

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Sinfonia (based on chorus, Worthy Is the Lamb) Handel, arr. Hal Hopson*
(© 2023 CaldeLaWorks Music)

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

INVOCATION

We worship today in the name in which we are baptized:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *The Day of Resurrection!* *ELW 361 (vv. 1-2)*

(Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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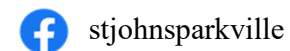
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*****The Pastors are off on Fridays*****



Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Job 19:25, 26; I Cor. 15:20: For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Soloist: Alexis Arthur

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Choral response

Since By Man Came Death

Choir

I Cor. 15:21, 22: For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. (For as in Adam all die,) even so in Christ shall all be made alive..

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This week's schedule		
Today	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	9 am	Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Exec. Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	4 pm	Wayback Fundraiser (Joppa Rd.)
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	7 pm	Stewardship Meeting (Parlor)
	7 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building) <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat.	9 am	Men in Mission Breakfast (Overlea Diner)

Counting our Blessings

		2024	
Sun.	Attendance: 105	February Offering Income	\$25,380
4/7	Offering: \$ 11,317	February Other Income	\$ 6,936
	Homebound: 16	February Total Income	\$32,316
		February Expenses	\$41,541
		YTD Offering Income	\$55,715
		YTD Other Income	\$16,407
		YTD Total Income	\$72,122
		YTD Expenses	\$74,289

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Choral response *The Trumpet Shall Sound*

I Cor. 15:52: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Soloist: John McLaughlin

Trumpeter: Keith DeFontes

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us
while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Mary Jo Rother, Ginny Wehr, Mary Gude, Dennis Buckless, Lisa Muhlbach, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, William Bold, Sr., Fran Eliopoulos, Eleni Bowden, Laney Stowell, Mary Margaret Wroten, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

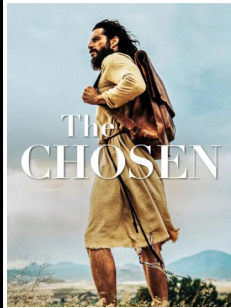
For those grieving family & friends of: Romeo Vinson, Lillian Miller

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp in Jefferson, MD invites you to join us this summer! Family Campers and youth ages 6-17 are welcome. We never turn anyone away for financial reasons, so please ask about our Campership fund if needed. Come experience small-group camping, swimming, hiking, sleep-outs, new friends, and exciting activities that challenge you to grow in confidence and in faith - all in a safe and inclusive community. Our 2024 Theme is "Created To Be!" Registration is open. For more information visit mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/ or call 800.238.9974.



"The Chosen" Discipleship Series



Join us every Tuesday for 8 weeks starting April 16 - June 4 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm as we explore the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by CLAIM (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30 pm.

April 16 & 23 @ St. Luke: 7001 Harford Rd.
 April 30 & May 7 @ St. John's: That's us! 8808 Harford Rd
 May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community: 6200 Loch Raven Blvd
 May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor: 9833 Harford Rd.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	JoAnn Weiland
Crucifer	Emily R.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W., Olivia S.
Lector	Susan Handley
Communion Assistant	Susan Handley
Dismissal Assistant	Emma E.

HYMN OF THE DAY *With High Delight Let Us Unite* **ELW 368**
 (Text: Georg Vetter, 1536-1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976, alt.; Music: Medieval European tune; Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
 (Callum Carey Willett) (See Baptism Bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace.
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *But Thanks Be to God* Choir
I Cor. 15:57: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

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(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN *Come to the Table (See insert)* **ELW 481**
 (Text: Claire Cloninger, 1942-2019; music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956; Text and music © 1991 Integrity's Hosanna! Music; Juniper Landing Music, admin. Word Music; and Word Music)

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
 you call us to believe and bear fruit.
 May the gifts that we offer here
 be signs of your abiding love.
 Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are Holy (See insert)

ELW 525

*(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin.
Augsburg Fortress)*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
we give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on May 1st after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Join us at Wayback Burgers for our next Restaurant Night this Tuesday, April 16th for 4-8 pm. Flyers are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. Bring a flyer and your appetite while supporting St. John's.



Save the Date for our Prayer Partner Luncheon on April 28th at 11:45 am. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Partner Program, fill out a form and place it in the box located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. **We need your form today.** Any questions, contact Vickie Jasinski at 410-529-7536.

Smores' and More sponsored by Family Ministry will take place on Friday, May 3rd at 6 pm. This will be a fun evening of games, devotions and smores', of course! We will meet in the park.



Baskets, Bags & More Bingo will be held on Saturday, May 4th. The bingo will be held at St. Ursula Auditorium. Doors open at 6 pm and the bingo begins at 7 pm. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

Community Yard Sale...Saturday, June 1st from 8 am—1 pm in St. John's parking lot. Cost is \$20 for one space and \$30 for 2 spaces. To register, fill out a form located on the third floor bulletin board and return it to Chris Hills or the church office.



St. John's night at the Ironbirds game is coming up on Friday, June 28th at 7:05 pm. For tickets contact David Evans at ravenfan79@yahoo.com.

Help Needed for Music Camp...If you know of any high school or college students who enjoy and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and love working with children, PLEASE contact Martha at mreuard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program. Dates & times are as follows:



Music Campette-July 29-31; 9 am-noon; for students who have completed K-grade 2
Musical Camp-August 12-16; 9 am-2 pm; for students who have completed grades 3-8



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! This years program is Camp Firelight "A Summer Camp Adventure with God" and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

Announcements & Upcoming Events


Next Week— Sunday, April 21st—Fourth Sunday of Easter


- † 9 am—Handbell Choir
 - † 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship
 - † 10 am—Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
 - † 11:30 am—Altar Guild Meeting
 - † 11:30 am—Worship & Music Meeting
- Visit stjohnsparkville.org




The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of John Kraft and Lee Krieger with love from their families. **Additional flowers** are given in honor of our grandson, Callum Willett's baptism with love by Dennis and Peggy Buckless.


We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are June 2nd, 23rd, and 30th, July 14th, 21st, and 28th, August 4th, 18th, and 25th, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, October 6th, and 13th, November 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten. 

 **St. John's Youth Group** meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith. 

 **The Food for Thought Program** is in need of Chef Boyardee single serving meals, tuna & chicken salad kits and juice boxes/pouches. We are also in need of shoppers to purchase the needed items. Contact the church office for more information or if you can help.

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, May 1st beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the April meal. 

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 assembly is seated.)

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Be known to us, Lord

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN

As We Gather At Your Table

ELW 522

(Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944; Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Bourenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932; Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company)

(Please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Hallelujah!

Choir

Rev. 19:6; 11:15: And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
Jesus Christ, source of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Choral Amen

Amen

Choir

SENDING HYMN

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

ELW 366

(Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Koln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909; Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Mouret/ arr. Robert S. Wallace, II

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