



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 15, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words “God’s peace be with you”). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. *(Please Remain Standing)*

If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so

(Please Rise)

Processional Hymn: #465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Invocation/Confession/Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: “They have taken my Lord away, and I don’t know where they have put Him!”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hands into His side, I will not believe it.”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

C: We confess: “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)

P: Indeed, God has given us the gift of belief through the water and the Word in our baptism, He has spoken to us through His Word, and we will receive His very body and blood in Holy Communion. Our lips claim belief, but so many times our lives display unbelief.

C: Let shouts of joy and victory resound in the house of the Lord! For His right hand has done mighty things – the power of the Lord has won the victory and

we shall not die, but live and proclaim to the world what the Lord has done!
(Psalm 118:15-17)

P: Death, where is your victory?

C: Defeated by the right hand of God!

P: Death, where is your sting?

C: Defeated by the power of the Gospel!

P: And who is this champion that has defeated death?

All: Jesus Christ our Lord! All praise and thanks to God for the victory He gives us in His Son, Jesus.

P: Then let the celebration begin!

C: He is risen indeed!

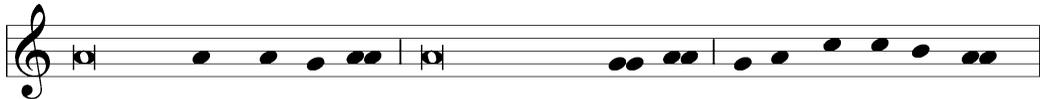
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



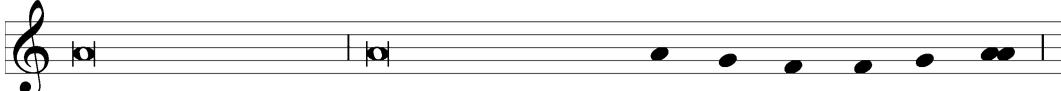
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



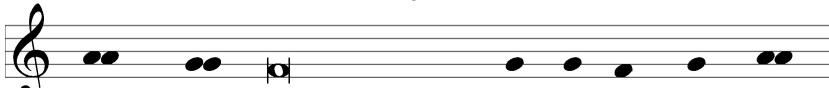
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



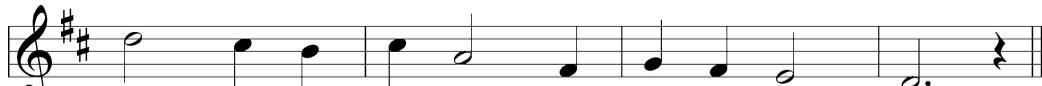
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be people of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Psalm 37:3-7, 16-19, 23-29 (read responsively)

³ Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

⁴ **Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

⁶ **He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.**

⁷ Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

¹⁶ **A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.**

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the Lord upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ **The Lord knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.**

¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²³ **The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.**

²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds *him with* His hand.

²⁵ **I have been young, and *now* am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.**

²⁶ *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed.

²⁷ **Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.**

²⁸ For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ **The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:3; 3:7-14

³ Let nothing *be done* through **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,** ¹¹ **if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

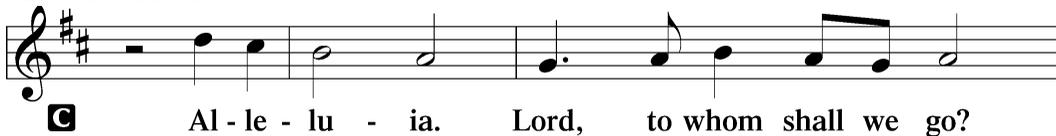
¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



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



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

Holy Gospel: Mathew 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵ For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; ³⁶ and 'a man's enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.' ³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #484 "Make Songs of Joy"

Sermon: "Christian Ambitions"

Sermon Outline

I. _____ Ambitions (2:3; 3:7-8)

II. _____ Ambitions (vs. 8-9)

III. _____ Ambitions (vs. 10-11)

A. To Know _____!

B. To Know the _____ of His _____!

C. To Know the _____ of His _____!

D. To Know _____!

Offer Unto the Lord! The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) *“First Fruits”*: i.e. Set aside a portion for God **FIRST**. He gets the best, not the leftovers.
- 2) *“Portion/Percentage giving”*: Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament *“tithes”* was 10%; certainly *“this side”* of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!
- 3) *“God’s Blessings”*: God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Offertory Anthem “Now the Green Blade Riseth” French medieval carol
set by Kenneth T. Kosche
(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
(Sung to the tune of Hymn #493: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Confession of Faith

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. His sovereign power has raised His Son from the dead and His eternal love has given us eternal life. He is indeed the Father Almighty.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and came to earth as a human, born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and

died and went down to hell, announcing the victory of Almighty God over the evil one; the battle was over, and on the third day He rose from the dead and is alive!

And we believe this by the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who calls, gathers and enlightens us and the whole Christian Church on earth. By His guidance, we will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. And we believe Jesus will come again and take us home to live with Him forever. This is the message of Easter – this is the basis of our faith! Thus we believe and confess with our mouths, Alleluia! Amen.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

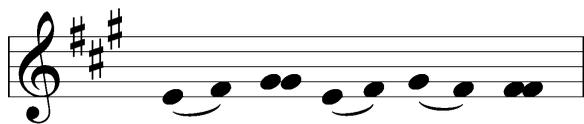
St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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.

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Words of Jesus

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

**Distribution Hymns: #470 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”
#466 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”**

(Please Stand)

Post Communion Praise –Thank the Lord

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #821 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Postlude “Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux”

Nicholas de Grigny

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane Davidson in memory of Debbie Davidson.

Today’s Ushers: Holly Wilson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Bob Burke, Tom Baldwin; Late Service – Dale Mierisch, Steve Anderson

Lector: Early Service – Jenelle Lanham, Late Service – Allen Hall

Altar Guild for April: Jackie Downey, Clare Adamick, Sarah Strahm

Lock-ups for April: Glenn Rullman, D8on Henderson

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for April: Canned Fruit (applesauce, peaches, etc.)

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsww.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

St. John’s Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include “St John’s Prayer and Care Notes Subscription” in the subject line of your email.
 - You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.