



Second Sunday after Easter | April 16, 2023

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister:
Rev. Ryan Arnold

**Director of Worship, Music,
Adult Choirs and Organist:**
Michael Elsbernd

**Director of Handbells &
Youth Choirs:**
Beth Ann Edwards

Lector:
Pam Hanna

Assisting Minister:
Bonnie Ekse

Communion Assistants:
Pam Hanna
Mike Hanna
Sarah Thorn
Ann Strom

Healing Assistants:
Drew Gangle
Diann Mackey
Worship Host
Steve King

Worship Guides:
Carol Fredrich
Richard Early
Barb John

**Coffee Fellowship
9:00am Before Service:**
Mary & Bob Miller

**Coffee Fellowship
11:00am After Service:**
Cindy Fox

Audio:
Todd Warming

Video:
Jim Blume
Todd Warming

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

If you are a visitor at St. John's today, we invite you to stop at the Visitor's Table back in the Fireplace Lounge and pick up a small gift we have for you.

Prepare for Worship Second Sunday after Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism. Sundays & Seasons, Year A, Augsburg Fortress

Cover Art Explained: The Maesta Altarpiece-The Incredulity of St. Thomas. Duccio by Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255-1319). The Maestà, or Maestà of Duccio is an altarpiece composed of many individual paintings commissioned by the city of Siena in 1308 from the artist Duccio di Buoninsegna, from which several panels are now dispersed or lost. The front panels make up a large enthroned Madonna and Child with saints and angels, and a predella of the Childhood of Christ with prophets.

Prayer Requests -

The following people have requested prayers. If someone has passed away they are noted as "Friends/Family" of "name inserted". Please call or email Katie Pithan at 515-243-7691 or kpithan@stjohnsdsm.org to add people to the list.

Travis
Ben M
Jaime P
Gloria R & Family
Paul W
Gail N
Robin & Ray C
Colt
Liz A & Family

Troy
Greg S
Nancy
Eric S
Sarah V
Jack G
Bob M
Melissa T
Anne P

Lisa D
Lindsey H
Amanda H
Dennis
Sarah K, her family,
daughter and un-
born grandchild

Easter Oratorio by J. S. Bach

Pre-concert talk at 1:45pm
given by Dr. Kathryn
Pohlmann-Duffy in Neumann
Room!

Join us today at 2:30PM!
Enjoy the Cathedral Choir,
soloists and Chamber
Orchestra! The concert will
also include a performance of
the first movement of *Bach's
Concerto for Two Harpsichords*,
with Ling Yu Hsiao and Michael
Elsbernd.



Giving made easy, scan QR Code!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. We encourage everyone to participate in worship as fully as possible. "**ELW**" refers to the red hymnal found in the pew racks. Page numbers refer to the front of the hymnal; hymns are listed by ELW # and can be found toward the back of the hymnal.

"**ACS**" refers to the All Creation Sings, the Purple Hymnals in the pew racks.

Indicators for who's speaking - [P] Pastor [L] - Lector [A] - Assisting Minister

[C] - Congregation

Prelude: "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth" By J.S. Bach

Welcome

Thanksgiving For Baptism (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song "The Day of Resurrection!" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) #361

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Canticle of Praise "This is the Feast" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 140

One of the following or another canticle of praise may be sung by all.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

Before the reading

L: People of God, listen for the Word of the Lord.

C: Our ears are open.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Bible Page 885

After the reading

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Sung responsively with the assembly and the choir; assembly responds with the bold text

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a-¹bove all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are¹ in the land,
upon those who are noble a-¹mong the people.**

³But those who run after¹ other gods
shall have their troubles¹ multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods,
never take their names up-¹on my lips. R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion¹ and my cup;
it is you who up-¹hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a¹ pleasant land;
indeed, I have a¹ rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night¹ after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al-¹ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall¹ not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹it rejoices;
my body also shall¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one¹ see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-¹evermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9, Bible Page 983

After the reading

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 142

First sung by the Choir, then by all.



The gospel is announced.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31, Bible Page 883

The gospel concludes.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The assembly is seated.

Children's Message

Sermon Rev. Ryan Arnold, Senior Pastor

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing!" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) #385

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Apostles' Creed (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 104

Prayers of the Church

Our prayer response will be:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

The assembly is seated.

Musical Reflection: "Come, Hurry, And Run" From Easter Oratorio, By J.S. Bach

Cathedral Choir; Kalevi Chen & Alex Redding, Vocalists

Come, hurry and run, you speedy feet, reach the cavern which conceals Jesus! Laughter and merriment accompany our hearts since our Savior is risen again.

