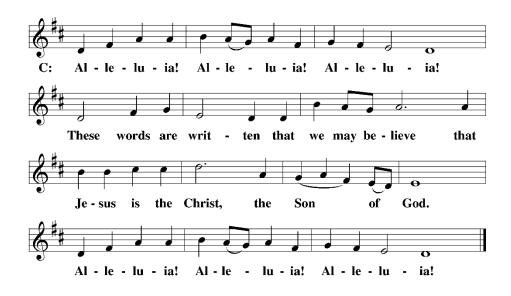
VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia!

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1 John 1:1-4 (EHV)

John 20:29 (NIV)



STAND

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (EHV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of our Lord.



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HYMN OF THE DAY 456 v1, 4-9 "O Sons and Daughters of the King" sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly 1 0 That night th'_a - pos tles met in fear: a mong them 5 When Thom - as af ter - wards had heard that Je - sus 6 "Thom - as. be - hold side," my said he, "mv hands, my glo - ry to - day the grave has lost its sting! hosts in sing. came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace here." be with you had ful - filled his word. he doubt-ed that was the it Lord. mv bod - v and doubt not, but be - lieve in me." feet. see;



- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been; in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON

John 20:19-31

Resurrection Reality Releases the Redeemed 1. From paralyzing fears 2 To proclaim peace

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

STAND



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory. **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is**

pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



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HYMN 511

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"



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Preacher: Joel Luetke

Liturgist: Duke Backhaus

Organist: Dale Grulke / Ruth Affeld

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<u>Announcements:</u>

We're Having a Baby Shower! St. John's Ladies Aid is hosting a shower for *New Beginnings* and *Blue Butterfly* and we need your help. We'll be collecting items for both of these WELS organizations during the month of April. There will be a drop box and gift card box in the narthexes of both our Juneau and Lowell locations. For a list of items see the tabletop displays at both locations. *Here's a great idea... purchase one of the wanted gift cards from our Scrip program! They carry all these gift cards!*

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program:

Our school here at St. John's is planning to join the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program ("Choice"), effective for the 2024-25 school year! Choice is a statewide private school voucher program. It covers tuition for students to attend participating private schools, provided the

families meet certain qualifications. For more information, to see if your family is eligible, and to apply, visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website: DPI.WI.GOV and search for WPCP or Scan the QR code!

The deadline to apply is April 18th!

School Musical:

Will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 12th & 13th. Performance times are Friday night at 7 P.M. and Saturday at 2 P.M. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Tickets will be sold at church: Sunday, March 31st-during the Easter Breakfast and Sunday, April 7th, in between services in the church basement in Juneau. Tickets are also available for purchase in the school office Monday through Friday until April 12th. You may also reserve tickets by emailing Mrs. Leissring at: <u>school@stjohnsjuneau.org</u>.

Help Needed! The Lowell Campus will be taking down Easter decorations on April 21st after the 9 AM service. Any help would be appreciated with this project!





Spring Cleaning! The Juneau Campus will be having a spring cleaning day on Saturday, April 27th beginning at 8:00 AM. The plan is to refresh both the grounds and the inside of the church. Any and all help is appreciated to provide a clean and welcoming environment for another year of ministry! If you are able, please bring gloves, rags, buckets, brushes, pruners, rakes, and any other tools!





Cindy Roberts & Family Merlin & Shirley Luedke Paul & Sharon Schmidt Rick & Ellen Bassette Bruce & Carol Soldner

Dan & Phyllis Wegener

Dennis & Joyce Schmidt

Richard & Marlene Cigelske

Andrew & Gina Oemig

Memory of Randy Roberts Memory of loved ones Memory of dear loved ones Memory of loved ones Memory of Ron & Rosie Zank, Clarence Soldner, and Delores Hundt Memory of our parents: Ron & Rosie Zank and Rubert & Dorthy Wegener Memory of Donald & Elda Matthews and Fred & Charlotte Schmidt Memory of Milton & Della Griepentrog and Francis & Irene Cigelske Memory of Leon, Toby, and Tom Schmitt

Thank you! Please remember to take your flowers home!

New Sermon Series! Resurrection Reality

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened.

Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained



dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

Our worship follows this pattern.

Second Sunday of Easter	The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace
Third Sunday of Easter	We Have a Meaningful Message to Share
Fourth Sunday of Easter	The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding
Fifth Sunday of Easter	The Living Lord Produces Active Faith
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours
Ascension of Our Lord	Christ's Ascension Means He Is Closer Than Ever
Seventh Sunday of Easter	We Will Overcome This Broken World
The Festival of Pentecost	Christ Has Not Left Us Alone

Thank you, Volunteers! (4/4-4/7)

Greeters:

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6:30 PM	Paul and Sharon Schmidt
8:00 AM	Jim and Chris Holy, Becky Zimmerman
10:30 AM	Ruth Ockerlander and Family, Bella, Hailey and Caleb
Ushers:	
6:30 PM	Neil Foch, Paul Schmidt
8:00 AM	Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Sean Affeld
9:30 AM	Don Gibson and Dan Becker
10:30 AM	Tom Selchert, Marty Weinheimer, Mark Ockerlander,
	Logan Ockerlander and Mason Ockerlander

Snow Removal (*Week of April 8th*):

Team 1 Rick Leissring and Kris Heinzen

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord		
	<u>3/20-3/24</u>	
General	\$ 12,174.28	
Debt	\$ 110.00	
Improvement	\$ 60.00	
Lakeside	\$ 49.90	
Missions	\$ 621.90	
Total	\$ 13,016.08	
Attendance Weekend of Mar. 24 th	475 (149,36,120,102,68)	
At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$158,513.40 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!		

This Week at St. John's

<u>Sunday</u> (4/7) Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J Worship 9:30 AM – SL Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL); 9:30 AM (J) Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J) Open Forum 6:30 PM- J

<u>Monday (4/8)</u> Readings Class 6:30 PM – J Boad of Ed. 6:30 PM- School

Tuesday (4/9) End Times Study 4 PM (SL) & 6:30 PM (J)

<u>Wednesday</u> (4/10) Confirmation 5:00 PM – J Elders 6:00 PM- J Trustees 6:00 PM- J Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

<u>Thursday (4/11)</u> Worship 6:30 PM – J

Friday (4/12) School Musical 7:00 PM

School Musical 2:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM - H

<u>Sunday (4/14)</u> Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J Worship 9:30 AM – SL Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL); 9:30 AM (J) Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J) Voters' Meeting 6:30 PM- J

Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus 9:30 AM Salem-Lowell Campus 8:15 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus 6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus 6:30 PM

Worship Services

Thursday 6:30 PM Juneau Saturday 5:00 PM Horicon Sunday 8:00 AM Juneau 9:30 AM Lowell 10:30 AM Juneau

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