

St. John's Lutheran



Second Sunday After Easter
April 11, 2010

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We offer a warm welcome to those who are visiting for the first time!
We look forward to meeting you and sharing the many opportunities at St. John's
for believing, belonging, and becoming.

Please provide us with your name and address information
by signing the "Worship Folder" in each pew
or by calling the church office at (865) 523-3330 during the week.
Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Let us know how we can serve you.

Everything necessary to follow the service of worship is provided in this bulletin.
For those using the Pew Bibles, and the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book
the page number is listed.

- ◆ **DO YOU KNOW THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU?** Please, take time to fill out the "Worship Folder" and pass it from the center aisle to the outer aisle. When the register is passed back to the center aisle, look to see with whom you are worshipping this morning. Invite them to a time of fellowship in the Welcome Center after worship.
- ◆ A **NURSERY** is provided for children up to four years old. The nursery staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.
- ◆ Children are encouraged to participate fully in worship. The Children's Sermon occurs early in worship when children come forward to be marked with the sign of the cross and then to hear a special message. Children are then invited to go to **KINDERCHURCH**. This age-appropriate experience meets the spiritual needs of children through prayer and exploration of the Bible.
- ◆ A **FLAT SCREEN MONITOR** in the Welcome Center provides an additional opportunity for worshipers, offering overflow seating and a quiet space for children who might need special attention. This complete broadcast of the worship service allows worshipers to participate fully while addressing personal needs as they arise.

*If you have any questions about these or other opportunities for children of all ages,
please call the church office (523-3330).*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP THEME

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death.

Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

(Please stand.)

THE OPENING HYMN ELW 377

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

We stand as the cross is carried into the nave to honor the presence of Christ in the midst of his gathered community.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;

The processional cross represents Christ coming into the midst of his people. As the procession begins in the back of the nave, please turn and face the cross as it is carried forward.



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;

The opening hymn sounds the keynote of the day.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

*We acknowledge
our sin before God.
The forgiveness
God first gave us in
our Baptism is
again proclaimed
to us.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
we are gathered in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God has given to all nations the repentance that leads to life.
Let us come with repentant hearts
to the God who makes all things new.

C: **Amen.**

(Please kneel. Silence is for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Gracious God,
C: **we confess to you all the ways
in which we dismiss the resurrection news.
We are slow of heart to believe.
We turn from others and retreat in fear.
Come into our locked rooms
and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit.
Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope,
that we may be witnesses to your saving power.
Amen.**

P: Peace be with you, sisters and brothers.
In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption;
you are God's beloved children.
In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift.

C: **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ Is Risen”

- Verse 1* Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
- Verse 2* Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection. Not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
- Verse 3* Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the first and last is with us. Sing hosanna, ev’ryone!

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GREETING

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

*This prayer concerns
the theme of the day
and prepares us for
hearing the readings
from scripture.*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: O God of life,
you reach out to us amid our fears
with the wounded hands of your risen Son.
By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy,
and strengthen us to be the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

This is a time for our children to come forward to hear God's Word. We invite young children—toddlers through third graders—to come and take a seat on the steps at the front of the nave.

In the first lesson, Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

In the second lesson, The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

GOD'S INVITATION: "Let the Children Come..."

Matthew 19:14

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE FIRST LESSON *(Pew Bible p.889)*

ACTS 5:27–32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON *(Pew Bible p.994)*

REVELATION 1:4–8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand and sing.)

THE GOSPEL VERSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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*We stand while
the Gospel is
read and speak
acclamations after the
reading because we
believe Christ is present
to us in the reading.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p.883*)

JOHN 20:19–31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The sermon interprets
the meaning of God's
word for our lives
today.*

THE MEDITATION

PASTOR STEPHEN MISENHEIMER

We sing this principal hymn in response to the Word which has been proclaimed to us.

(Please stand.)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 635

“We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight”



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
we re - joice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ELW p.227

*Maddison Belle Ragle, daughter of Chad and Christie Ragle,
will be baptized during the 8:45 A.M. Worship.*

We respond to God's almighty acts as we confess our faith in the Words of the Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED ELW p. 127

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

With this prayer, we express our concern for the whole Church, for the nations of the world, for people in their various needs, and for our own congregation.

THE PRAYERS

P: Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(Please kneel. Following each petition, respond with "hear our prayer.")

