

“He is not here, but is risen: Luke 24:6

If this is your first time to worship with us, please sign our Guest Book in the entry hall of the church. If you have questions about our facilities, the order of service, or if you need help with anything at all, see our Greeters or Ushers of the day. You can also ask any member for assistance. We pray this service is a blessing for everyone in attendance and that you'll all worship again soon. All who believe are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Please fill out an attendance card and indicate if you would like to partake and hand to the Usher during Communion.

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

"The Day of Resurrection"

St. John Handbells

Henry Smart/arr. Frances L. Callahan

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

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

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise (First verse only)

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

The First Lesson is from the book of Acts; the tenth chapter

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

The second Lesson is from the book of 1 Corinthians the fifteenth chapter

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
(1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke; the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ken Weiss

Sermon

Pastor Ken Weiss

Hymn of the Day

"Thine Is the Glory"

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of grace

C: Hear our prayer.

The Sharing of the Peace

The Offering

Offering Response

“Doxology”

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

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Holy Holy Holy

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Words of Institution

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.

Canticle “Lamb of God”

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The Distribution

All who believe in the Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to partake. Please fill out an attendance card to indicate your intention to participate and hand it to the usher

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.

Sending Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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 4-23 Karen Tiner
 4-24 Lauryn Locke
 4-25 Cheryl Mellenthin



4-21 Alan and Ruth Walker
 4-25 Kyle and Laurie Eckhardt

4-27
 Sunday School / Confirmation,
 Choir Practice 9:00
 Worship Service /Children's Church
 10:00 am
Don Allphin
 4-28
 Handbell Practice
 4-29
 St John Quilting Ministry
 9:00 am
 5-4 Sunday School / Confirmation/
 Choir Practice 9:00 am
 Communion Worship Service /
 Children's Church
 10:00 am
Pastor Dietrich
" Honoring our
2025 Seniors "during Worship.
Reception to follow !
Hosted by The St John
Quilting Ministry

Prevailing Prayer List
 James and Carol Wenzel
 Ronnie and Bonnie Smith
 Deana Keller
 Roy Dierschke
 Carolyn Rash
 Mike Rankin
 Carol Smith
 Nic Norboge
 Emily Drymala
 Kendall Manna
 Molly Arndt
 Alfred Tomasek
 Tristan
 Jerry Henneke
 Lupe Nava
 Theresa Luetge
 Zachary Schulke
 Kathy Painchaud
 Delores Dittert
 William Hegemeyer
 Sara Wit
 MaryAnn Inghish
 Val Kite
 The family and friends of
 Ed Story, in their time of sorrow.

WELCA
 would like to thank everyone
 who donated towards the
 Altar Easter Flowers this
 Easter season.
 The white lily symbolizes purity,
 rebirth, new beginnings and hope.
We appreciate your support !

**MEMBERS IN OUR
 CARE**
Colonial Bell– Sealy
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 Carrie Froebel
Columbus Oaks
 Marilyn Wendt
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The Easter Bunny's origins are largely attributed to German immigrants in the 18th century, who brought the tradition of the "Osterhase" (or "Oschter Haws") to America. This German tradition involved children creating nests for the egg-laying hare to hide its eggs. The Easter Bunny gradually spread across North America, eventually becoming a widespread symbol of the holiday.

April 2025 Ministry Duties

St. John Lutheran Church Cat Spring

Flowers: Unless there is an * asterisk by your name, the altar guild understands that you will supply the flowers or plant for that Sunday. If problem arises please call office at 979-865-5444 or Ruth Walker, Flower Guild, at 713-816-0629. If you cannot fulfill one of these duties, just call office! Council on Duty- If you cant make it on scheduled day, please check with other Council to trade Sundays.

Date	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers	
4-20	 Easter Pastor Ken	Robin and Mary	Rhett	Don	Easter Flowers
4-27	 Don Allphin	Doug	Riley	Pauline	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

April 2025 Altar Guild

Jheri Sell Laurie Eckardt

Flower Guild
Ruth Walker



A BIG Thank You

To everyone who participated in our Dinner and Devotional during Lent!

Whether you prepared a meal for the Lenten Dinner, helped set up and got the Fellowship Hall ready for guests, joined us in fellowship or jumped feet in first to lead a devotional. . .

We Appreciate You

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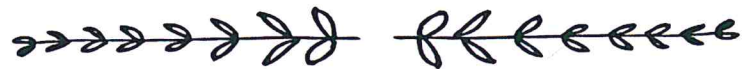
SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 4th during worship

Honoring our 2025 Seniors

Skylar Ordner  Remmington Reichardt

Light lunch reception following in the Fellowship hall.



Confirmation Sunday May 18th

Two of our youth have completed their confirmation studies and are ready to confirm their faith.

Brooklynn Logan



Bexley Nelson

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for their reception.



Don't forget to fill out the attendance card !!!