

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 9am



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dan Starry - *Deacon*
Stephen Adamoyurka III - *Acolyte*
Vaughn Naumann - *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 III Sunday – Misericordias Domini

Processional Hymn: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Confession and Absolution - LSB p.151

Stand

Service of the Word



Introit - Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a

- P** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- C** **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.**
- P** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
- C** **Praise befits the upright.**
- P** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
- C** **On those who hope in his steadfast love,**
- P** That he may deliver their soul from death
- C** **And keep them alive in famine.**
- P** Our soul waits for the LORD;
- C** **He is our help and our shield.**
- 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** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- C** **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.**

Kyrie - *LSB p.152*

This Is the Feast - *LSB p.155*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

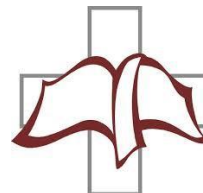
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Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual - From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

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

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

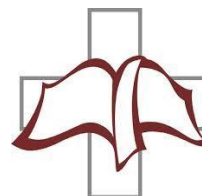
C He has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading - 1 Peter 2:21–25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Alleluia and Verse - LSB p.156

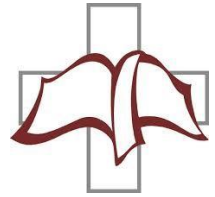
Holy Gospel – John 10:11-16

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

After the lesson is read from the nave:



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Sermon: “Shepherd like a King; Reign like a Shepherd!”

Stand

Apostles’ Creed - LSB p.159

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory - LSB p.159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - LSB p.160

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words and Declaration of Our Lord

Lord’s Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei



Sit

**Distribution (774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy,
618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table)**

Stand

Thank the Lord - LSB p.164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Council Meeting after the service

Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

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, Ann Gangwer, Bob Mandak,
Denae Starry, Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, Paul Kowalczyk,
The Dice family, The Mumaw family, and Bob Drummond

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

Mission/Vision Statement

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

Dessert sponsor need for April community meal.

Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 32 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Jolene Evancho and Chuck Zschunke

Communion Assistant: Dan Starry

Counters: Lucille Adamoyurka and Lorraine Ray

Flowers: To the Glory of God and in Honor of Bob & Gertie Ann Mandak's great grandchildren, Mason Moppin, and Kinsley Hart.

Parish House: \$50.00

Memorial: \$100.00, In Memory of my Mother, Elizabeth Junas, on the 122nd Anniversary of her birth (4-14-1902), from Bob Junas

This Week at St. John's

Wednesday - Confirmation Class at 6pm

Thursday - Men's Night at the Tap and Humboldt at 7pm

Sunday - Divine Service at 9am

- Sunday School and Bible Study after the service

Note in your calendars:

Pastor Naumann will be away the weekends of April 27th & May 4th.

Pastor Haenftling will lead divine services those *Saturdays at 7pm*
(NOT Sundays)



Like, subscribe, and share the divine service
from the church's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjohnshazleton



Ruth Maita has served the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a missionary in the Latin America and the Caribbean region from 2013–2015, and again from 2018–present. In 2017, Ruth married Gustavo Maita, who attended Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and they now serve together in Puerto Rico. In her role as a missionary teacher and outreach assistant, Ruth uses her background in education to lead educational outreach at LCMS mercy centers in Puerto Rico established by LCMS

Disaster Response following the impact of Hurricane Maria on the area. She also supports her husband in his ministry as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and provides musical accompaniment for the church's services.

Ruth was born in St. Thomas, Ontario. She received bachelor's degrees in mathematics and education in Canada, and certification as a Lutheran educator through Concordia University Education Network's online colloquy program. In between her service as a GEO missionary in the Dominican Republic from 2013–2015 and her current service, Ruth taught at St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Myers, Fla. In her free time, Ruth enjoys cleaning her home and gardening.

Gustavo was born in Maturin, Venezuela, and received a bachelor's degree in theology from Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Argentina. From 2017–2022, he served as a regional disaster response coordinator for LCMS Disaster Response, and since April 2018 has also served as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez. In his free time, Gustavo enjoys cooking, BBQing, and doing "handy-man" jobs such as building and fixing things.

Please pray for the Maitas as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray that God would grant them steadfastness as He guides them in their service. Ask God to give them opportunities to connect students with the church. Pray also for their children, Mikhaela and Isaiah, who work alongside them and bring joy to many.



