



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

April 18, 2020 – 10:30 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

(Please Rise)

Opening Hymn: #657 "A Mighty Fortress"

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

First Lesson: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,

And I shall keep it *to* the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;

Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,

For I delight in it.

³⁶ Incline my heart to Your testimonies,

And not to covetousness.

³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,

And revive me in Your way.

³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant,

Who *is devoted* to fearing You.

³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I dread,

For Your judgments *are* good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for Your precepts;

Revive me in Your righteousness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Rise)

Holy Gospel: John 7:14-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. ¹⁵ And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

¹⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. ¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.
Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: #655 "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Sermon: "Worms?"

Music for Meditation: "Christ Is Arisen" #459 Hymnal set by Anton Wilhelm Leupold

(Please Rise)

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 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.**

Sanctus

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 Institution

(Please Be Seated)

Communion Distribution by Continuous Line

**Distribution Hymns: #644 "The Church's One Foundation"
#556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**

Nunc Dimittis

**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.**

Prayer

Benediction

**L: 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.

Closing Hymn: #578 "Thy Strong Word" (vs. 1-4,6)

Postlude: "Fugue"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Dot Cleary in memory of Bob's birthday and Kathleen & Bruce Sawicki's 30th anniversary.

Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Bob Burke; 10:30am – Steve Anderson

Lector: 8:30am – Jackie Downey, 10:30am – Nathan Kottlowski

Altar Guild for April: Jackie Downey, Sue & Ted Frake, Clare Adamick

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads and notate any changes.

Crisis Control Item for April: Instant Oatmeal



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class begins 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 5th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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Nathan Kottlowski, Principal
Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool
Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship
Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

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