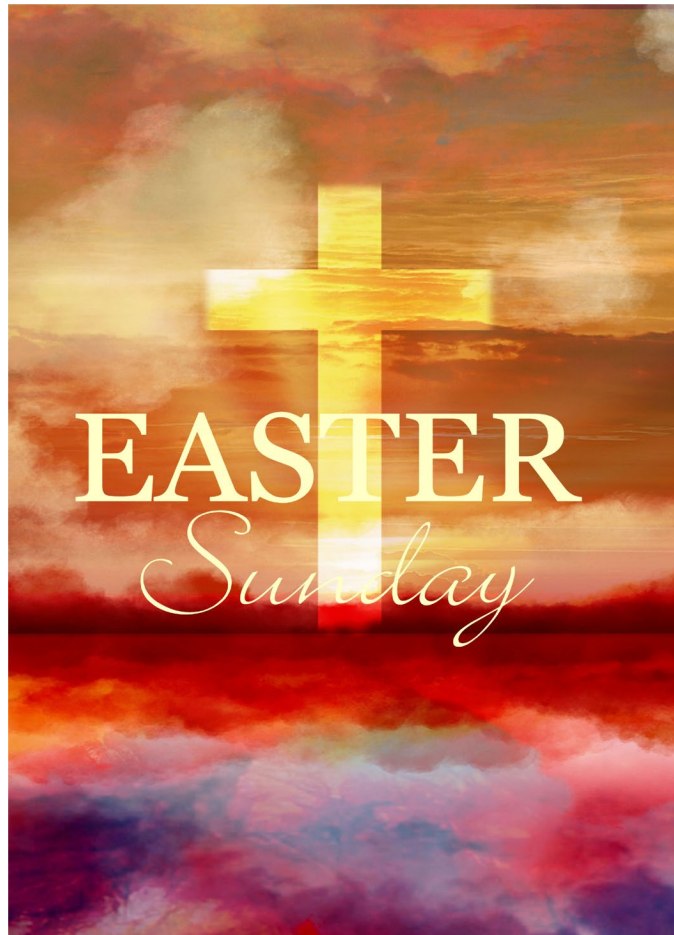


St. John Lutheran Church & School
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Serving Us Today:
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Large Print Bulletin

(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 water in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who choose. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... At last! The day of Easter is finally here! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The darkness of death is now overwhelmed by the light of Christ's resurrection victory. Satan stands defeated, and death is destroyed. The enemy no longer has power over Christ Jesus, nor does he have claim over your life either! As you bow in faith before Jesus and rise to sing your praises to Him early this Easter morning, may the joy of this day inspire you to find joy in your Savior every day. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there's no better way to begin our Easter celebration than at the break of day, joining together to sing the praises of Him who died yet was raised to life again. "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

Pre-Service Music

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 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!

- 2 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!

3 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!

△ 4 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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Opening Sentences

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends and beyond.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 186

**ALL Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of
all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the
Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

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.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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.

⁹It 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Senior Choir sings “ Resurrection Victory”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to
you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you
are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—
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. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Senior Choir sings “The Lord is Risen Today!”

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb,

they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 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.

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

- 3 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.

- 4 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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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Sermon "A Word of Victory" 1 Corinthians 15: 54-57

Stand

Nicene Creed

**C 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 + of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb Who offered Himself for the sins of the world, Who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. All who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. Christ, the Life, is now risen from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. All wickedness has been put to flight and sin is washed away. Innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. Man is reconciled to God in Christ. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He Who gives light to all creation, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

- 1 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!

- 2 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!

- 3 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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470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,

He doubted the disciples' word.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

C Amen.

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.

The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

△ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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Attendance Last Week: 223
General giving last week: \$7258.00
Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

4 Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 pm
4 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
7 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
7 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am
7 Sunday	Adult Bible Class	10:15 am

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS® BY MARCH 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® from 2023 have until **March 31, 2024**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to St John Lutheran Church and/or School. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE A PASTOR:

The Call Committee, after five Calls, have determined that we have exhausted our first list. We are requesting a new list from District at this time. As part of the Call process, congregation members may nominate an LCMS pastor for consideration in our upcoming Call. Forms are available on in church on the stand with the children's bulletins. When complete, please give them to an Elder, Cathy in the office, or a member of the Call committee. **Nominations MUST be turned in by Sunday, April 7th.**

OUR VACANCY PASTOR is Pastor David Hintz. He will be serving us at St. John until we find the man the Lord has chosen to be our next pastor. His contact information is:

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THE LWML IS COLLECTING GIFTS FROM THE HEART, and we are hoping you can help us. We will be collecting the following items: colorful writing utensils, highlighters, sticky notes, individual packaged snacks (trail mix, granola bars, health bars), packets of Emergen-C or equivalent, single serve coffee, tea or hot chocolate. **If you would like to donate, please put your items in the bins in the card room at St. John by Sunday, April 14th or you can bring them along to the Rally if you plan to attend.** UW campus ministries will be the recipients of these items. The event is hosted by Messiah Lutheran Women's Guild.



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, provided 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 St. John Ladies Aid has placed the ALTAR FLOWERS.

IN MEMORY OF my beloved husband, Ken Fink, from JoAnn Fink.

IN MEMORY OF Ward Durrant, Harry & Kathryn Froelich, and Vicky Hunt, from Pat Durrant.

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

IN MEMORY OF Ken Schuett, Arnold & Jeannette Kretzmann, from Cindy Schuett.

IN MEMORY OF Karl and Joyce Krause from Judy Uchytel

IN HONOR OF our children Ted and Kim, Mark and Terri, from Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen.

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

IN MEMORY OF Jayne Kersten, from Robert Kersten.

IN MEMORY OF Donald Hertzberg, from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Sister, Parents, and Brothers-in-Law, from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Gerald Krause, from Carol Krause, Vicky and Curtis Borgens and family.

IN MEMORY OF Bud Polk from Carolyn Polk, Jim & Stacey, Becky & Jim, and Pam & Greg.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF my Dad Richard Boening from Chris and Dave Dretske.

IN MEMORY OF parents Arnold & Della Dretske, Elmer & Ruth Groskreutz and grandson Justin Rohde, from Donald and Donna Dretske.

IN MEMORY OF our parents Alfred & Edna Wendt, Don & Alice Parsons, from Bob and Karen Wendt.