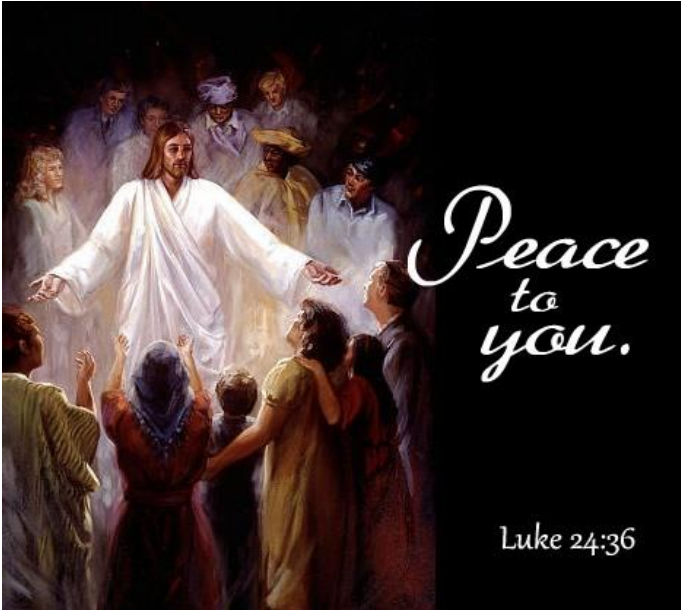


Grow ... Go ... Gather
April 18, 2021



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The Third Sunday in Easter

The Order of Service (DS 1, p. 151ff)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 463, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation *LSB 151*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.**

The Kyrie *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis – “Glory to God in the Highest” *LSB 154*



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The 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.**

The First Lesson: *Acts 3:11–21*

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the

God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 3:1–7*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 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.

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Hymn: LSB 458, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds"



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to
5 Here our true Pas - chal Lamb we see, Whom God so free -
6 So let us keep the fes - ti - val To which the Lord



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown
ly gave us; He died on the ac - curs - ed tree—
in - vites us; Christ is Him - self the joy of all,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no
So strong His love—to save us. See, His blood now
The sun that warms and lights us. Now His grace to



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
marks our door; Faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,
us im - parts E - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
And Sa - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia!
The night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel: *Luke 24:36–49*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of

these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

The Sermon Hymn: “Easter Song” (AGPS #91)

Verse 1

Hear the bells ringing they're singing
That we can be born again

Chorus

The angel up on the tombstone said

**He is risen just as He said
 Quickly now go tell His disciples
 That Jesus Christ is no longer dead
 Joy to the world
 He is risen alleluia
 He's risen alleluia
 He's risen alleluia alleluia
 (Alleluia)**

Verse 2

Hear the bells ringing they're singing
 Christ is risen from the dead **(Chorus)**

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The Sermon

The Post-Sermon Hymn: LSB 484, "Make Songs of Joy"



1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!
 He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!
 As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
 Alleluia!
 Before our mighty Savior fall!
 Alleluia!

△ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
 Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia!

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The Offering Prayer, the Prayer of the Church, and the Lord's Prayer

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Benediction *LSB 166*

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

☩ Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "Shout to the Lord"

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

***Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing***

***Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: April 18 – April 25

TODAY: 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
Monday: 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting on Zoom
Registration is open for April 25 Worship
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. ISJ Board Meeting on Zoom
Wed: Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
7:30 p.m. Pastor's Ephesians Bible Class on Zoom
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Ephesians Bible Class on Zoom
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on Facebook
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at church (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook



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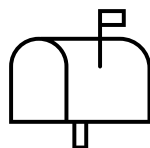


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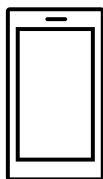


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“Who Am I?” – A Bible Study of Ephesians

Pastor Schaeffer continues his eight-session Bible study on Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians entitled, “*Who Am I?*” There is much confusion about one’s identity today. St. Paul dispels this dysphoria by reminding us of who we are in relationship to Christ and in relationship to our brothers and sisters in Christ. A component of this study will focus on “*race relations*” as St. Paul addresses this issue particularly in Ephesians 2:11-22.



Bible Study

This study will be offered two times:
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Thursday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

All Christians are welcome to join by registering with Pastor Schaeffer at glenn.schaeffer@stjamesgr.com or by calling the office at 616-363-7718.

ISJ Academy Golf Outing



Reserve **Saturday, June 5th** for ISJ's annual golf outing. This year the fundraiser will be at the Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. Pastor Schaeffer hopes to assemble a golfing foursome. Anyone interested in being a part of his foursome, let him know **ASAP**. We will make information about the golf outing available to you as we receive it.

To **register for worship**, please go to **bit.ly/stjamesgr** and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



Lutherans for Life

Life Quote for Sunday, April 18: "Hang on to Jesus, my dear friend. In Him and Him alone is true life—both now and forever. Though God's work in the world may be hard to understand sometimes, we rejoice and celebrate as we look forward to all that He has in store for us."

Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour

Those who serve April 25:

Deacons: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler

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