



PRELUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness” arr. by Dale Wood, organ

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(ELW p. 94)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN

1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

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.

ANTHEM

**“Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King”
arr. by Sandra Eithun, handbells**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

ALLELUIA VERSE



SCRIPTURE:

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:13-35

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“New Perspective” Pastor Karen Natterstad

SERMON SONG

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Refrain

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

STATEMENT OF FAITH

(From hymnal Spirit Touching Spirit, Hans Hanson - Prince of Peace, Burnsville MN)

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and that He takes away the sin of the world. By His name and grace we live our lives of mission and witness for the world.

We confess that God is the creator of all people on earth and has created us to live in a covenant of love established through the Word and sacraments. Through Baptism we begin this new life that is acted out through the community of believers throughout the world. We rejoice with those who rejoice and we stand together with those who are sad.

In the body and blood of Jesus we find the presence of Christ and forgiveness of our sin. Within the church of God we accept our place as missionary, prophet, teacher, helper and friend, in order that we might serve with great purpose the church that presently exists and the church that is to come. Praise, blessing, honor and glory be to God the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

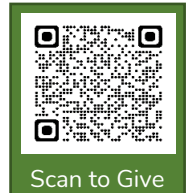
OFFERING

“Day of Arising” by David Cherwein, choir

Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.

Offering may be given by:

- Going to our website makedisciples.com and clicking on “Ways to Give”
- Scanning this QR code.
- Texting to Give to 844-605-2105
- Mailing to St. John’s Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Dialogue and Preface

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 God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Please self-serve your communion.

Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See last page)

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia;
God, the wonder of our days.

2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Christ, our present, past, and goal.

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

3 Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Spirit, grace by whom we live.

4 Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith..

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross” sttg by Gordon Young, organ

Today's Worship Team:

Pastor:	Pr. Karen Natterstad
Assisting Minister:	Mary Wagner
Organist/Music Director:	Becky Whelpley
Choir:	Lisa Weiss-Cornelius, accompanist
Handbells:	Heidi Bischmann, director
Flute:	Heidi Bischmann
Lector:	Debbie Morgan
AV:	Phil Peters, Penny Holt

Announcements

Worshiping

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are provided by April and Danny Dzierzewski in celebration of their daughter Aubrey's 11th birthday.

Please use the signups on the website to provide altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event. Cost of the arrangements is \$50.

Bluegrass Worship

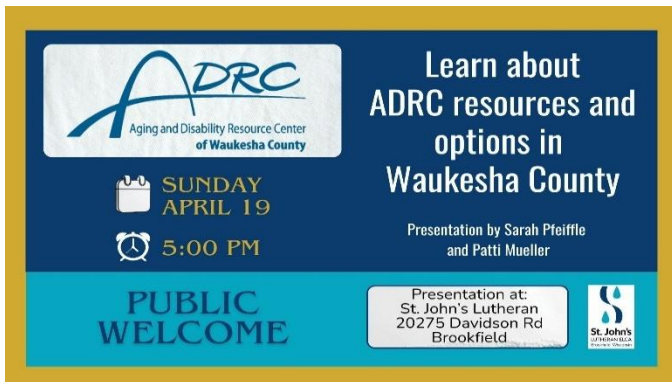


Pancake Breakfast



On the Calendar

Apr 19	Academy (5:00p)
Apr 21	Jan Nelson memorial (at St. John's)
Apr 24	Ardythe Seeber's memorial (at Harder)
Apr 26	Bluegrass worship (10:45a)
May 3	Confirmation (10:45a) Pancake Breakfast (9:00-11:00a)
May 4	Spring Clean Up (5:00p)
May 24	summer worship schedule begins (9:00a)
Jun 7	annual meeting



ADRC
Aging and Disability Resource Center
of Waukesha County


Learn about ADRC resources and options in Waukesha County

SUNDAY APRIL 19
5:00 PM

PUBLIC WELCOME

Presentation by Sarah Pfeiffle and Patti Mueller

Presentation at:
St. John's Lutheran
20275 Davidson Rd
Brookfield




Spring Spruce Up

May 4 food provided **5:00p.m.**

RSVP on Sign Up Genius

Serving and Connecting

April Outreach Focus

The outreach focus for April is items for Newborn Kits. Donations of baby blankets, Ivory soap bars, baby hats, and onesies may be placed in the shopping cart. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering, put in a drop box, mailed to the office, or given online.

You are invited back on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 to help assemble the kits. Watch for more information.

Honoring our Graduates

St. John's will honor and pray for our graduates on May 31! If you have a high school or college graduate in your household, please take a moment to submit their information by scanning this QR code or by using this link:

<https://makedisciples.com/graduate-recognition/>



We can't wait to celebrate this exciting milestone with you!

Growing

Registration is Open for VBS

Kids ages 4 years to entering-6th grade ... Join us for an exciting week of Animal Encounters as we dive into stories in the Bible and meet their animal stars! Each day will include a live animal encounter, crafts, snacks, and outdoor fun!

VBS runs August 3-6, from 9:00am-12:00pm. The early bird cost is \$35/child for the week (\$100 family maximum) if registered before June 1.

Registration deadline is July 20 or when classes are full. Register using this QR code or on our website under Ministries – Child & Youth – VBS.



REGISTRATION OPEN!

Animal Encounters VBS
August 3-6, 2026
St. John's Brookfield
www.makedisciples.com

Who: VBS is open to all kids ages 4 through entering 6th grade

Cost: \$35/child before June 1
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REGISTER NOW!



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