

# ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



**SELC**  
**LCMS**



**Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 9am**



## **Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Stephen Adamoyurka III- *Crucifer***

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!**

**It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!**



## To Our Visitors



### What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



## **Easter IV Sunday – Jubilate**

**Processional Hymn: 478 The Day of Resurrection**

**Confession and Absolution – *LSB p.184***

Stand

## Service of the Word



**Introit** - Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth.
- C** **Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**
- P** Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
- C** **So great is your power that even your enemies come to you.”**
- P** Come and see what God has done:
- C** **He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**
- P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
- C** **He kept our soul among the living and did not let us slip.**
- C** **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.**
- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth.
- C** **Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

**Kyrie** - *LSB p.186*

**Gloria in Excelsis** - *LSB p.186*



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Sit

## First Reading – Isaiah 40:25–31

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual – adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

**L** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**L** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** He has put all things under his feet.

## Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 2:11–20

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it

be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

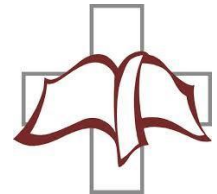
<sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluias** - *LSB p.190*



**Holy Gospel** – John 16:16-22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has

sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** - *LSB p.191*

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 464 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done**

**Sermon: “A Magician, Mad, or the Man of God!”**

*Stand*

**Offertory** - *LSB p.192*

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface** - *LSB p.194*

**Sanctus**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**



*Sit*

## **Distribution**

*(Hymns 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior,  
621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)*



*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis - LSB p.199**

**Thanksgiving & Post-Communion Collect**

**Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

### Prayers for Members

We encourage you this week to pray for:

Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Lucille Adamoyurka,  
Tom, Sylvia, Stacy, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Peter Panco,  
Irene Beishline, Bob & Pat Onder, Bob Mandak, Bill Ray,  
Lorraine and Jack Ross, Paul Kowalczyk, and Bob Drummond

May the Lord continue to unite and bless us in the faith.

### Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

### This Week at St. John's

**Saturday** - Community Luncheon at 11am

- Divine Service at 7pm with Pastor Haenftling

*(No Service Sunday)*

## Our Stewardship at a Glance

Easter Sunday Morning Worship: 41 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Jolene Evancho and Chuck Zschunke

Communion Assistant: Dave Trovitch

Counters: Mike Marsayda and Chuck Zschunke

Flowers:

Memorials: \$100 ,Ann Daniels; \$50, Bruce & Denise Daniels; \$50, Robert & Ann Maselkevich; \$50, Mark & JoAnn Daniels; Health and God's Blessings for Emil Daniels, on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 25, 2004.

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## Mission/Vision Statement

“We are faith-Growing Followers of Christ,  
Reaching out in Response to God's Love”

St. John's Lutheran Church has a 'Take it or Leave it' food trolley. Donations received may be a welcome relief to the visitor who is looking for a little help here and there. Thank you!!

## **Altar Flowers**



Flower arrangements typically cost **\$40**.



***Thank you.***