

# ***St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School***

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**Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



***Easter 3—Apr 18 & 20 2021***

***“Welcome Visitors and Members!”***

*(Visitors, you may find helpful information on the back cover.)*

*Focus: The blessings of Easter belong to ALL Through The Word.*

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This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He  
 2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And  
 3 Ho - san - na to the a - nointed King, To  
 4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came With  
 5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The



calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice; let  
 Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his  
 Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
 mes - sag - es of grace, Who came in God the  
 Church on earth shall raise; The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
 tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.  
 scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne.  
 Fa - ther's name To save our sin - ful race.  
 which he reigns, Shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a quarter rest followed by a series of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. The second line continues with quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, followed by a quarter rest and a quarter note D4. The third line features a half note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The fourth line starts with a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The fifth line begins with a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The sixth line concludes with a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of one line of music. The melody begins with a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

## THE WORD

### **First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

*<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup>if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.*

*<sup>12</sup>"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."*

## Psalm 67

### Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

### Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

### Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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.**

### Refrain

**Second Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2**

*<sup>5</sup>This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.*

*My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.*

**Verse of the Day: Luke 24:32**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our hearts were burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road, and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us. Alleluia!*



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

<sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup>He took it and ate in front of them. <sup>44</sup>He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

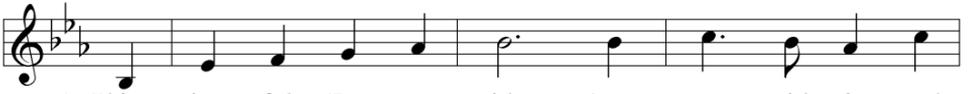
<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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## This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

**SERMON TEXT: 1 John 1:5-2:2**

**KEEP EASTER JOY ALIVE**

**I. Hear God's law and confess our sins.**

**II. Hear God's gospel and rejoice in our forgiveness.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**WELS CONNECTION**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,**  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

## 771 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



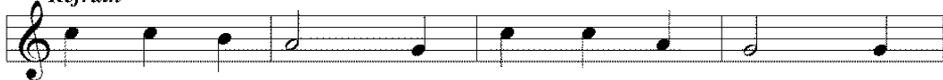
I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;  
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



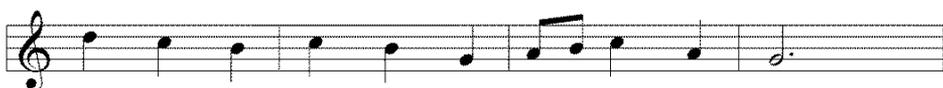
The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

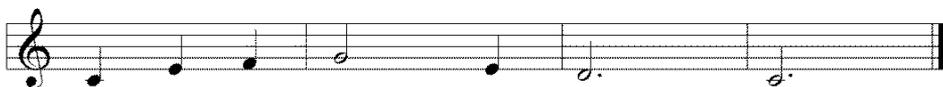
In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## ***This Week at St. John's: April 18, 2021***

### **SERVING US TODAY**

Greeters: Donna Anding & Rosie Murphy

Ushers: Team 2- Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Judy Quicker

Donating Bulletins: Lee & Joan Kurasz for Joan's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday

Donating Website in April: Gloria Hamm

### **SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY**

Greeters: Joel & Darlene Zschernitz

Ushers: Team 3- Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Jean Goetz & Ashley Leiterman

### **CHURCH NEWS**

***Sunday School:*** Sunday School will be held today from 10:15-11:30 in the school for Grades 1-8. Children in PreK and Kindergarten are invited down to the church basement from 10:15-11:15 for a Bible story, activities, and play time.

***Bible Class:*** Bible Class will be held as normal today. Please join us in the church basement after the worship service.

***Hospitalized:*** Bob Cords' recovery is going well. He is expecting to be home soon. Let's keep him in our prayers.

***Our Prayers & Sympathies:*** Many of you know former members Tom & Marilynne Maciejczak. (In case you didn't know, Marilynne taught here in our school for many years, and Tom served on the council and was one of our congregational chairmen.) Tom was taken home to heaven this past Monday. His funeral will be held tomorrow (4/19) at St. Jacobi Lutheran Church in Greenfield, with visitation from 10:30 to 12:30 and the service beginning at 12:30.

