



*The Third Sunday of Easter*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
 April 14-15, 2018 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.



**THE PRELUDE:** "With High Delight, Let Us Unite" *arranged by Michael Costello*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**  
*(please stand for the last stanza if you are able)*

*Divine Service Four, page 203ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 203

*We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another*

**INTROIT: Psalm 30:1-5; Ps. 16:11b**



In Your presence there is full-   ness of joy;	at Your right hand are pleasures for-   evermore.
I extol You, O LORD, for You have   drawn me up	and have not let my foes rejoice   over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to   You for help,	and You have   healed me.
O LORD, You brought up my soul   from Sheol;	You restored / me to life.
Sing praises to the LORD, O   you His saints,	and give thanks to His   holy name.
For His anger is but for a / moment,	and His favor is for a   lifetime.
Weeping may tarry / for the night,	but joy comes with the   morning.
Glory 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.
In Your presence there is full-   ness of joy;	at Your right hand are pleasures for-   evermore.

**KYRIE:** *(sung)* Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** "Glory to God in the Highest" page 204

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**  
 L: Let us pray. **C: 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. Amen. (please be seated)**

**THE FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21**

While he 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

Christ has risen from the dead. **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA:** (page 205) (sung)

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 24:36-49**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed**

(8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 206** (5 p.m.) **The Apostles' Creed: page 207**

(please be seated)

(5 p.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 936 "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"**

**SERMON:** "He Opened Their Minds" Luke 24:36-49

Pastor: Most gracious Father: May the words of my mouth,

**People: and the meditation of our hearts,**

**All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.** (Ps. 19:14)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (please stand if you are able)

(Each petition ends "**Lord, in Your mercy**" and we respond, "**hear our prayer.**")

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Bernadine Kruse, Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Eunice Stumpf, Don Winkelmann, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Darlene Lohman, Jane Donjon, Cheryl Walker; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley,

Alice Liefer, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

+thanksgiving for the 163rd anniversary of St. John's as a congregation on April 15

+those who mourn: the family of Elaine Goetting, mother of St. John's member Linda Koester

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *arr. by James W. Kosnik*

*The 5 p.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and the Benediction.*

(8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

**PREFACE AND SANCTUS:** page 208

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:** page 209

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and the PAX DOMINI:** page 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: "Amen."**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 210

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** (please be seated)

**700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**483 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"**

**631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"**

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** "Song of Simeon" page 211

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 212

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:** page 212

**CLOSING HYMN: "Celebrating and Proclaiming"**

(An anniversary hymn written by Joan Ruwald for our 150<sup>th</sup> in 2005; printed on insert)

**THE POSTLUDE:** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" *arranged by Benjamin Culli*

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