Pray daily for Gustavo and Ruth – and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/maita

Learn about LCMS international work at international.lcms.org

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DIVINE SERVICE
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**If all Jesus had to do was die,
then why is Easter such a big deal?**

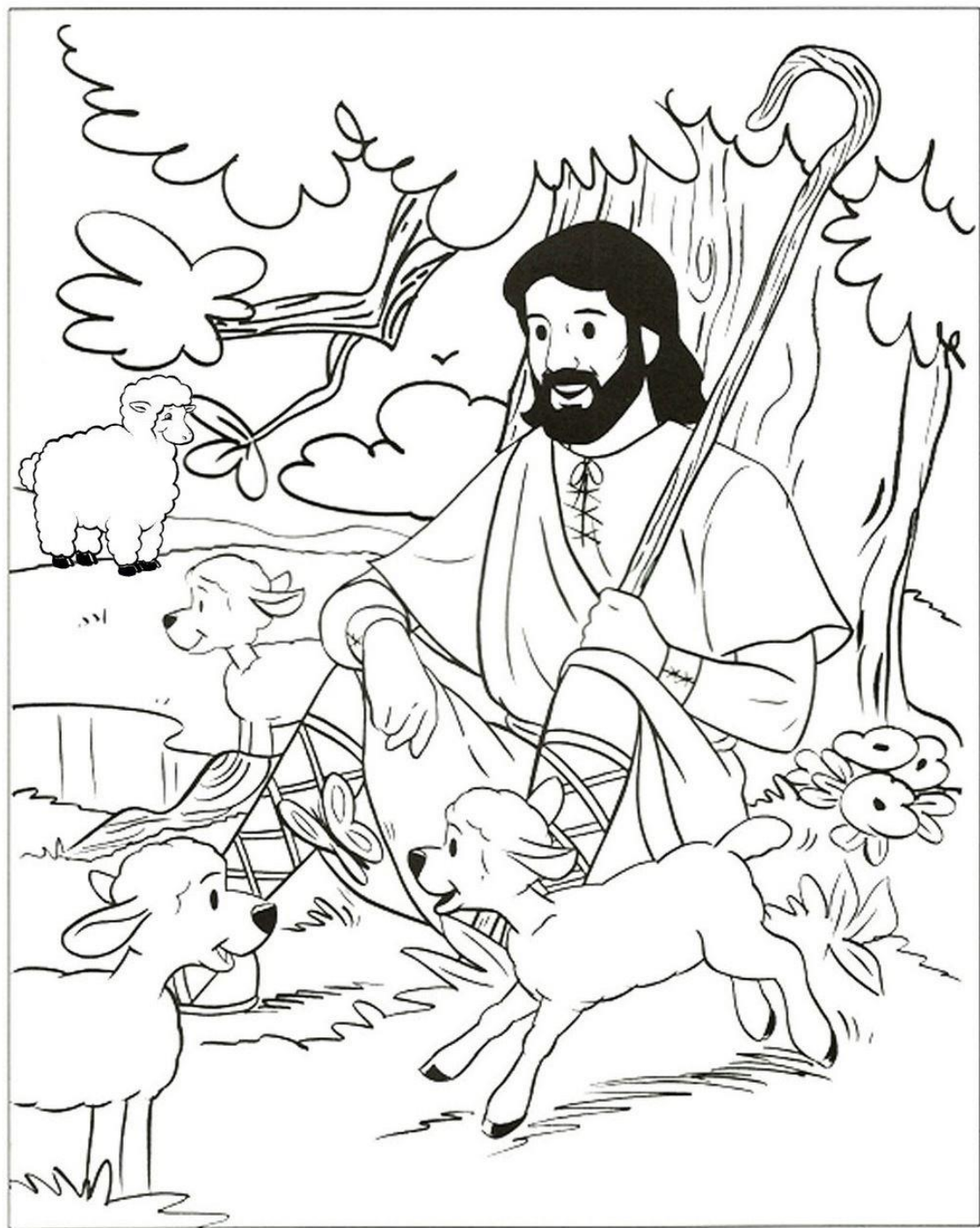
Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdalene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Help the shepherd guide his lamb.

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