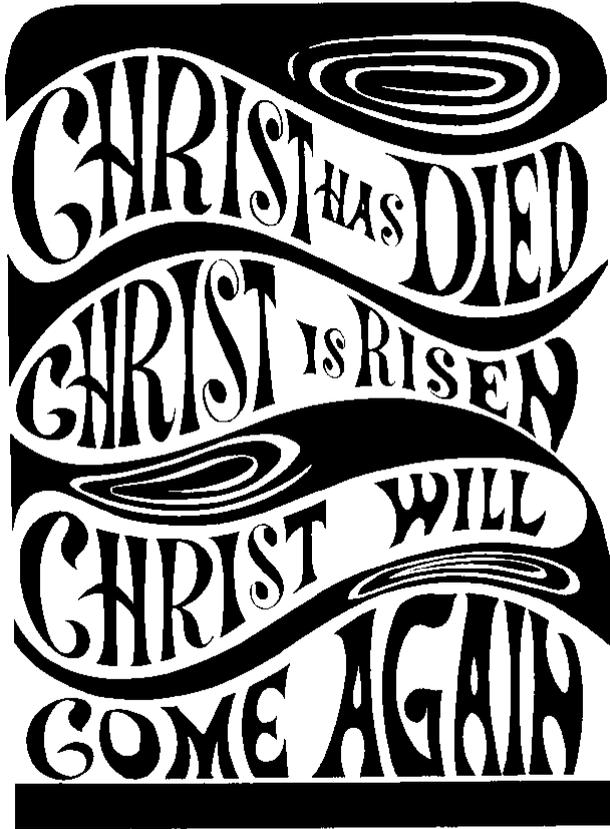


## Easter 3



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Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
10302 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. + Oak Creek, WI  
May 2 & 5, 2019

## Welcome to Saint John's!

Established 1843 + Founding Member, Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

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- May **God bless your worship** today so that your faith in Christ grows stronger and your love for God and neighbor burns more brightly.
- Our **liturgy** (order for worship) is found on page 26 in the front of the hymnal. Please use the hymnal for the hymns.
- The **restrooms** are located in the basement at the east end of the building.
- **Your children** are always welcome at St. John's and we encourage you to involve them in the service. *If you need to take your little one out for a bit of a breather, please use our parents' room located in the back of the church.* Parents with small children may wish to consider sitting in the back pews. Thanks for showing respect to your fellow worshipers.
- If you would like **more information** about Saint John's, feel free to...
  - Visit Our website: [www.stjohnsoakwood.org](http://www.stjohnsoakwood.org)
  - Email Pastor Reckzin : [d.reckzin@gmail.com](mailto:d.reckzin@gmail.com)
  - Call Pastor Reckzin: 414-232-2953
- If you are **interested in joining St. John's**, Pastor Reckzin is happy to lead you through some Bible classes at your convenience. There is no cost or obligation.

**Participation in Holy Communion** In respect for the Scriptures and the true presence of Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament, Saint John's follows the ancient and biblical practice of close communion. We ask that only members of Saint John's or of WELS/ELS congregations come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you have questions about close communion, Pastor Reckzin is happy to explain the practice according to Holy Scripture. We appreciate your respect for our practice. Thank you

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## WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgy: Service of Word & Sacrament, page 26 in the front of the hymnal  
Hymns: 370, 160, 152, 219  
Psalm: 67, page 91 in the front of the hymnal.

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (Sung)**

### First Lesson

**Acts 9:1-19**

*The Lord blesses the persecutor Saul. All things are possible with God.*

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### Psalm 67,

*page 91 in the front of the hymnal*

*Sung Responsively between minister and congregation*

## Epistle Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14

*In heaven we will joyfully sing the glory of the Lord in perfect praise.*

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Sing Verse of the Day,  
page 30 in the front of the hymnal*

## Gospel Lesson/Sermon Text

John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

*After the sermon our service continues with...*

- *the NICENE CREED, on page 31 in the front part of the hymnal,*
- *the offering*
- *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (printed on next page)*

**EASTER SEASON—RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

- M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**
- M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

***Silent prayer.***

- M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

- ***LORD'S PRAYER*** (page 32)
- ***and THE SACRAMENT*** (page 33 and following).
- ***DISTRIBUTION HYMN - I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** #152
- ***Closing Hymn – Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See*** #219

## ***PARISH NEWS***

**Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Beginning this week, we will study some of our favorite hymns. These poems of praise will instruct us, inspire us, and bring us closer to our Savior.

