



Communion Notice Today we celebrate Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's own body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we believe that participation in this sacrament is also a public confession of unity in the faith we invite communicant members of congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive the sacrament.

We welcome our fellow Christians who wish to come forward but do not share all our beliefs to fold their arms in front of them and receive a blessing. We pray that our common baptism and the continued work of the Holy Spirit will draw us closer to one another and dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that as we are led into all truth from God's Word such divisions will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Let us all express in our hearts a prayerful desire for such unity of faith to be achieved.

General Announcements:

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out a yellow attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor. If you would like information on becoming a member at St. John's, please mark the yellow card accordingly, and we will contact you.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God in honor of Briella Churchill's birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Peg Heitzman, in loving memory of Ron, on what would have been their 70th anniversary.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *John 20:16 – "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'"* Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

OFFERING ENVELOPES If you haven't already picked up your 2026 envelopes, please do so! Also, if you no longer wish to have assigned envelopes, please let the Office know.

USHERS NEEDED If you are willing and able to assist with Usher duties on Sundays, please contact Glen McMillin (309.314.2419). You do not have to commit to a full month at a time. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

ACTIVITIES ROOM CRAFT– He is Risen Wreath On Monday, April 6th, from 1:30-3:30pm, we will be doing a self-led craft of a beautiful wreath made with colorful flowers. There is no cost– supplies are limited to 12 so please sign up!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER Save the date of Friday, April 17th and join us at Riverside Asian Kitchen in LeClaire. We will meet there at 6:00pm. Please sign-up so we can reserve tables.

CALL CANDIDATE VOTER'S MEETING The next vote for a pastoral call will be on Sunday, April 12th at 2:00pm. We have several very good candidates to look at– please come into the office during office hours (*evening availability will be coming as well*) and read about them!

SAVE THE DATE A wedding reception for Caleb Engebrecht and his bride Kimberly will be held at St. John's on June 20th from 12-3pm. All are invited to join the celebration of their union in faith, hope, and love.

LCMS Worker Wellness April is a full month of celebration — both in our Risen Lord and in the work that He still accomplishes through His church. We recognize and give thanks to God for the many volunteers who keep our congregations running smoothly. We also give thanks for our Directors of Parish Music (DPMs) who fill our churches with beautiful music and song. Visit lcms.org/workerwellness for more details.

THANK YOU Bill and Donna Green would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, and our Lord for the healing of our son Kevin's cancer.

***Sunday, April 5th, 2026
Easter Festival– 9:00am
Divine Service Setting IV***

Prelude "*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*" Arr. by: David Gairdinieri

Please rise for the procession
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"Jesus Christ is Risen..." 457
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St. John's Choir "A Gaelic Easter Celebration" Arr. by: Patti Drennan

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Heavenly Ringers "Fanfare for Easter"
By: David Stocker

"Awake, My Heart..." 467
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Postlude "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*"
Arr. by: Carolyn Hamlin and Richard A. Nichols.

The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 5th

6:30am– Easter worship w/Communion
7:30am- Breakfast served by the youth
9:00am– Easter worship w/Communion

Monday, April 6th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes
1:30pm– He Is Risen Wreath crafting
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, April 7th

10:00am- Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, April 8th

10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes
3:30pm– Fellowship committee meeting

Thursday, April 9th

6:30pm– Board Meetings

Saturday, April 11th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, April 12th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school
10:15am– Confirmation instruction
2:00pm– Pastoral Call Voter's Meeting

Bible Study Opportunities

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Ushers:

(6:30am) Evan Antolik and family, and Esther Cashion
(9:00am) Evan Antolik and family

Communion Assistants:

(6:30am) Jim Homann
(9:00am) Kevin McAnally & Jim Homann

Acolyte: Henry Schmidt

Altar Guild: Flo Moore & Margie Schaefer

Musical Accompaniment: Allison and Collin Antolik, Steve Braddy, Caleb Engebrecht, Ben McKay, and Ethan Pritchard

Crucifer: Jackson Merritt

Memory Verse Challenge

Romans 10:9–10

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.



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Happy Easter

HE IS RISEN



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Introit

P I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

C **The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

**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.**

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the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter. “At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’” (*Jer. 31:1-6*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (*1 Cor. 15:1-11*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her. (*John 20:1-18*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Craig & Jill Johanson(15)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Aaron Mueller

Trinity John's Lutheran
Springfield, IL

Members

Perry Aukee

George Aukee

Steven & Theresa Bailey

Drew, Paige, & Palmer Beale

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett-
Ethiopia

Military Chaplains

COL Jacob Scott

LT James Bartok

Ill & Hospitalized

Anita Freitag- Ken

Weidenbach's sister- surgery

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Joan Britton

Bev Brokaw

Chuck Brokaw

Hoa Cooper (Lucille's daughter
- cancer)

Steve Fors

Duane Gosa

Nancy Gosa

Jerry Hill

Dale Johnson

Merle Loete

Reid McDonald

RaeJean Murphy

Tom Nielsen

Robin Passman

Brenda Roggendorf

Earl Schaefer

Karen Schmidt

Kathleen Schmidt

David Sountris

Ken Weidenbach

Cora Whipple

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Nancy Bonow

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Darlene Dopson

Mary Ann Eckert

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Angie Fischer

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Mary McGee

Nancy Smart

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