

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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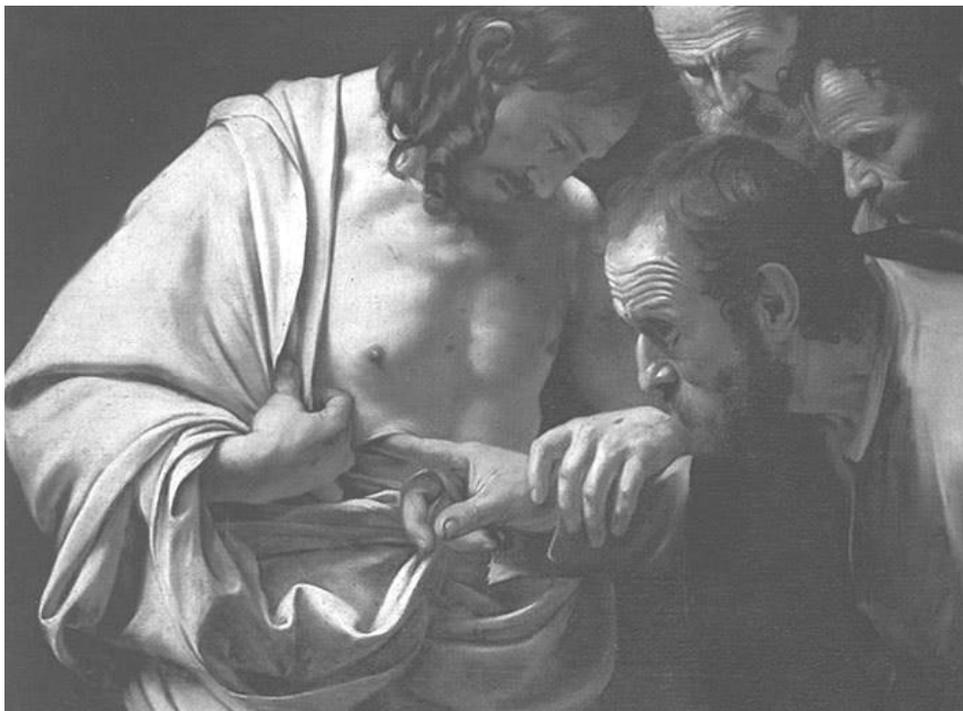
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**April 24, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North America Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Easter**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

*Prayer upon entering God's House:*

*O Blessed Savior, who did stoop to rescue us, sinners worthy of eternal judgment, we pray that Your love will so penetrate every part of our being that we will think, speak, and act in the same spirit of love. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Alleluia, Pascha Nostra"*

*Titcomb*

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage 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**

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, 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 entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"* *LBW 352 vs. 1-4*

**P** 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.**

\*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

## \*KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



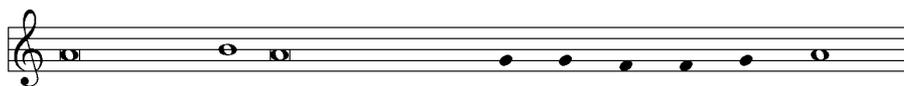
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

### P Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 5:27-32

**A** The First Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Acts.

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM 118:14-29

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

**<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:**

<sup>16</sup>"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!  
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

**<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter."

**<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**<sup>25</sup>Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!  
LORD, send us now success.**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

**<sup>27</sup>God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>"You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you."

**29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.**

**SECOND LESSON:**

**REVELATION 1:4-8**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Revelation.

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

**JOHN 20:19-31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them

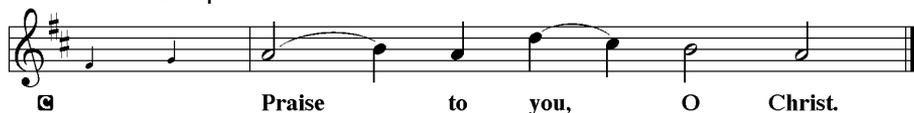
again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

