

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Christian

Education

Sun. 9:15 am

Services

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastor

Mike Burdick

April 7, 2024

2nd of

Easter

10:30am

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick..... Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier..... Preschool Director
Mrs. Ruth Bray..... Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein & Lilli Wernsing Song Leaders
St. John's Praise Band 10:30am Music
Kennedy Bailey, Audrey Jansen, & Avery Bohnhoff Acolytes
Mr. Howard Janis..... 5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder 8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman 10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray 217-663-3916..... Elder on Duty for April 7 - 13
Chatelain School & Baja School Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins (773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott (217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions through our District and Synod

Altar Flowers are in celebration of Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Welcome, Eagle's Nest students and families!

"Something In The Water"

Preservice #1

*He said I've been where you've been before
Down every hallway's a slamming door
No way out, no one to come and save me
Wasting a life that the Good Lord gave you
Then somebody saying what I'm saying to you
Open my eyes and told me the truth
He said: just a little faith and it'll all get better
So I followed that preacher man down to the river and now*

I'm changed! And now, I'm stronger!

*There must have been something in the water!
Oh, there must have been something in the water!*

*Well, I heard what he said and I went on my way,
Didn't think about it for a couple of days
Then it hit me like a lightning late one night
I was all out of hope, and all out of fight.
Couldn't fight back the tears so I fell on my knees.
Saying God if you're there, come and rescue me.
Felt love pouring down from above.
Got washed in the water, washed in the blood.*

And now I'm changed! And now, I'm stronger!

*There must be something in the water!
Oh, there must be something in the water!*

*And now I'm singing along to Amazing Grace!
Can't nobody wipe this smile off my face.
Got joy in my heart, Angels on my side
Thank God Almighty! I saw the light!
Gonna look ahead, no turning back.
Live everyday, give it all that I have.
Trust in someone, bigger than me.
Ever since the day that I believed,*

I am changed! And now, I'm stronger!

*There must be something in the water! (Amazing grace!)
Oh, there must be something in the water! (How sweet the sound)
Oh, there must be something in the water! (That saved a wretch)
Oh, there must be something in the water! (like me)*

*I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

"Something In The Water" written by Carrie Underwood, Chris DeStefano, Brett James @2014 Sony Music Nashville Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 2:8; 2nd Corinthians 5:17 CCLI License: 51072

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Preservice #2

*There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

*I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You see me through
And sing the songs You give*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

*I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And I fall down again*

*I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer*

*I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?*

*I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

"How Can I Keep From Singing" written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman 2006 worshiptogether.com songs Scripture Reference: Psalm 30:12 CCLI Song: 4822372 CCLI License: 51072



EASTER CONTINUES

DIVINE SERVICE ONE



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR WALT KOESTER, SON OF NIC AND MADELYN KOESTER

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

Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Walter James Koester, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The Responsibility of Sponsors and Witnesses

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Walt as sponsor and witness in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (all)

C 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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore. **Amen.**

Renouncing Evil, Confessing the Faith

P We will all answer on behalf of Walt in testimony of the victory over the devil that is completed by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe.

P Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

C **Yes, I believe.**

P Do you 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?

C **Yes, I believe.**

P Nic and Madelyn, do you desire Walt to be baptized and consistently raised in the faith?

-- The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying: --

P Walter James Koester, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Baptismal candle on the altar is lighted.

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!**

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Walt the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Service continues with the first song, welcoming the newest member of the congregation, one of Jesus' Little Lambs.

See this wonder in the making
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping
His to be, awake or sleeping

Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them,
With Your love and peace embrace them.

Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet"

Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.

"See This Wonder In The Making" written by Jaroslav J. Vajda Public Domain Scripture Reference: Matt. 3:16-17; Titus 3:3-7; Mark 10:16 CCLI License: 51072

Confession and Absolution

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.**

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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children! ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Eagle's Nest Students Sing God's Praises

- *This Little Light of Mine*
- *Deep and Wide*
- *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

Children's Sermon

These things are written... That you may believe... *(repeat)*
And that by believing, believing, believing,
And that by believing you may have life in His name! *(John 20:31)*

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

“His Mercy Is More”

Sermon Song

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

(continued)

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

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"His Mercy Is More" written by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa© 2016 Getty Music Hymns and SongsScripture Reference: CCLI Song: 7065053

Catechism Review: The 7th Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Sermon

"Peace Be With You"

John 20:19-31

Presentation of Our Offering / Collection of Cards

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

**P 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.**

C Amen.

“All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises”

Closing Song

*You took, You take our sins away, O God
You give, You gave Your life away for us
You came down, You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love*

*You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise
You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know You will*

*All the earth will sing Your praises
All the earth will sing Your praises*

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*You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise
You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know You will, all the earth will sing Your praises*

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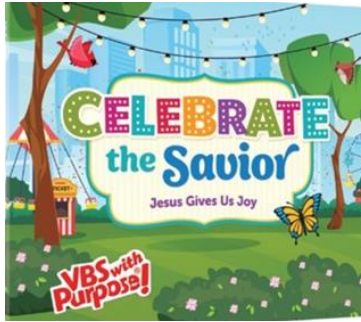
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Registration for Vacation Bible School
will open soon!

Watch our website, Facebook page,
and your Eagle's Nest student's backpack!

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Celebrate the Savior

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

June 10-13

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jesus Gives Us Joy

GET READY...



Decorations – Build settings and decorations. Watch the newsletter for work days. Come when you can.



Advertising - Spread the Good News. Reach out to others. Social media can play a big part!



Donation of needed items: We can save \$\$ by borrowing decorations, etc. Watch for our “Wish List!”

GET SET FOR FUN AT VBS...



Crafts – Assemble items and help students make their craft, clean up.



Snacks – Help students create their snacks each day. Clean up and set up for next day.



Recreation – Lead games and activities during recreation session for each class level.



Guides: You are assigned an age group and will lead the students to their rotation sites and help them complete the various activities. Circle below which age group/grade you would prefer to have fun with! Each group will have multiple guides, depending on the age of the student.

3 year olds 4 year olds kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th



Set up and Clean up – Most important of all!

GO, TELL THE GOOD NEWS! Please prayerfully consider how you could best use your talents to share God’s Word with the children.

Call or Text the Coordinators or drop by the church office...
Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541 or Donetta Ohnesorge at 217-821-3300

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