The Lord's Supper

Christ, the host of the Eucharist, invites all to the Meal! At the direction of parents or caregivers, children may commune or receive a blessing. To commune at the front of the church or cross aisle, please follow the direction of the Guides. As you approach the communion station, please take an empty cup from the tray held by the acolyte. Grape juice is available in the cups in the inner ring of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available on the side tables. After you receive the bread, those with an empty cup will have them filled with wine from a pouring chalice. Empty cups may be placed in the baskets as you return to your pew. Communion is also available for those who need to stay seated; please notify your guide as they dismiss rows to commune.

The assembly is invited to stand.

The Great Thanksgiving (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 144

Sanctus (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 144

The Lord's Prayer (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 145

The assembly is seated.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) Page 146

Hymns During Communion: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) #384

Hymns During Communion: "This Joyful Eastertide" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) #391

Prayer After Communion

Sending

Benediction

Sending Song "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (ELW Red Hymnal in Pew) #389

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Toccata On 'This Joyful Eastertide' By Paul Bouman

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Scrapbooking

April 15, 2023 | 10:00am | Valbracht Gallery

Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This group usually meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. If you have questions regarding this group, don't hesitate to contact Delaine Marker at gramsmkr@hotmail.com. All are Welcome!



Mah Jongg

April 17, 2023 | 12:00pm | Neumann Hospitality Center

Would you like to get together Mondays 12:00pm - 3:00pm in Neumann Hospitality? All are invited! This group meets weekly except on holidays. If you have questions regarding the weekly meeting location during this fluid period and other group questions, please contact Judy to sign-up atjclatessa125@gmail.com



Celebrating Katy @ Lua Brewing

April 17, 2023 | 7:00pm | Offsite

Celebrating Katy is open to ANYONE who wants to celebrate the life of Katarina Von Bora, wife of Martin Luther and a home brewer herself. She was known for her hospitality and her skills as a home brewer. Therefore we gather at local breweries in her honor. Please join us whenever if you can. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Rod Snavelly at celebratingkaty@gmail.com or text/call 515-494-3178.



YoPro Meets

April 18, 2023 | 5:30pm | Offsite

We will meet at: The Hall, 111 S 11th St, West Des Moines, IA 50265

ALL professionals in ALL fields are welcome. Come and join with others interested in exploring and discussing the challenges, opportunities and issues of the 21st Century. (Please bring your own PPE if you feel it necessary). If you have any questions please contact Ann, ann.strom94@gmail.com or 515-954-5268.



St. John's @ CISS (Central Iowa Shelter Services)

Every Month on the 18 & 19

Providing services and guidance to our neighbors in need has desperately grown over the last few years. Every 18th and 19th of the month, St. John's parishioners prepare, provide, and serve dinner for about 500 people. Located at 1420 Mulberry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. Central Iowa Shelter and Services is a non-profit organization that's waiting for special people like you to help make an impact in our community. Visit the signup below to learn more about this special ministry of St. John's!





Journey Through Grief

Six-Session Educational Grief Group



2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | April - June
St. John's Lutheran Church
600 6th Ave. | Des Moines, IA 50309



For Registration and Questions
Contact Olivia Collins, Bereavement Counselor
Olivia.collins@unitypoint.org | (515) 414-9115

Learn. Connect. Grow.



UnityPoint Hospice



Support Group Dates & Topics

APRIL 13
What is Grief? How
Long Does it Last?

APRIL 27
Why Did this Happen
to Me? Where is God?

MAY 11
Families and Diverse
Methods for Coping

MAY 25
Engaging with Others

JUNE 8
Maintaining a
Connection

JUNE 22
Hope

Coffee and light pastries provided to participants.

Brought to you by UnityPoint Hospice Bereavement Services and St. John's Lutheran Church

Coffee with Council

Has moved its dates and times to:

Saturday, April 29th at 6pm

&

Sunday, April 30th at 11:15am

Both gatherings encourage everyone to join and take place in
Neumann Hospitality. We look forward to seeing you there!



Midweek Music Series!

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Bruch Trio, Susan Odem, Dan Stevenson,
Bruce Martin | 12:05pm

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Party of Three w/ Joel Gettys | 12:05 pm

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Scott Davis Trio | 12:05 pm

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

The Iowa Guitar Quartet | 12:05 pm

For over 20 years, St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Des Moines has hosted a Midweek Music Series, featuring the best in music that Des Moines has to offer. Each week at 12:05, a 30-minute concert, free and open to the public, takes place in the beautiful, stained glass-lit neo-gothic sanctuary located on the corner of Sixth and Watson Powell. After the concert, audience members are invited to head over to Neumann to meet with friends old and new, over a *light lunch priced at \$7.00 per person.*