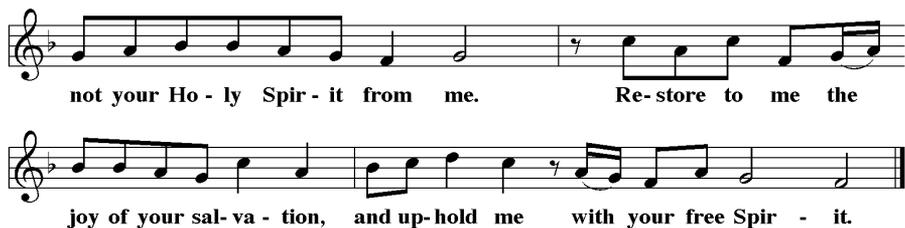
**\*HYMN** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *LBW 488*

## **SERMON**

**ANTHEM** "Beautiful Savior" *arr. Christiansen*

## **\*OFFERTORY**





### \*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Lord Jesus, you fill us with imperishable light. Thank you for rescuing us from the darkness of sin, for dispelling clouds of grief and despair, for leading us into your everlasting life. Grant us grace to lead all people to you. Lord in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(Other intercessions are offered)*

**P** Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

**C** Amen

### \*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.**

### \*BENEDICTION

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

*LBW 352 vs 5-8*

### \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*"Easter March"*

*Kinder*

A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>Today</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Bowl
<b>Monday 4/25</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
<b>Wednesday 4/27</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Chimes/Junior Choir
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
<b>Thursday 4/28</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Sunday 5/1</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mask Required Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group luncheon fundraiser
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert

Mark the Dates: **May 15th**, Congregational Meeting to vote on approving the gift of the Baby Grand Piano and modifying the pews accordingly.  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Celebration of Pastor Johnson's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination

### YOUTH BIBLE BOWL 2022

Today at @ 3:00 p.m. we are hosting the Youth Bible Bowl here at St. John's.

*Everyone is welcome to cheer our team onto victory!*



### Youth Group Lasagna Luncheon Fundraiser!

Come Support St. John's Youth Group!  
Next Sunday, May 1, 2022 after 11am worship.  
Join us for a delicious lunch prepared by the Youth Group to raise funds for all of our activities.

Thank you for supporting our kids!

# Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community!

## Kentucky Disaster Response

We have all seen the terrible devastation from the aftermath of the tornadoes that ravaged Kentucky.

Please keep them in prayer as they deal with the destruction.



**NALC Disaster Response** has sent truckloads of supplies to Kentucky and is on the ground. Pastor Pamela Thorson is preparing House of Prayer in Elizabethtown KY to be the staging area for work teams and disaster supplies.

Our Mission District has sent \$2,000 and truckloads of supplies. Supplies continue to be collected and sent.

## A Mission Trip has been organized for the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022.

St. John's has sent \$600 and supplies, including toys for Christmas. We are collecting Health Kits, Flood Buckets, Gift Cards and donations to be sent.

To send money contributions to the NALC Disaster Relief mark on your envelope or in the Memo line - KY tornadoes

Reminder - 100% goes the tornado response.

St. John's is a drop-off spot for relief items.

## Social Ministry Collection for Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

Items for health kits are as follows:

- One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27
- One metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One gallon sized zip lock bag.

Health  Kits

- One washcloth
- One comb
- Six band-aids

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

**All items must be new!** If you prefer, financial support may be given to be used for the purchase of kit items and/or shipping costs



*Annual Spring Concert*  
*Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022*

*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
*218 N. Jefferson St.*

*At 7:00 p.m.*  
*in the Sanctuary.*

*The Senior & Junior Bell Choirs*  
*and*  
*the Senior & Children's Vocal Choirs*  
*(under the direction of Rebecca Veith)*

Mark your calendars...  
you don't want to miss this!

*The concert is free and open to the public,*  
*so bring your family, friends and neighbors*  
*and celebrate spring with us!*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

Becky Swanson (E)

Karen Waugaman (L)

Lectors

Becky Swanson (E)

Keith Livengood (L)

Comm Assistants

John & Becky Swanson (E)

Acolytes

Brenna Zurn (E)

Kendall Bailey (L)

Greeters

Marve Gaiser (E)

Dave & Janice Smith (L)

Camera Operators

Robert John (E)

Nick Wranich (L)

## STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Christine Lettrich

Sexton

Michael Craft

Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music

Rebecca Veith

Sr. Choir Accompanist

Elizabeth Cramer

## OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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