ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see

the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it "up close and personal"!

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Ministry of Music - Senior Choir

People:	He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor:	Alleluia! Christ is risen!

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 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!
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
 Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
 Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
 Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
 Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- Δ4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the
[™] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE

- Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:
 People: have mercy on us.
 Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:
 People: have mercy on us.
- Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: By Your suffering and dying:

People: deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.

- Pastor: By Your glorious resurrection:
- People: deliver us from this body of death.
- Pastor: By the majesty of Your risen body:
- People: deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.
- Pastor: Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.
- People: Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GREETING

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (1 & 4) <u>LSB #465</u>

- Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 In praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heavn'ly blessèd sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SALUTATION

Pastor:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death

of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

🕸 WORD 🕸

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9* (He will swallow up death forever.)

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

PastorThis is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – Senior Choir

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1–11* (Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Pastor:This is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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Public domainHOLY GOSPELMark 16:1–8 (He is risen; He is not here!)

Pastor:The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.People:Glory to You, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor:This is the Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to You, O Christ.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC - Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

<u>LSB #490</u>

 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
 Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
 All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
 Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
 God will be my sure defense;
 This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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SERMON "Return and See!"

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

 Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally. Risen Lord,
 People: live in us that we may live in You.
 Pastor: Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth. Risen Lord,
 People: live in us that we may live in You.

Pastor: Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the faith through the

Means of Grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ. Risen Lord,

People: live in us that we may live in You.

Pastor: Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. [Hear us especially for *names* and those named in our hearts.] Risen Lord,

People: live in us that we may live in You.

Pastor: Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed. Risen Lord,

People: live in us that we may live in You.

Pastor: Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love, [*especially* . . .], and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more. Risen Lord,

People: live in us that we may live in You.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

CONEFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Pastor: Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.
- People: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.
- People: Amen.

SACRAMENT 🕸

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" Stanzas 1 & 2 LSB #507

- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

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LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew* 6:9–13

People: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22 24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.People:Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 stanza sung to **LSB #940**

Lamb of God You take away, All the sin of the world; have mercy. Lamb of God You take away, All the sin of the world; have mercy. Lamb of God You take away, All our sin this glorious day.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- I know that my Redeemer lives;
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my ever-living head.
- He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.
- He lives to bless me with His love;
 He lives to plead for me above;
 He lives my hungry soul to feed;
 He lives to help in time of need.

- He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with His eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!He lives, my Jesus, still the same;Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:I know that my Redeemer lives!

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 164 in hymnal)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

- Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
 Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
 Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
 At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
 Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
 God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
 When contending death and life, Alleluia!
 Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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Attendance Last Week: 206			
General giving last week:	\$7664.00		
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00		

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

7 Wednesday Pu	blic Confirmation	3:45 pm
8 Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 pm
8 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
11 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	8:00 am
11 Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 am

11 Sunday	Bible Class	9:15 am
11 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	10:30 am

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DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE: Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

<u>SCHOOL CHOICE REGISTRATION OPEN</u>: St. John Lutheran School in Berlin is in the Wisconsin Private School Choice Program. This is open to all NEW 5K thru 8th grade students whose family income meets Wisconsin's eligibility guidelines. **Call St. John School at 920-361-0555 for more information. Registration deadline is April 15th.**

LWML SPRING RALLY: Faithfully Focused on Christ is the theme for the Zone 12 LWML Spring Rally to be held Tuesday, April 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mount Morris. Registration begins at 3pm with the rally starting at 3:30. We will view the film "The Resurrection" and have a Bible study based on the film led by Pastor Mundinger. A light supper will also be served.

All men and women are invited to attend. There is no fee, but a free-will offering will be taken. A head count is needed to ensure enough food is prepared for supper. Please RSVP to Cindy Schuett or Deb Schrader, by Monday, April 19. We will carpool to Mount Morris.

<u>CHOP SUEY SUPPER: Wednesday, April 21st.</u> DRIVE-THRU ONLY!! Enter on SW Ceresco St. 4:30 pm – until out of food

Tickets: \$10 in advance. \$12 at the door. Tickets available at Farmer's and Merchants Bank, Lady Bug Floral, Krause's Service, State Farm Ins. Shell on Broadway, The Mop Shop, St. John School Office. For Delivery, call Nancy Wallner at 361-4179.



Easter Lilies and Flowering Plants have been given by the following members:

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who gave his or her Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter morning. The list of donors will be repeated in the bulletin next week and will also include anyone who gave flowers after the bulletin printing deadline this week, <u>provided</u> you let someone from the Altar Guild know that you gave the flowers and how you'd like your announcement to read. Once again, thank you to all!

The Ladies Aid has given 2 azaleas for the Altar.

IN HONOR OF Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen from Mark and Terri Rausch.

IN MEMORY OF Our Parents from Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen

IN MEMORY OF Elaine Humphrey from Bob and Amy Radliff.

IN MEMORY OF Harold and Alma Hertzberg and Norman Hertzberg, from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Donald Hertzberg, from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Walter and Ethel Belfeuil and Armand Lewis from Linda Hertzberg. IN MEMORY OF Bud's sister Elaine Mueller, from the Bud Polk Family.

IN MEMORY OF Ward Durrant and Harry & Kathryn Froelich from Pat Durrant and family.

IN MEMORY OF Walter and Louise Rodensal, Leo and Agnes Henriksen, from Russ and Robin Henriksen.

IN MEMORY OF their parents from Bob and Betty Dewhurst.

IN MEMORY OF Ritchie and Ryan Clark, from Ray and Vickie Clark.

IN MEMORY OF my son Brian from Vicky Borgens and Jerry & Carol Krause.

IN MEMORY OF Arnold Kretzmann, Dan Mitchelly and Jeannette Mitchelly from Cindy Schuett.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Alfred and Edna Wendt and siblings John and Joanne, from Bob and Karen Wendt.

IN HONOR OF Alice Parsons and IN MEMORY OF Don Parsons from Karen and Bob Wendt.

IN MEMORY OF their Parents, from Duane and Linda Nitz.IN MEMORY OF Karl and Joyce Krausefrom Judy Uchytil.

IN MEMORY OF husband Paul, from Joyce Parsons.

SERMON OUTLINE April 4, 2021 Theme: "Return and See!"

I. Jesus Invites His Disciples to Come and See Him!

- A. Jesus wants His disciples to see Him risen from the _____.
- B. Then they will begin to ______ all He had done over the past three years.
- C. Then, they will desire to ______ this Good News with others!
- D. We can't shake the _____ of death from ourselves.
- E. Jesus reminds us, "With man this is _____."

II. Jesus Invites Us to Come and See Him!

- A. In Christ, your _____ has been _____!
- B. Through ______, you have been wrapped in the robe of His righteousness.
- C. Jesus wants you to come and _____ what He has in store for you today.
- D. We can find Christ in the _____!
- E. We can "taste and see that the Lord is good" in Holy ______.
- F. We are then empowered to ______ this Good News with others!