



>Welcome

“Renewed and Remade”

April 23, 2023



ST. JOHN'S

Lutheran Church

Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It truly is an honor to have you worshipping with us this morning and it is our prayer that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness! If you are visiting with us today, please take one of the visitor gift bags from the visitors' center.

At St. John's we are pleased to offer a variety of service formats on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshipping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need any assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

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THIRD OF SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023 | 8:30 A.M.

Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Vv. 1-4)

LSB 461

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION OF SIN AND JESUS' FORGIVENESS

L: As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we sin daily. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and to hear His living and abiding Word.

Silence for reflection.

L: Heavenly Father,

C: we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Lord, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us. Amen.

L: "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise 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.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD *Acts 2:14, 36-41*

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who

through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (ESV)

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C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the

morning,²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Aaron Bird

SERMON HYMN

Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow (Vv. 1,2,3,5)

LSB 476

SERMON

“Renewed and Remade”

Luke 24:13–35

Pastor Adam Ray

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERING

Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord, in Your mercy"

People respond with: "hear our prayer"

LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$8,118.00
Online Giving.....	\$4,523.11
Total.....	\$12,641.11

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.....	149
11:00 a.m.....	70
Total.....	219
Wednesday Adult Bible Study.....	13

THIRD OF SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

House of The Lord

Goodness of God

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

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LORD'S PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

My Lighthouse

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Adam Ray
Worship Leader	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader	Jill Davis
Lay Minister	8:30 – Larry Westbrook 11:00 – Mike Baggett
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – David Vanskike 11:00 – Pam Saurmann/Dan Zimmerman
Computer	8:30 – Anne Jesgarz 11:00 – Julia Cushing
Live Stream	11:00 – Matt Cushing
Camera	11:00 – Matt Cushing
Sound	8:30 – Jessie Denning 11:00 – Doug Hicks
Vocals	Kristin Hesse, Lindsay Tipsword, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Wendy Salefski
Piano	Ted Hesse

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God's Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Kaleb Blakeman, Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Altar Guild: Drew Miller is hosting a meeting for Altar Guild volunteers between services this Sunday in the lounge. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update, discuss next steps, and answer any questions you may have.

Blood Drive: St John's is sponsoring a blood drive from 12:00 to 4:30 PM on this Thursday, April 27th. Donors will receive info about claiming a \$10 gift card or a cooler tote. Sign up after the 8:30 or before the 11 am services on any Sunday in April. Other sign-up options include ImpactLife at 800-747- 5401 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. Please bring a photo ID. ImpactLife is the sole supplier of blood to DMH and St. Mary's. The need is real. Please consider a donation.

Samaritan Inn: St. John's volunteers are scheduled to serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Sunday, April 23rd. We need volunteers to come to prepare the meal, and to serve. Please let Jerry Pelz know if you can help.

LWML Meeting Sunday, April 30th, in Fellowship Hall after 11:00 service (noonish)? We will be hearing from Evangelism about their current book study and the future direction of our congregation. We will also be discussing what St. John's LWML can offer the congregation to make it a more inclusive ministry to reach and encourage younger women. Lunch will be provided. Free will donation for LWML will be collected. In order to ensure we have enough, please RSVP by text to Brenda Salogga at 217-429-9183 or email: dnbsal@comcast.net.

LWML Collection Box will be at the back of sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month. LWML has collected \$221.80 in 2023 as of March 26th.

Chicken Noodle Dinner will be Sunday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adults – \$10.00 and Children 12 and under – \$4.00. Menu: Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert, and drink. Tickets will be available starting this Sunday and in the church office. A

limited amount of Gluten Free Chicken Noodle Dinners will be available, please request ahead of time. Dinner is provided by the Ladies Friendship Circle. If you can make a dessert, please sign-up on the back table.

Nelson's Chicken Dinner: Boy Scout Troop 104 is selling tickets for a Chicken Dinner. Dinner includes Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Roll. The dinners will be available for pick up on Friday, April 28th between 4:30–6:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$12.00 each and may be purchased in the church office during office hours.

Hanging Baskets Youth Fundraiser: The youth are selling 25 inch Hanging Flower Baskets in time for Mother's Day. Cost is \$32.00. Pick-up an order form on the back table of the sanctuary or in the church office. Deadline is Fri., May 7th. Proceeds benefit St. John's Youth. Flowers will be delivered Wed., May 10th. Talk to Malinda if you have any questions.

LWML Convention: Registration packets for the LWML convention are on the table at the back of the church. The CID Convention is in Quincy, IL, April 28–29. The National Convention is in Milwaukee, WI, June 22–25.

The Old Blue Hymnals are on the back table in the sanctuary. They will be there for two weeks. Feel free to take one.

Bus Trip: We have tickets for Million Dollar Quartet on Wed., July 26th; and Church Basement Ladies 2 – A Second Helping on Sun., August 27th at the Little Theatre in Sullivan. Shows are 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending one or both of these productions, please contact Jerry Pelz at 217-433-2961 or the church office. Cost for each show will be \$40. More information will be provided closer to the date of the show.

LSA is seeking a part-time Math Teacher to provide daily math instruction to grades 7–9, including Pre-Algebra and Algebra. 25–30 hours per week. Interested candidates should contact Brian with resume at bbooth@lsadecatur.net.

Grab a St. John's Magnet on your way out and take one for a friend.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
- 9:45 A.M. Education Hour
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
- 6-8 P.M. Sr. High Youth Groups

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Parish Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study
- 4:15 P.M. Nominating Committee Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Hang-Out at Malinda's

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 12:00-5:00 P.M. Blood Drive (FH)
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 3:30-7:30 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
- 9:45 A.M. Education Hour
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
- 12:00 P.M. LWML Meeting (FH)