

Easter 3 (April 14th, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 605 Father Welcomes

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis: 947 All Glory Be to God on High

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [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. ¹²And 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ

appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom 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.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See 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.

²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite
Sermon

Stand

Offertory

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

LSB 192

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Sit

Offering- Solo “ Everyone Who Calls...Acts 2” (see refrain lyrics in announcements)

Stand

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world’s sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ’s resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially Joseph, our president, and Eric, our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

Keith and Suzy Scherer

all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Nathan Kieser

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS : April 7th- Home Purpose: \$13,805.00, Missions \$20.00, Vanco \$95.28

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Total Missions received for 1st quarter is \$1,450 of \$12,000 budgeted for the year.

Lyrics from solo: I will pour out my Spirit on all people Your sons and daughters will prophesy
Young men will see visions, old men will dream dreams I will pour out my Spirit in those days I
will show wonders in the heavens And signs on the earth below The sun will turn to darkness,
the moon will turn to blood Before the coming of the Lord And everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord will be saved

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SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH and APRIL - "SAUCES": During the months of March and April we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Thank you for all your donations.

SPI school is now accepting bids for the 2024-2025 school custodian position. Please submit bids to Mr. Becker, the school trustee, or a School Board member. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND: There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

Voter's Assembly Meeting: is Sunday April 28th after the church service. Church officers, if you have any reports/notes, for the Voter's Assembly Meeting please give them to Amber Shaffer by Friday April 26th. You can email them, leave in the mail slot on deacons' desk, or leave on desk in the church office in the basement. Thank you!

LWML: The LWML Decatur Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 27 at St John Flatrock, 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. Registration: 8:45AM Speaker: 9:00 AM - Pastor Donald Sauls and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries Network Inc. (a not-for-profit charity dedicated to poverty relief and aid in Southern Adams County). In gathering: Food Items for Compassionate Ministries food pantry. Examples include: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, beans (canned or dried), canned vegetables and fruit, tomato products, noodles, canned tuna, Jello, mustard, canned chili, Hamburger and Tuna Helpers, pudding, cake mixes, soup, ketchup, salad dressing, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, and paper towels. Registration is now open for the LWML Indiana District Convention in Danville, IN June 21-23, 2024. Registration forms can be found at lwmlindiana.org or in The Good News. Questions, contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007. Each congregation in the Decatur Circuit can sent two voting delegates.

SAVE THESE LWML DATES:

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

Zion Lutheran- Friedheim: We would like to invite you to Friedheim's Spring Choir Concert and Hymn Sing to be held at Friedheim on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m. It will feature the adult choir and the Joyful Voices Children's Choir. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center.

2024 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale: Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Soest is having its annual spring rummage sale on Thursday April 18th, 2024, from 8:00am-4:00pm, and Friday April 19th, 2024, from 8:00am-NOON. The sale will be at the Family Life Center (handicap accessible) 9909 Wayne Trace Fort Wayne, IN 46816 (corner of Emanuel Rd & Wayne Trace). On Friday will be the bag sale: \$2.00 each grocery bag or \$5.00 per 13 gal. garbage bag. There will be a large selection of clothing, shoes, household goods, furniture, crafts, decorator items, books, and toys. Plus, there will be homemade baked goods.

Wyneken Wrestling: Cornhole Tournament April 20th Start Time: 11:30am at Zion Friedheim Lutheran Family Life Center 10653 N 550 W Decatur, IN 46733. *First Place:\$100 Second Place:\$50*. Single Elimination: Team Winning first 2 out of 3 games moves to the next round. Opportunity to "Buy Back In" will be available. Registration fee is \$40 per team & can be submitted the day of the tournament. Checks can be made payable to Wyneken. Please contact Shane McBride 260-223-1149 or Corbin Bultemeier 260-223-7352 with any questions. All proceeds will be utilized for wrestling equipment and towards the purchase of new wrestling mats. Concessions will be available. RSVP now to help us prepare.
<https://bit.ly/WynekenCornhole>

CLHS Summer Programs Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for summer camps and classes at Concordia! CLHS hosts a number of Summer Camps and Summer Academic programs for students of all ages (K-12 during the 2023-24 school year). Camps range from sports to computers to band and drama. There's something for everyone! And if you're looking to get ahead on your classes, sign up for one of our Academic programs. Classes are available onsite or online. Students from all schools in grades

8-12 are welcome! We are offering an online registration and payment system for all Summer Camps and Classes through CampBrain. To learn more about our summer programs or to register, go to: clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS Payment is due at the time of Registration. Many camps offer a t-shirt to campers, included in their registration fees. The registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 10, 2024. After that date, a t-shirt is not guaranteed. For any questions, please contact our athletics office at (260) 969-6868 or athletics@clhscadets.com. For questions regarding the summer classes, please call Nancy Koehler, summer classes coordinator, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 313 or email nkoehler@clhscadets.com.

