

# HOLY COMMUNION



## **Easter Sunday**

**March 31, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Our Friend,  
Judith McKewen M. by Duane & Marianne M.**

**Bulletin Presented In Honor of Gerald B.'s, Jamie B.'s  
& Linda H.'s Birthdays**

Prelude: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* arr. Anna Laura Page

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed** *(spoken 3 times)*

**\*Liturgy of Light:** *(All stand and face the rear of the church)*

\*P: The Lord be with you.

**\*C: And also with you.**

\*P: Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**\*C: Amen**

*The Paschal Candle is lighted.*

\*P: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

\*P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

**\*C: Pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*As the Paschal Candle is raised, the Presiding Minister proclaims the resurrection, shouting:*

\*P: *(boldly)* Christ is Risen!

**\*C: *(boldly)* He is risen indeed!**

**\*Hymn LBW #131 "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"** (8 am vs 1-2)

### **\*Easter Dialog:**

\*P: *(boldly)* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

\*C: *(boldly)* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

\*C: **He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!  
Alleluia!**

\*P: God has claimed us as his own.

\*C. **God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

\*P: *(boldly)* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

\*C: *(boldly)* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*P: Let us pray. God of mercy,

\*C: **We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Greetings and Announcements**

### **First Reading Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the →

dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**\*Gospel Verse** (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

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

**\*C:** (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 20:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, ➔

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“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”  
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you  
have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will  
take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said  
to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus  
said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet  
ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I  
am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your  
God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I  
have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these  
things to her.

**\*C:** (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children’s Sermon/Sermon**

**\*Hymn LBW #128** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”*

(8 am vs 1-2)

**\*Apostles Creed**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into  
hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He  
will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

**\*P:** On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the  
world, and all people in any need.

*A brief silence.*

- \*V: You give life to all your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,
- \*C: Hear our prayer.**
- \*V: You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Teach us to better use our natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
- \*C: Hear our prayer.**
- \*V: You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,
- \*C: Hear our prayer.**
- \*V: You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, heal the sick, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray for those on our prayer list and those we name before You, silently or aloud (*pause*). Lord, in your mercy,
- \*C: Hear our prayer.**
- \*V: You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,
- \*C: Hear our prayer.**
- \*V: You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food before us. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,
- \*C: Hear our prayer.**
- \*P: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.
- \*C: Amen.**

## **\*The Peace**

\*P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

\*C: **And also, with you.**

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation.*

## **\*Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service.  
We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for  
the work of God's kingdom.*

## **Music at the Offering:**

(8 AM) Two meditations on "*Llanfair*"

arr. Thomas Keesecker

(10:15 AM) "*Easter Morning Medley*"

arr. Gary Lanier

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

\*P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

\*C: **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **\*The Thanksgiving**

\*P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 we praise Your holy name and join their unending hymn:

\***Sanctus** (sung)

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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## **\*The Words of Institution**

\*P: 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.

\*P: 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.

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

\*P: Lord, 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.**

**\*Agnus Dei** (sung)

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **\*Invitation to Communion**

\*P: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ. Come, receive our living Lord!

*The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew, please ask pastor to get you a pre-packaged communion set or ask an usher.*



**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

\*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you onto everlasting life. Amen.

**\*Post Communion Canticle** (sung)

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***Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
tell everyone what he has done.***

***Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with  
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**\*Prayer after Communion**

\*P: Let us pray. Life-giving God,

\*C: **In the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

\*P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

\*C: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn LBW #144** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"*

(8am vs 1-2)

**\*Dismissal**

\*P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

\*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Postlude on *"Lancashire"*

arr. John S. Dixon

**Assisting in Worship Today**  
**Altar Guild – Gloria M., Carol H.**  
**8:00 AM - Ushers: Laura T. & Jamie B.**  
**Lector: Laura T. - Acolyte: Ethan B.**  
**Communion Assistant: Rich S., Volunteers**  
**10:15 AM - Ushers: Joyce G., Cindy F.**  
**Lector: Betty N. - Acolyte: Paige H.**  
**Communion Assistant: Bill F., Betty N.**

Stay up to date with worship schedule changes, meeting notices, and weather cancellations by  
texting **STJOHNSBATH to 84576**  
or connect with us online at **stjohnsbath.flocknote.com**

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Pastor Walsh's page, for information on faith in the wider world:  
<https://www.facebook.com/terrence.walsh.96>

***Follow us on our website:*** [www.stjohnsbathpa.org](http://www.stjohnsbathpa.org)

**Communion Cards For 2024** – If you are taking communion today and have not filled out a communion card for 2024, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate. You only need to fill out a card once for the year.

**Easter Flowers:** Thank you to the altar guild for their dedication and hard work in making our sanctuary look so lovely for the resurrection of our Lord. Also thank you to everyone who purchased a Tulip, Daffodil, Easter Lily, or an Azealia. Please do not forget to take your flowers with you at the end of each service.

## Welcome to St. John's!

We are delighted that you have joined us in celebrating The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether you are new to St. John's or have been coming here your entire life we welcome you. Whether you know all the hymns or this is all new music to you, you are welcome here.

If you can't find the right page or get lost as to where we are in the worship service, don't worry, Pastor will get you onto the right page in a minute.

Do you have questions about how we worship, what we worship, or why we worship Jesus Christ? Talk to the pastor after the service. Or send an email, call us or stop in. We love answering these questions. Sometimes we just explore the questions together.