*If you'd like to send Marilynne a card or letter, her address is:*  
228 DeClark St.

*Beaver Dam, WI 53916*

*Let's keep Marilynne and her family in our prayers as they look forward to a blessed reunion in heaven.*

***Congratulations and Welcome:*** We congratulate Mike Glassbrenner and Rianna White, who were married here in a private ceremony yesterday. We also congratulate Rianna on

her baptism, which took place yesterday as well. Mike & Rianna have completed adult instruction class, and we are happy to welcome them and their children, Miles and Lilyana, as new members. Let's make them feel at home!

**Ascension Service:** We will be having an Ascension Day worship service on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at **6:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars.

**Playground Fundraiser:** We wanted to give the members of our congregation, along with families and children in our school and ELC, a chance to help raise money for our playground over the month of April. We are offering Berres Brothers coffee, personalized to our school with special names. We are selling 10 oz. bags and K-cups of a variety of coffees for \$10 each. Order forms are available on the table in the entryway. Please spread the word and ask family members and friends to help us out. The last day to order is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Order forms and checks can be turned in to the school office. All proceeds will go to the ELC playground fund.

**Outdoor Garden:** Last summer we had a small outdoor garden in the playground area that the children who were in childcare for the summer helped to take care of. We are planning on having a garden again this summer. We are in need of mulch and garden soil. If you have questions on what exactly is needed or how much, please talk to Alice Glinski.

**Church Music:** On Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a meeting to discuss plans for May and the summer months. Anyone interested in joining or helping plan ways we can use our gifts to serve God with music are welcome. We will not be practicing that night, in order to focus on planning. Words from Martin Luther are fitting, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." Please feel free to contact Brandon Leiterman with any questions you may have.

**Upcoming Events:** May will be a busy month. Below is a list of some upcoming events. Please watch for further details and more information as these events get closer.

**Arbor Day:** We are planning to have the students do some indoor and outdoor cleaning. This will happen early in May; no specific date has been set.

**3K/4K Graduation:** This will be separated into two different nights. We are planning 3K graduation for May 19, and 4K graduation for May 20.

**Music, Literature, Skit Night:** We are expecting to have this; tentative date is Friday, May 21.

**Sports Day:** This will be held; tentative date is Monday, May 24, depending on weather and other factors.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** Details have not yet been decided.

**Last Day of School:** Last day is Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be giving out awards for Honor Roll and Attendance at our chapel service that morning, to which parents will be invited.

We would like to have our picnic/potluck lunch for parents and students on the last day, hopefully outside (weather permitting).

**WELS Weekly Prayer:** Commission on Discipleship – Lord Jesus, you have called us to be your disciples and to follow your Word of truth, which promises everlasting life. We ask you to bless our synod’s Commission on Discipleship as it seeks to assist congregations in making and encouraging your disciples of all ages. Guide Pastor Donn Dobberstein and the commission as they develop important tools, resources, and programs that will encourage congregations in spiritual growth. As congregations use these resources, bless them with spiritual growth and a firm trust in your promises and care. Keep us all focused on your powerful gospel, which directs our hearts and minds to you, our Lord and Savior, and everything you have done for us. Amen.

**LWMS Virtual Spring Rally:** The spring rally of the Wisconsin River Valley Circuit of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society will be available for viewing on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. To view, go to the Wisconsin River Valley LWMS YouTube Channel at the following link: [t.ly/uF2b](https://t.ly/uF2b).

**Worship the Lord with Gladness:**

Sunday: 94; Tuesday: 7

**Worship with Our Care of God’s Wealth:**

Thankoffering Given Last Week: \$8,872.53

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Worship Schedule: Sundays at 9:00am & Tuesdays at 6:00pm

Worship Broadcast-Cable Ch. 977: Sun-10:30am & Mon-7pm

## **"Welcome Visitors & Members!"**

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

To assist you in worship, personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.

*Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.*

**We love seeing young children in church** as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.