



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

**April 22, 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: #487 “Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

### **Call to Worship**

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is Risen, indeed!**

P: We worship the Risen Lord, Christ!

**C: Who died for our sins, and He was buried, and He was raised on the third day.**

P: And raised, He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve, then to more than 500 of the brothers at one time.

**C: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruit, and in Christ, all shall be made alive.**

P: He humbled Himself, and became obedient, to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**C: Therefore, God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him, the name which is above every name.**

P: That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth.

**C: And that every tongue should confess, that Jesus Christ, is Lord.**

*(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: Psalm 33:1-8**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!  
*For praise from the upright is beautiful.*

<sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp;  
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

<sup>3</sup> Sing to Him a new song;  
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

<sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord *is* right,  
And all His work *is done* in truth.

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

<sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;<sup>[a]</sup>  
He lays up the deep in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

<sup>5</sup> Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

<sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

<sup>9</sup> Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## Alleluia and Verse



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

## Holy Gospel: John 16:20-24

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

<sup>23</sup> "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #808 "O Sing to the Lord"

Sermon: "Our Untouchable Joy"

**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 *“tithe”* 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 “Awake, My Heart”**

from The Sacred Harp

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

*(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 †

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:** #475 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”  
 #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*(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: #643 “Sent Forth By God’s Blessings”**

**Postlude “Toccata in G Major”**

William Hieronymous Pachelbel



**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Dave & Gayle Barcio in honor of Arline Urban's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Today's Ushers:** Holly Wilson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Rich Essbach, Bill Thorpe; Late Service – Larry Bowman, Mark Meier

**Lector:** Early Service – Claudia Essbach, Late Service – Lynne Wagenknecht

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

**Lock-ups for April:** Glenn Rullman, Don 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://stjohnsws.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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com**

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**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**

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