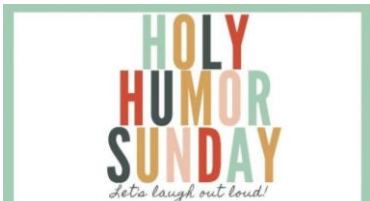
We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ. The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

### Upcoming Commemorations

**John Donne, poet, died 1631, Sunday, March 31, 2024.** After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry. **Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589, Thursday, April 4, 2024.** Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community. **Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists, Saturday, April 6, 2024.** These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

**Today's Announcements - Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Easter Day - The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**This Week at St. John's**

3/31/2024 - Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	No Sunday School (Happy Easter)	
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM
4/01/2024 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
	Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
4/04/2024 - Thurs.	Baking of Molasses Crumb Pies	9:00 AM
4/05/2024 - Fri.	Baking of Molasses Crumb Pies	9:00 AM
4/06/2024 - Sat.	Pick-Up of Molasses Crumb Pies	9:00 AM-Noon
4/07/2024 - Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Communion	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM

**Thank you:** Thank you to everyone who ordered, baked, or helped with the fish dinners. We served close to 400 fish dinners! The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful.

**Online Giving Option:** We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give now at this website link:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>



Scan this code to get the Vanco App on your mobile

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.

**Nursery School Lottery Calendars:** Please see the box at the bottom of the stairs for an April lottery calendar to support the Nursery school. Calendars are \$10.

**Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025:** Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing stjohnbath@gmail.com. Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

**Molasses Crumb Pie Sale:** Save the date of April 6, 2024. St. John's is making and selling molasses crumb pies. They will be made on April 4 & 5. Pickup will be April 6 from 9:00 am to noon. Order by Monday, April 1. Order sheets are now available in the lobby. If you are interested in helping to make the pies please give Jeannine Werner a call at 610-417-3316.

**CPR/AED Training:** Come join us for live saving training, Sunday April 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Earl Ostrander (CPR Road Tour) will be teaching CPR and how to use the AED's. Cost for the class is \$40. Please fill out a class form and return by Sunday, April 7, 2024.

**Prayers Requested For:** Matthew A., Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the family of Shane B., Barb B., Cory B., Dawn & Bill B., Jason C., Patty & Larry D., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Cami Grace G., Bryson G., Janis G., Mike H., Shawn H., Lil H., Troy H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Mary K., Steve K., Diane L., Lee L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, April Rose M., Joe N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O. Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne .Y., Pauline Y., Francis Z., and those unnamed.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***



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Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Azaleas are placed to the Glory of God



<b>In Honor of:</b>	<b>By:</b>
Francis Z.	The Adams & Z. Family
The B., & The L.	Barb B.
Our Children, Connie, Patti & Dale	LaVerne F.
Elizabeth N., Mark & David K.	Deb K.
Melinda, Melody, Melissa, and Birdie	Dawn & Erwin M.
Grandchildren Holly Ann M. & Benjamin M.	Duane & Marianne M.
Elizabeth N.	Susan S.
Stanley K. & Marjorie S.	The W. Family





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<u>In Loving Memory of:</u>	<u>By:</u>
Margaret Z., Mary T. and Robert A., Sr.	The A. & Z. Family
Neil & Louise A.	Samantha A.
Our Parents	Ann & Gordon B.
Mr. & Mrs. Horace D.	Jan B.
Guy "Pete" B.	Barb B.
Departed Loved Ones	The B. Family
My Dad Gerald E. Sr., My Nanny and Pappy H.	Crystal C.
Departed Loved Ones	Nancy E.
Departed Loved Ones	Bill & Cindy F.
Departed Loved Ones	Barry & Judy F.
Husband Mel F.	LaVerne F.
Alfred and Lottie F.	The F. Family
Mr. & Mrs. Carl G. and Kevin M.	Wanda F. & Family
Loved Ones	Joyce G.
Departed Loved Ones	The G. Family
For all our Departed Loved Ones	Janis G.
Elyn D., Violet M. H.	The H. & D. Families & Michael & Kenneth H. Families
Cora H.	Jason & Wendy H. & Family
Kerry & Sharon H., Harvey & Dorothy H.	The H. Family
Loved Ones	Sue H.
Mildred & Albert G.	Carol H.
Departed Loved Ones	Linda & Bill H.
Departed Loved Ones	Dennis K.
Our Loved Ones	David K. & Jenny W.
Loved Ones	June K.
Richard N.	Deborah K. & Susan S.
Allen & Betty G., Emily D., George & Mildred M.	David M. & Family
Gerald and Rose W., The K. Family	The P. Family
Anne S. & Rita S.	Cathy & Ronald S.
The S. and H. Family	Marvin & Helen S.
Russell E. S., Husband	Wife, Irene
Delores K., William S. and Gloria W.	The W. Family
Departed Loved Ones	Carl & Debby W.
Departed Loved Ones	Richard Y.



# Welcome to Holy Week 2024!

We are so glad that you are worshipping with us! We hope that you will fill out the survey below, to help us to better serve our community.

## How to you hear about our worship services?

- In monthly newsletter
- From Sunday bulletin
- Announcements at the beginning of worship services
- Church sign as you walked or drove by
- Answering machine message
- Facebook
- Church website
- Ad in Home News weekly newspaper

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If you would like us to keep in touch with you, by adding you to our newsletter list, Sunday worship email list, or our texting list, please give us your contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number for text messages: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle that you would like to receive:

- Newsletter in your mailbox
- Newsletter via email
- Text messages for church news