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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024**

**Service of Prayer and Preaching (p. 260)**

**The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, and Welcome**

**Hymn of Invocation:** LSB 480 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

**Opening Versicles**

**Common**

*LSB 260*

**Old Testament Canticle**

*LSB 261*

**Collect of the Day**

**Readings From Holy Scripture**

**The First Reading**

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. <sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>“ And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

**L** A reading from 1 John, the third chapter.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>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.

## The Third Reading

Luke 24:36-49

**L** A reading from Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are

witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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 Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory**

**Common**

LSB 263

**Ten Commandments**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Hymn:** 483 “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**The General Prayer & the Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (Getty/Papa)

**Verse 1**

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

**Chorus**

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

## Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (*Chorus*)

## Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore (*Chorus*)

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## Morning Prayer

**New Testament Canticle**

*LSB 266*

**Blessing**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 267*

**Benediction**

*LSB 267*

**The Closing Hymn: LSB 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"**

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## This Week at St. James

Today (4/14) .....	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM <b>Worship Service - 9:30 AM</b> Bible Study – 11:00 AM F.I.F. Meeting – 11:00 AM
Monday (4/15) .....	<b>Communion Service - 4:15 PM</b>
Wednesday (4/17) .....	Darrell Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Thursday (4/18) .....	Adult Bells – 6:00 PM Adult Choir – 7:15 PM
Saturday (4/20) .....	Grand Rapids Circuit Convocation at St. Matthew – 9:00 AM
Sunday (4/21).....	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM <b>Communion Service - 9:30 AM</b> Bible Study – 11:00 AM Knit & Crochet – 10:45 AM

## Looking Ahead

### Serving Today (4/14)

Officiant .....	Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector .....	Carol Bifulco
Organist .....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s) .....	Jerry Talen
Ushers .....	Jim & Nancy Spears
Video/Sound/Recording .....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
KidzTime .....	Cindy McAuliffe
April Altar Guild.....	Kim Urbanski / Carol Bifulco

### Serving Next Sunday (4/21)

Lector .....	Pastor
Organist .....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s) .....	Bryan Ensing / Craig Popma
Ushers .....	Walt & Karen Kryzanowski / Ferris Family
Video/Sound/Recording .....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
KidzTime .....	Sandra Schaeffer
April Altar Guild.....	Kim Urbanski / Carol Bifulco

## Financial Discipleship: April 7 & 8, 2024

General Fund	\$7,596.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$1,827.00)</i>	
ISJ Tuition Fund	\$250.00
Memorials	\$80.00
Pastor's Mission Trip	\$2,625.00
Evangelism	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL Contributions</b>	<b>\$10,571.00</b>

## Announcements

**Nurturing Your Christian Faith and Those in Your Home** will be discussed in several breakout sessions at the Grand Rapids Circuit Convocation scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The convocation will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Learn how your personal journaling through the Bible can be a blessing to your children and grandchildren. Discuss how you can reinforce the Christian faith in your home by "remembering" the salvation acts of God. Learn lessons from the Book of Judges for yourself and for your loved ones today. For more information about the Circuit Convocation and to register, please visit: <https://immanuelgr.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/84/responses/new>. Mail in Paper registration forms are available on the table in the lobby/narthex. Childcare is available. A catered lunch will be served. Due to a generous Michigan District CEF grant, the registration and a catered lunch is FREE. If you can't come for the whole day, come for part of the day! *The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 10th.*

**DROP-OFF DAYS for 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale:** Saturday, April 20 and 27. Bring your 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale items to the church from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We cannot accept mattresses, box springs, analog (tube-type TVs), nursery furniture, medical items, or any items that are not usable or saleable. Donated clothing should be clean and gently used. Members of Friends in Faith will be present to unload your car and take everything into church for you! If items need to be brought to the church prior to the two Drop off dates, please contact Walt at 616-970-7407 or Dale Rosema at 616-262-1390. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, April 28 for set up and for sorting the items. Volunteers are also needed on Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing and Thursday through Saturday to assist customers. Donate an hour or two of your time or enjoy the 9-4 days with everyone. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be by the office.

**ISJ Dine and Donate** On April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm at Panera on 2044 Celebration Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI 20% of the sales will be donated.

**Having A Heart for Africa** – Calling all those who love to bake! The LWML would once again like to have a bake table at this Spring’s Second Best Sale. If you would like to help raise funds for Rwandan mothers and babies, by baking, you can donate wrapped baked items. The dates for the sale are May 2-4, 2024.



**The LWML Grand Rapids Zone Spring Rally, “Look and See” will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Kentwood.**



Registration and breakfast begin at 8:45 am and the rally runs until Noon. Registration fee - \$10.00. Presenter – Danielle Bult Executive Director of “Love INC”. Danielle will speak to us on poverty, homelessness, people in need in our area, and how we can help. **Ingathering:** Personal Care Items to be given to The Image – deodorant toothpaste, toothbrushes feminine care products, diapers, shampoo.

**Knit /Crocheted Together in Love** anyone ages 13 and up is welcome to join the next get-together on Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 11:45 to 2:00 pm. If you need more information, please see the bulletin board outside the coat room or see Grace Rosema.

**ISJ Golf Outing Is Filling Up** The golf outing is starting to fill up, but there's still space! This year's ISJ Golf Outing Fundraiser will take place on June 1st at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. This will be an 18-hole shotgun start scramble format like in years past. The cost for a foursome cost is \$400. If you are not able to golf but interested in supporting the event you are able to do so through the same link/QR code. Proceeds from this event support the school by providing additional resources, technology devices, and supplies for the classroom. If you have questions please reach out to the school office at [isjoffice@mychristianschool.com](mailto:isjoffice@mychristianschool.com) or a school board member from the congregation.