P: O God of life, we pray for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, and especially for all the newly baptized. By your Spirit, empower us to be witnesses to the empty tomb. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for rainforests and deserts, mountains and tundra, rivers and grasslands, and all creatures that call this planet home. Breathe healing on our earth. Lord, in your mercy,...

A: We pray for all the nations, especially those torn by violence and oppression. Send wisdom to all state and local leaders. Teach peace to our war-weary world. Lord, in your mercy,...

A: We pray for the homeless and hungry, the sick and the dying, the abused and the neglected. Comfort all who suffer, and calm our fears. Lord, in your mercy,...

A: We pray for our community and our congregation, the old and the young. Renew us this Easter season, and send us out to be bread for a hungry world. Lord, in your mercy,...

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us and who taught us to believe. Lord, in your mercy,...

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Those remembered in Prayer:

*The people of Haiti & Chile, Jean Kirchner, Dick Trost, Norman Sleight,
Margaret Damron, Libby Fred, Bob Walker, Velda McGalliard,
Lee Ballard, Jessie Mae Bowman, Jim Hepler,
Helmut Busse, Doris Quickel, Bill Nelson,
Mae Weck, Charlotte Long,
students, staff and mentors at Christenberry & Inskip Elementary schools,
and those seeking employment.*

Completed Life

Robena Mead, Pati McKinney's mother

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Birth of John William Cole IV, grandson of John and Mary Cole

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

THE SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

(Please stand.)

THE OFFERTORY REPOSE

We respond to God's Word by giving our offerings for God's work in the world. In our offerings to God, we give all that we are and have: ourselves, our abilities, and our possessions, together with the bread—a sign of our toil, labor, and human existence—and the wine—a sign of the joy and delights of life.



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The offertory prayer reminds us that God is the source of all gifts.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God,
C: ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: The Lord be with you! C: And also with you! P: Lift up your hearts! C: We



lift them to the Lord! P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



P: On the night He was be-trayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:



C: "Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Take and eat. This is my bo-dy,



gi - ven for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me." P: On the night



He was be - trayed He took the cup, gave thanks, and raised it up:



C: "Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Take and drink. This is my blood,



poured out for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."

The words Jesus used in instituting the Lord's Supper remind us of God's wonderful works, invite us to receive the sacrament, and ask for the Holy Spirit to bless us.

This prayer is based on Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:24.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to-temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e-vil; for Thine is the
king-dom and the po-wer and the glo-ry, for-e-ver. A-men.

Earlier in the service, the Gospel was proclaimed to the entire congregation; now it is given to each person individually as each receives the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord.

Pyx (PIX; Middle English from Latin pyxis, a little box). A receptacle designed to hold the bread of the Holy Communion.

THE COMMUNION

Katelyn Murphy will celebrate Family Communion during the first service.

Skyla Burnette, Holden Giesecke, Anna Elizabeth O'Connell Lee, Sydney Ellise Parman,

Katherine Rosalie Perkinson, Hamilton Walker Purvis will celebrate Family Communion during the second service.

Regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all those who are baptized and profess Jesus Christ as Lord are encouraged to commune. For those who need gluten free wafers, they are available on the Baptismal font in a round silver pyx. Please pick one up and bring it forward with you to communion. Those who prefer, may receive only the wafer.

If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert an usher. Those who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.

THE LAMB OF GOD

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say: "Amen."

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla;
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla;
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla.*

*The blessing prepares
 us to continue our
 mission as Christian
 people in the world.
 The Sign of the Cross
 may be made by all as
 a reminder of Christ
 in whose name we are
 baptized and live.*

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 Music: LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR, Anders Ruuth
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THE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us
 and keep us in his grace.

C: Amen.