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School- Ossian: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Saturday April 20th, 8:00am-11:00am. 7545 N 650 E Ossian, Indiana ~Free Will Donation~

Bethlehem Lutheran Church- Ossian Dan's Fish Fry Saturday April 27th, 4:30pm-7:00pm at Lighted Gardens 10794 N State Road 1 Ossian, Indiana. Dine In or Carry Out Available. Dine In Menu: Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Dessert, and Drink. Tickets: Adults, \$14.00 pre-sale thru April 21st/ \$15.00 at the door. Children ages 5-10, Dine In Only, \$7.00 pre-sale/ \$8.00 at the door, Children age 4 and under are Free. Contact: Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526/ clouison@ymail.com or Pat Meyer 260-227-0400/ spmeyer82@gmail.com Proceeds to benefit: Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today, Back Pack Program, & Bethlehem Lutheran Church Project Fund.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF April 14th, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
MONDAY	7:00 pm	School Board
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

New Hope Lutheran Church- Ossian, Indiana: You are invited to the Installation of the Rev. Raymond T. Doubrava II as Pastor of New Hope Lutheran Church 8824 North State Road 1 Ossian, Indiana 46777 on Sunday April 28th, 2024, at 2:00pm. Light reception following.

Reminder: Any May newsletter information is due by Friday April 19th. Thank You!

Save the Date: The SPI Spring Musical is Friday April 26th at 6:30pm.

Looking for another way to help support SPI school, try the PaperGator! What is that you ask? Why it is a simple way to not only help the school, but also the environment. There is a green dumpster at SPI school on the east side of the property. The items that can be collected are: school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard & soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper(bagged in clear plastic), paperboard(cereal boxes, butter boxes, etc.), Cardboard(12x12 or smaller, & NOT Corrugated), & wrapping paper(no foil or sparkles). When you have a pile of

the approved items, take them to the school and put them into the PaperGator dumpster. It is that easy. The proceeds are going towards the 7th & 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

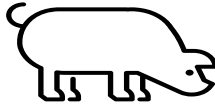
Monroeville Lions Club: All You Can Eat Sunday Breakfast Buffet & Bake Sale April 21st 8:30am- 12:30pm at the American Legion Post 420 Monroeville, Indiana. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Applesauce, Tropical Fruit, Coffee, Milk, Juice. Cost is 7 & Older- \$10, 6 & under - Free. Booster Seats available. Benefiting: Bench for Walking Trail. For More Information, please contact (260)-414-0210. Thank You!

Martini Lutheran- New Haven: Mission Rally on Wednesday May 8th, 2024, 7-8:15pm at Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Gary Schulz, Assistant Director of Mission Central, a farmstead in Western Iowa that is the heart of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Missions. Come hear stories of our Synod's Missions & Missionaries & their work around the world. The Lord is using our missionaries as His tools to teach & preach the Gospel message for the salvation of souls in multiple languages in many countries & islands.

A free will donation will be gathered to benefit Mission Central. Light refreshments will be served following the Rally. Come early & enjoy a mini organ concert presented by Vicar Matt Machemer. Please join us!

Reminder: Hopefully everyone has had a chance to read through the April newsletter; I just want to remind you to complete the Update Contact Information form to the best of your ability. I would like to have them turned in by Friday May 17th, 2024. Thank you to those who have already turned theirs in! ~ Amber Shaffer

Bethlehem Washington D.C. Group's Pulled Pork Dinner



April 14th, 2024
10:30 am-1:00 pm



Dine In or Carry Out



Menu: Pulled Pork
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Chips
Cookies

\$10 at the Door
7545 N 650 E
Ossian, Indiana

Thank You for the Support!