

# *Resurrection of Our Lord*

*April 16, 2017*

*On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the “eighth day” of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!*

(\* Indicates the people stand)

## **- Gathering -**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude and Musical Meditation

*9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Special Music – “Resurrection”*

\* Welcome

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism – Page 97

**Processional Hymn – #365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

*(7:30 a.m. Redressing of the Chancel)*

Greeting and Prayer of the Day – see insert

## **- Word -**

*God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.*

Scripture Readings – see insert (*Response: **Thanks be to God.***)

\* **Gospel Acclamation – #388 Be Not Afraid** (Sing 2 times)

Gospel (*before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. after: Praise to you, O Christ!*)

Sermon

\* **Hymn of the Day – #619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**

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Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace (*Response: **And also with you.***)

## - Meal -

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Special Music – “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

\* **Offertory Hymn – #384 (V. 1-2) That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

Offering Prayer, Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 172

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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Distribution of Bread and Wine

*All who believe in the redeeming power of Christ’s love are welcome at the Lord’s Table.*

*9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Special Music – “Tears of the Lilies”*

**Hymns – #449, #367, #379**

\* Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

## - Sending -

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Closing Blessing

**Sending Hymn – #389 (V. 1-2) Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Mission Statement: “Living in Service to Christ”**

## *Welcome to Worship at St. John!*

Worship is the most important thing we do together. It involves all those who gather, making each gathering a unique assembly. Our worship roots are shaped by a time nearly 500 years ago during the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther believed two sacraments proclaim Christ's promise of forgiveness in worship: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

**Holy Baptism** splashes you with new life and unites you with the Body of Christ through God's rich mercy.

**Holy Communion** is "for you", giving you a taste of God's mercy. The bread and wine, (Christ's true presence), unite you with the communion of saints throughout time.

We recall at the baptismal font and the Lord's Table that you are *abundant and free* to love and serve your neighbor. **To learn more about worship and St. John's story, click on the GET TO KNOW US page at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org).**

### ~ TO ASSIST YOU AT WORSHIP ~

- *If you are considering becoming a member at St. John*, we ask that you begin by visiting with a pastor and attending a *new member coffee*, held four times each year. For details, click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the GET TO KNOW US page at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org).
- *Personal amplifiers for the hearing impaired are available*. Please ask an usher.
- *Children's worship bags* are in the narthex and the Commons Area.
- *Childcare*: Children are always welcome in worship, but if a parent feels that little hands, feet and voices are making it difficult for others to worship, the nursery is supervised during the 10:30 a.m. service. If a child needs a shorter break, there is a wiggle room and a glider chair in the narthex.
- *Holy Communion* is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. You may stand or kneel and receive the bread and wine. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, simply ask the person serving.
- *The decision about when a child should commune is made by the parent*. We encourage families to visit with a pastor to learn about the sacrament before communing for the first time. Children communing should extend their hands. Children not communing are invited to fold their hands.
- *Coffee is served* in the Commons Area before Sunday worship services.
- St. John is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and part of the **Western North Dakota Synod**. St. John is a corporate member of Badlands Ministries Bible Camp and St. Luke's Nursing Home. Congregations in the WND and Eastern North Dakota Synods, including St. John, own Lutheran Social Services of N.D., a private, nonprofit social services agency.

~ Introductions to Sunday's Readings ~

- **Acts 10:34-43** *Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*
- **Colossians 3:1-4** *Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*
- **Matthew 28:1-10** *Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

~ Worship Leaders ~

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| Preaching Minister..... | Pastor Lisa Lewton                             | Maundy Thursday |
| Presiding Minister..... | Pastor Joe Natwick                             | Maundy Thursday |
| Presiding Minister..... | Pastor Joe Natwick, Senior High                | Good Friday     |
| Preaching Minister..... | Pastor Joe Natwick                             | Easter Sunday   |
| Presiding Minister..... | Pastor Lisa Lewton                             | Easter Sunday   |
| Assisting Minister..... | Diane Melbye                                   | Thursday        |
|                         | LaRae Tschetter                                | 7:30 AM         |
|                         | Marcy Decker                                   | 9:00 AM         |
|                         | Kris Brugamy                                   | 10:30 AM        |
| Deacons.....            | Margaret Marcusen                              | Thursday        |
|                         | Dan Pender                                     | 7:30 AM         |
|                         | Linda Splichal                                 | 9:00 AM         |
|                         | Cora Tormaschy                                 | 10:30 AM        |
| Organist.....           | Barb Arneson/Youth                             | Thursday/Friday |
|                         | Michael Stevenson, Barb Arneson, Cheryl Hewson | Sunday          |
| Servers.....            | Aiden Healy & Dawson Heiser                    | Thursday        |
|                         | Jack Kovash & Justin Moore                     | 7:30 AM         |
|                         | Jayne Krank & Dawson Moore                     | 9:00 AM         |
|                         | Jack Homiston & Jordan Reger                   | 10:30 AM        |

**WORSHIP LIFE**

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*. Wednesday **79**, Thursday **82**, and Sunday **399**.