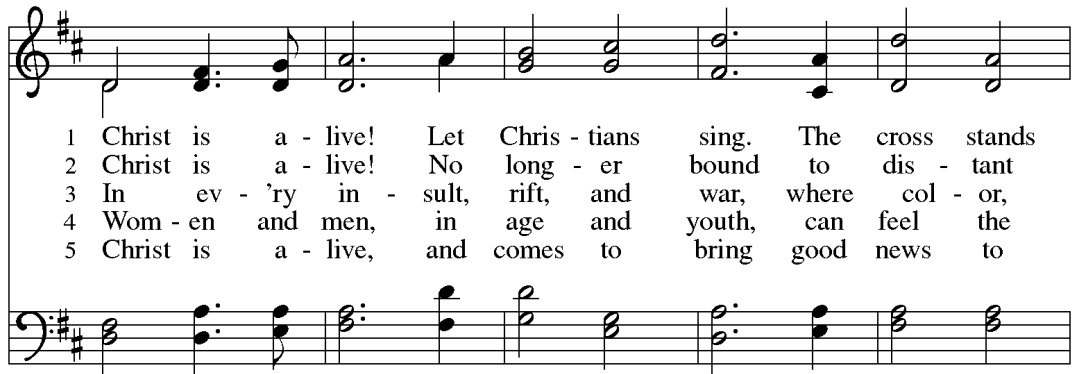
THE BENEDICTION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

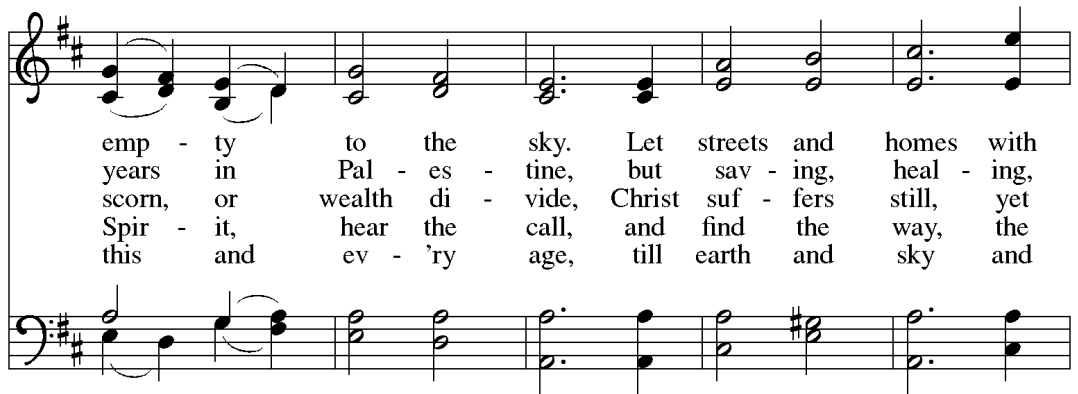
CLOSING HYMN ELW 389

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

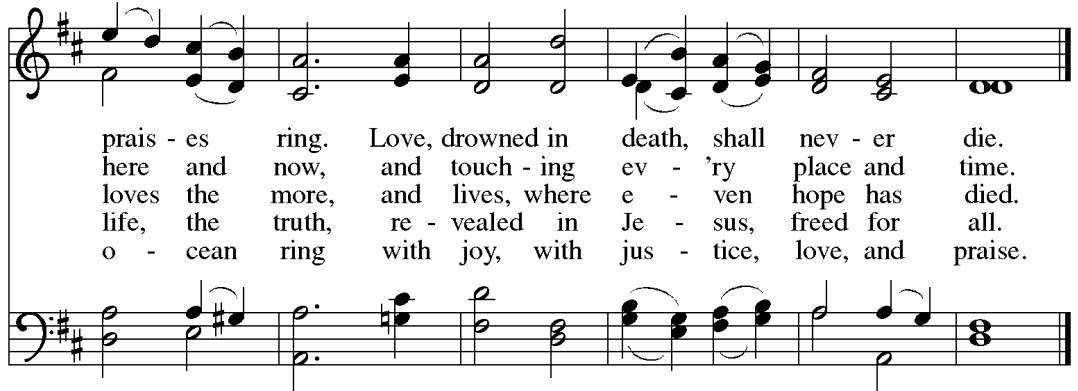
As the cross is carried out into the world, we visually and spiritually follow the cross as we are led to love and serve the Lord.



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

After each service, we encourage visitors and members to greet the pastors and each another in the Welcome Center.

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

TODAY IN WORSHIP

The altar flowers are given by Krista and Dan Lee
in honor of Ryan's baptismal birthday and
Anna Beth's First Communion
and by
Scott & Angie Hamstead to the Glory of God and in
celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.