**Voters Meeting** will be on Sunday, May 5 at 11:45 in the church basement. We will hear the reports on various activities of our congregation, vote on membership changes, and hear updates on our Long Range Planning, fund-raising campaign planned for later this year, and other items concerning the welfare of our congregation.

**Blood Drive Time Change:** We are still hosting the blood drive on Monday, May 11, but donations will be accepted from **2:30 – 7:00 pm**, not 1-7 pm as previously advertised. Donors are encouraged to register for a time slot ahead of time. This can be done by:

- registering online at [bit.ly/stjohnsev0513](http://bit.ly/stjohnsev0513)
- calling 1-877-232-4376
- using the paper signup in the narthex

**Church Cleanup Day:** We are planning a cleanup day for ***Saturday, May 18, from 8:00 am -12:00 pm.*** A list of tasks for outdoor cleanup is currently being put together, but if the weather is uncooperative (or if you would prefer to work inside), there will be plenty of cleanup and organizational work to tackle in the church, too. Members of any age are welcome to help. If you have any further questions, please speak with Aaron Lambrecht.

## **SHORELAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**CELEBRATION OF SERVICE!** The Shoreland Lutheran High School Board of Directors, together with the faculty and staff, invite you to attend a celebration of thanksgiving and joy in recognizing Mr. Sam Kleinke, who has accepted a Call to teach at Great Plains Lutheran High School in South Dakota, and Mrs. Sarah Selle, who is stepping down and will continue to serve the Lord's ministry in other areas of life. **Please join us in thanking God for these faithful servants during the Spring Concert on Saturday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. There will be an informal reception following the concert.**

**SHOWCASE NIGHT SATURDAY MAY 18:** You are invited to attend Showcase Night prior to the Spring Pops Concert. The evening will highlight Shoreland's Computer Science, Biomedical Science and Engineering pathways of STEM Academy and student art displays. Students will demonstrate and discuss projects they have worked on throughout the year. It is a great event to see how God has blessed Shoreland and its students! You are welcome any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and are encouraged to stay for the Pops Concert at 7:00 p.m.

**SHORELAND'S ANNUAL WIDOW'S MITE RUMMAGE SALE MAY 31 & JUNE 1:** Spring cleaning? Please consider donating the BEST items that you no longer want to the biggest Reuse-Repurpose event of the year at Shoreland – **the Annual Widow's Mite Rummage Sale!** Clean clothing, shoes/handbags, jewelry, books, toys, household items, small furniture and appliances will be accepted. Unfortunately, pianos, televisions, computers and monitors will not be accepted. Please contact Joy Lee at [development@slhs.us](mailto:development@slhs.us) with questions.

**Drop off times are as follows:**

May 20-23, from 8:00 a.m.-noon

May 28 and 29, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**DAN BAILEY CLAYS MEMORIAL EVENT:** Join us on Thursday, June 6, for a Sporting Clays Shoot for Christian Education. The event benefits Shoreland tuition assistance and/or scholarship assistance to students attending Wisconsin Lutheran College. To register or learn more details go to [wlc.edu/clays](http://wlc.edu/clays)

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Thurs (May 2)	Worship with Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sunday (May 5)	Worship with Holy Communion	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School	9:15 AM
	<b>Voters Meeting</b>	<b>11:45 AM</b>
Thurs (May 9)	Worship with Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sunday (May 12)	Worship with Holy Communion	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School	9:15 AM

### ***Coming Up***

Sat (May 18)	Church Cleanup Day	8:00 AM-12:00 PM
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