

The Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

A Festive Ring
Youth Bell Choir

Michael Burkhardt

Ring of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW #729. vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day: L: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Psalms 30:1-5

L: ¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: ² O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

L: ³ You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
C: ⁴ **Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
L: ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"
¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!"
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Anthem

Day of Arising
Senior Choir

Cherwien/Burkhardt

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: John 21:4-14

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Senior Reflections

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering Hymn

I Come with Joy

ELW #482

Offering Prayer

L: : Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: God of grace,... **C: ...hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Songs during Communion: *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW #661;

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word ELW #663

Prayer Following Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Benediction

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

You Servants of God

ELW #825

Postlude

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

Michael Bedford

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, May 4	8:30 & 10:30am
	9:30am
	7pm
Wed, May 7	6pm
	7pm
Sat, May 10	3pm
Sun, May 11	8:30 & 10:30am
	9:30am
	7pm

May 4, 2025 to May 11, 2025

Worship services w/comm, 4th
 Grade Communion, Senior Sunday,
 New Member Sunday
 Sunday School & Sr Choir
 Mens Choir
 Youth Bells
 Sr Bells
 Baptism, off site
 Worship Service, Choir
 Recognition
 Sunday School
 Mens Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Apr 30, 2025**

Actual Income	\$ 75,834
Actual Expenses	63,468

Jan 1 – Apr 30, 2025

Budget Expenses	68,569
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Attendance

Last Sunday	63
2025 Average	99
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am	Irv & Chris Engstrom Fosaaen
	10:30am	
Ushers	8:30am	Dan & Lori Treangen, Jon Payne
	10:30am	Donna Wood
Readers	8:30am	Chris Engstrom
	10:30am	Vickie Larson
Comm Prep	8:30am	Ron Dahlstrom, Linda Groe
	10:30am	Rosanne Wicks
Comm Asst	8:30am	Nona Sawyer, Sarah Bieber,
		Chris Stuckman
	10:30am	
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given with Church Funds. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Note: you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.

We are accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by calling the Church Office or talking to Pastor Bryan.

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

Thank You to all who shared a lily with us during this Easter season:

Given In Loving Memory of:

All loved ones by Bill & Becky Roe Family
All loved ones by Cindy & David Wuebker
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All loved ones by Dan & Lori Treangen
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Eric Halverson by Russ & Mary Jo Meyer & Family
Julie Bieber by James Bieber Family
Nathan Bieber by James Bieber Family
Sue Bieber by James Bieber
Family Loved Ones by Randy & Lori Hesse
Christopher Ely Mirich by Jill Kistler Mirich
Irene & A.V. Palmer by Evonne & Richard Kistler & Family

Given in Honor of:

Greg & Marlene Palmer by Lee & Chris Ellickson Family

Given by: Peggy Slaughter
Betty White

If you are planning on attending summer camp, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible as we are handing out checks on May 25 at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$275 from the Trust Fund & \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund.

Seniors graduating from High School are: Keeran Barr, Layne Dahlberg, Olivia Dougherty, Dalton Ellickson, McKinley Rostvold, Sarah Stock & Brandon Teslow.

4th Graders receiving 1st Communion today are: Hillary Cook & Sheylynn Neuzil.

New member received today is: Caleb Roffman.