Worship Leaders in the 8:45 A.M. service

Acolyte & Crucifer	Rachel Crowley
Lector	Linda Welch
Communion Presenters	Peter Keys Pat Keys
Communion Assistants	Sharon Stancher John Stancher
Ushers	Tom McGalliard Dale Teague James Booher Lisa Booher
Greeters	Ruth Petersen Bill Good
Kinderchurch	Susan Murphy
Audio Visual	Matt Whitehead
Altar Guild	Linda Welch Jeff Welch

Worship Leaders in the 11:00 A.M. service

Acolyte	Ryan Lee
Crucifer	Ryan Lee
Lector	Jim Lawrence
Communion Presenters	Kelly Page Lucy Page
Communion Assistants	Bob Bast Sarah Bast
Ushers	David Trout William Trout Mary Kline Sally Robinette
Greeter	Kelly Page Lucy Page
Kinderchurch	David Trout Laura Trout
Audio Visual	Scott Hamstead
Altar Guild	Pat Hunsicker Linda Peterson

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 11

8:45 A.M.	Worship
10:00 A.M.	Christian Education for all ages
11:00 A.M.	Worship
12:30 P.M.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
3:00 P.M.	VDC Ultreya
5:00 P.M.	Sixth Grade Family Confirmation
6:04 P.M.	Tyson House Meal and Worship*

Monday, April 12

9:30 A.M.	Women's Bible Study
6:00 P.M.	CRP Meeting

Tuesday, April 13

12:30 P.M.	FASOLA Meeting
1:30 P.M.	Staff Meeting
6:00 P.M.	Omni Vision Meeting
6:30 P.M.	Gifts Oriented Ministry Meeting*

Wednesday, April 14

5:30 P.M.	Intercessory Prayer Group
6:30 P.M.	"A Way Forward"
7:30 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 15

12:00 P.M.	VDC Reunion Group
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Saturday, April 17

9:00 A.M.	Inquirer's Group
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Sunday, April 18

8:45 A.M.	Worship
10:00 A.M.	Christian Education for all ages
11:00 A.M.	Worship
6:04 P.M.	Tyson House Meal and Worship*

* An asterisk indicates that an event does not take place at SJLC.
For more details about the location of events, please contact
Toni at 523-3330 or toni@sjlcknox.org.



Via de Cristo Ultreya

Today, at SJLC

from 3:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Worship service begins at 3:00pm.

Please bring a drink or a snack to share!

Inquirer's group meets April 17 at 9:00 A.M.!

Inquirer's Group is an opportunity to learn more about
the Christian faith, the Lutheran denomination,
membership and the life and mission of
St. John's Lutheran Church.

**It is not too late to sign up for the April 17th Inquirer's
Group. Contact Thea Peterson at 523.3330 or via
email at thea@sjlcknox.org.**

Weekly Announcements



Wednesdays in April:

The members and friends of Saint John's are invited to gather on Wednesday nights during the month of April to share in the Spirit of Christ community issues and concerns regarding our mission and ministry. The season of Easter is our opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and to discern "A Way Forward" as we listen for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Questions and conversations regarding our relationship and ministry with the ELCA, the Southeastern Synod, and this community will be prayerfully considered as we evaluate our Saint John's Vision 2012. Our Pastors and members of the Church Council will facilitate these gatherings with scripture, prayer, and significant sharing of Easter expectations as we grow deeper in our relationships with Christ and one another.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm** as we gather at Saint John's in anticipation of being greeted by our resurrected Lord as he shows us "A Way Forward."

Serving in Worship

Did you know that every Sunday there are 36 individuals that serve in worship?

These are dedicated people who are listed on the inside back page of your bulletin every week under "Serving in Worship." They are the ones who make sure you have a bulletin, that candles are lit, tend to the altar, greet you as you arrive, teach KinderChurch, assist with communion, read the lessons for the day, operate the audio/visual equipment, and are available to take care of any unexpected things that may happen during our worship services.

As a thank you to these faithful people, the Inspiring Worship Team would like to invite everyone who serves in worship or who would like to serve in worship to a Brunch on Saturday, April 24, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. If you have always wanted to usher, be a greeter, lector or communion assistant but didn't know how to get started, please attend the Brunch. There will be food & fellowship before informational and training break-out sessions. Be sure to put this date on your calendar now so you won't miss it. Serving in Worship is a great way for new members and old members both to be involved in the life of St. John's.

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