

Jubilate
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K-9), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit stjls-mattoon.com, or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*

<u>Hymns</u>
741
483 752
719 618
458 741



Prelude
Announcements

Opening Hymn: *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* 741, sts. 1–4
Please stand for the final stanza.

Confession and Absolution page 184

Introit (sung responsively with cantor) *Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; ant: vv. 1–2*



*Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.**

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”*

*Come and see what | God has done:**

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

*who has kept our soul among the | living**

and has not let our | feet slip.

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.**

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsispages 186–189

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of 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

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22–33

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,

“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly

for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bear

the yoke in his youth.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence

when it is laid on him;

²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—

there may yet be hope;

³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,

and let him be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not

cast off forever,

³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict

or grieve the children of men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep 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.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

²⁰For 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

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

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So 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?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus 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’? ²⁰Truly, 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. ²¹When 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. ²²So 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.*

Apostles’ Creed..... page 192

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *With High Delight Let Us Unite*.....483

Sermon

Stand

Offertory: *Create in Me*..... pages 192–193

Sit

Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

Preface through Agnus Dei..... pages 194–198

Sit

Distribution Hymns (as needed)

<i>Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord</i>	637
<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	752
<i>I Leave All Things to God's Direction</i>	719
<i>I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table</i>	618

APRIL HYMN OF THE MONTH

<i>Lo, Judah's Lion Wins the Strife</i>	back page
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Stand

Nunc Dimittis through Benediction..... *pages 199–202*

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense..... **741, sts. 5–8**

Postlude



Easter 4 - <i>Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice</i>

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (John 16:22).

- LCMS Lectionary Summaries

4/21/24
Easter 4

4/28/24
Easter 5

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Peter Eckardt	Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Kevin McReynolds	Kevin McReynolds
Asst. Elder	Mike Colvis	Mike Colvis
Altar Guild	Cindy Phipps	Cindy Phipps
Acolytes	Jack Bowen & Bella Bowen	Ike Houck & Liz Herzberg
Ushers	Scott Harris & Jack Bowen	Scott Harris & Jack Bowen
Special Music		Youth Choir Adult Choir

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Norma Schussler, Marge Anderson, Connie Elder, Rich & Clara Woelber, Kay Pointon, J. Tom Donnell, & Don Traub

Those Shut In: Pat Smith, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin & Judy Schagemann, Art Zuhone, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doehring, & Doris Dallas

Friends of our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Megan Gilbert, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Jim Duey, Larry & Bebe Griffith, Susan Sochowski, Chris Greer, Brooklyn Dotson, Terri Fry, Connie McNeilius, John Bell, Gary Willenborg, Lee Pygott, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Larae Sharp, Dave Jones, Addison Orris, Clint Wilson, Raelle Jackson, Karen Phillips, Jacob McQueen, Bill Crane, & Betty Ann Froemming

Church Announcements

Book Fair: Please join us **for our annual book fair located in the Fellowship Hall TODAY from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.** This is an 1:55 Book Fair. They are a Christian company that doesn't include books that contain story lines or items that would go against our Christian values.

Ladies Aid Meeting: Due to a scheduling conflict, Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, April 25th this month. All are welcome to join!

Save the Date for our next Voter's Meeting which will be June 9, 2024.

In Deuteronomy God tells His people what they are to do with His Word, Moses records, "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." They were to cover the house in God's Word as a reminder to them of who they were, His chosen people.

TOMORROW, April 22, we invite you to help us do the same thing in the new school building. We will have markers ready for you to go around the building and write God's Word on the frame and floor of the building so that we will be surrounded by it daily. You are welcome anytime from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the 22nd.

Annual Reports: Just a reminder that all church organizations must turn in a 2023 annual report to the church office.

Tuition Grant: In April, we will determine tuition grant awards for the school families needing financial assistance. In years past, the church has given \$30,000-\$35,000 of assistance to 20+ families. The account is getting low, which will reduce this amount of assistance for the 2024-25 school year. Please consider giving to the tuition assistance fund (previously known as the scholarship fund). There are envelopes available on the ledge outside of the church office or you can leave a check in the office as well.

Attendance Last Week: 179

Sunday School Attendance:

Adults: 39 **Children:** 23

Giving Numbers-

Budgeted: \$357,807 **Received:** \$360,036

Stewardship Thought: 1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

Schedule for April 21 – April 28

- Sun 9:00 am Divine Service (Easter 4)**
10:20 – 11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm FIRE
6:00 – 8:00 pm Hughes Gym
- Mon 8:00 am Laborers of Love**
3:00 – 5:00 pm Cover it in Scripture Event at New Building
5:30 pm School Board Meeting
- Tue 6:30 am Men’s Bible Study – Honey Bee Café**
3:30 – 4:15 pm Youth Choir
4:30 – 7:30 pm 3rd Grade Idiom Parade in Fellowship Hall
6:00 – 8:00 pm Hughes – Gym
- Wed *La Luna Fundraiser- All Day***
8:30 am Chapel
6:00 – 7:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 – 7:30 pm Adult Choir
- Thurs 10:00 am Bible Class**
7:00 pm Men’s Study in Windsor
- Sat 2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum Gym**
- Sun 9:00 am Divine Service (Easter 5)**
10:20 – 11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School
6:00 – 8:00 pm Hughes Gym

Lo, Judah's Lion Wins the Strife



1 Lo, Ju - dah's Li - on wins the strife And
 2 As Da - vid, so our Da - vid too The
 3 Our strong - est, fierc - est foe he foils And
 4 Our Sam - son storms death's cit - a - del And



con - quers death to give us life. Al - le - lu - ia!
 jeer - ing huge Go - li - ath slew. Al - le - lu - ia!
 waves a - loft the vic - tor's spoils. Al - le - lu - ia!
 car - ries off the gates of hell. Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, join in joy - ful prais - es!
 Oh, sing with fes - tive voic - es!
 Now let us sing his prais - es!
 Oh, praise him for his con - quest!

5 The pow'r of death he broke in two
 When he arose to life anew.
 Alleluia!
 To him all praise be given!

7 In festal spirit, song, and word,
 To Jesus, our victorious Lord,
 Alleluia!
 All praise and thanks be rendered.

6 He frees the prisoned and oppressed
 And pardons all whom sin possessed.
 Alleluia!
 Oh, praise him for his mercy!

8 Praise God, all-holy and triune,
 For this all-gracious, glorious boon;
 Alleluia!
 Now gladly sing we Amen.