**RIDE-SHARING AND PARKING AT CHURCH**

We are grateful for a vibrant congregation of worshippers! To help all of us access the building as easily as possible, here are some tips:

- ✓ If you have *no* trouble walking, would you be willing to park a little farther away to leave the closer spaces for people with young children, and for those who may have a little more trouble walking from their cars to the church?
- ✓ We encourage you to carpool. If you would like a ride to make it easier for you to get to church, the church office may be able to find someone to drive you. Please ask.
- ✓ Church Council Trustees are currently researching ways to increase accessibility to the building.

*~ This Week at St. John ~*

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| Monday, Apr. 17    | 9:00 - 4:00<br>7:00 PM                                   | Office Closed- Easter Monday<br>Scouts   |
| Tuesday, Apr. 18   | 8:30 AM<br>6:30 PM<br>7:00 PM                            | Lutheran World Relief Quilting<br>Executive Council Meeting<br>Council Meeting   |
| Wednesday, Apr. 19 | 9:30 AM<br>5:20 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>6:30 PM                 | Staff Meeting<br>Supper<br>Worship<br>Church School-Bible Camp Night<br>Mentor Group<br>Worship & Music Meeting  |
| Thursday, Apr. 20  | Noon<br>6:00 PM<br>7:00 PM                               | Circle 4 at church<br>Backpack Prep<br>Worship   |
| Friday, Apr. 21    | 6:30 AM<br>9:00 AM                                       | Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins<br>Backpack Delivery  |
| Sunday, Apr 23     | 8:00 AM<br>9:15 AM<br><br>10:30 AM<br>3:30 PM<br>7:00 PM | Worship-Bible Camp Sunday<br>Senior Choir practice<br>Adult Education-Learning in Service to Christ<br>Worship-Bible Camp Sunday<br>Handbells<br>Senior High Youth |



**"For freedom Christ has set you free."**

Galatians 5:1

*(If you are young or old, busy or bored,  
God has a better something for you.)*

**GRANDPARENT EVENT ~ WED., APRIL 26TH 5:20 pm – 7:30 pm**

Church School students are encouraged to invite their grandparent(s) to join them for a fun night of celebrating this important relationship and growing in our faith together. A meal will be served, followed by worship and festivities! Grandparent(s) are unable to come? That's ok! "Adopt a grandparent"! Adults of all ages are welcome to attend and be a "surrogate" grandparent!

~SERVE & CONNECT~



During the season of Lent, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger will be going toward the purchase of water wells. Envelopes are in the pews and unique containers for contributions are located in the Narthex and Commons Area. Your gifts (as of April 11<sup>th</sup>) will provide **2 water wells** to people who are in need of clean, fresh water. Thank you!



**GIVE BACK DAY**

St. John will be participating in DSU's "Give Back Day" on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:00am. St. John will be responsible for cleaning up Rocky Butte and Optimist Park areas. There will be hot dogs and chips when the job is finished! Call the church office at 225.6747 to participate.



**PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGN-UP!**

Available on our website by clicking on the homepage icon "PORTRAIT SIGNUP" or you can call the church office to set your family appt. time. There is a sign-up table in located in the Commons area. Families participating will receive a free Church Directory and 8x10 photo. *No purchases are required.*

**PHOTO DIRECTORY HOSTS NEEDED!**

If you would like to "meet & greet" families for their photo sessions, please sign up for a timeslot by going to "When Am I Scheduled?" on the website and click "Photo Directory Host Schedule" and choose a time that works in your schedule. Your smiling face is greatly appreciated!

**SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

Campership information is available on the Commons area bulletin board. To request a campership, call the church office or fill out the campership form from our website (homepage).



***Maundy Thursday (7:00 pm)*** – We are humbly reminded to follow Jesus' example to love one another as we participate in the Washing of Hands.

***Good Friday (7:00 pm)*** – A quiet & somber worship as we experience the crucifixion of Jesus.

***Easter Vigil (7:30 pm)*** – Together with other congregations we will reenact the movement of God's people throughout history as we get ready for the celebration of Easter! **Beginning at St. John, the Easter Vigil will move from church to church by walking or driving.** Other churches we will visit include the United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church and St. John's Episcopal Church.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 am Worship  
9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Worship – *broadcast on KDIX (1230 AM radio)*



**"GOODIE BASKET" SILENT AUCTION**

The mission trip participants will have a silent auction on themed gift baskets! The baskets will be available on Tues., April 25<sup>th</sup> viewing and bidding. The auction will close on Sun., May 14<sup>th</sup>. Support the mission trip and bid on a favorite basket for yourself or as a gift for a loved one.



**BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY – APRIL 23rd**

Wear your favorite bible camp t-shirt proudly as we give thanks for the ministry God does through Badlands Ministries Bible Camp with some camp music and camp stories.

*Visit our website, facebook page and newsletter for more information on programs and schedules!*