

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

^{36a}Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

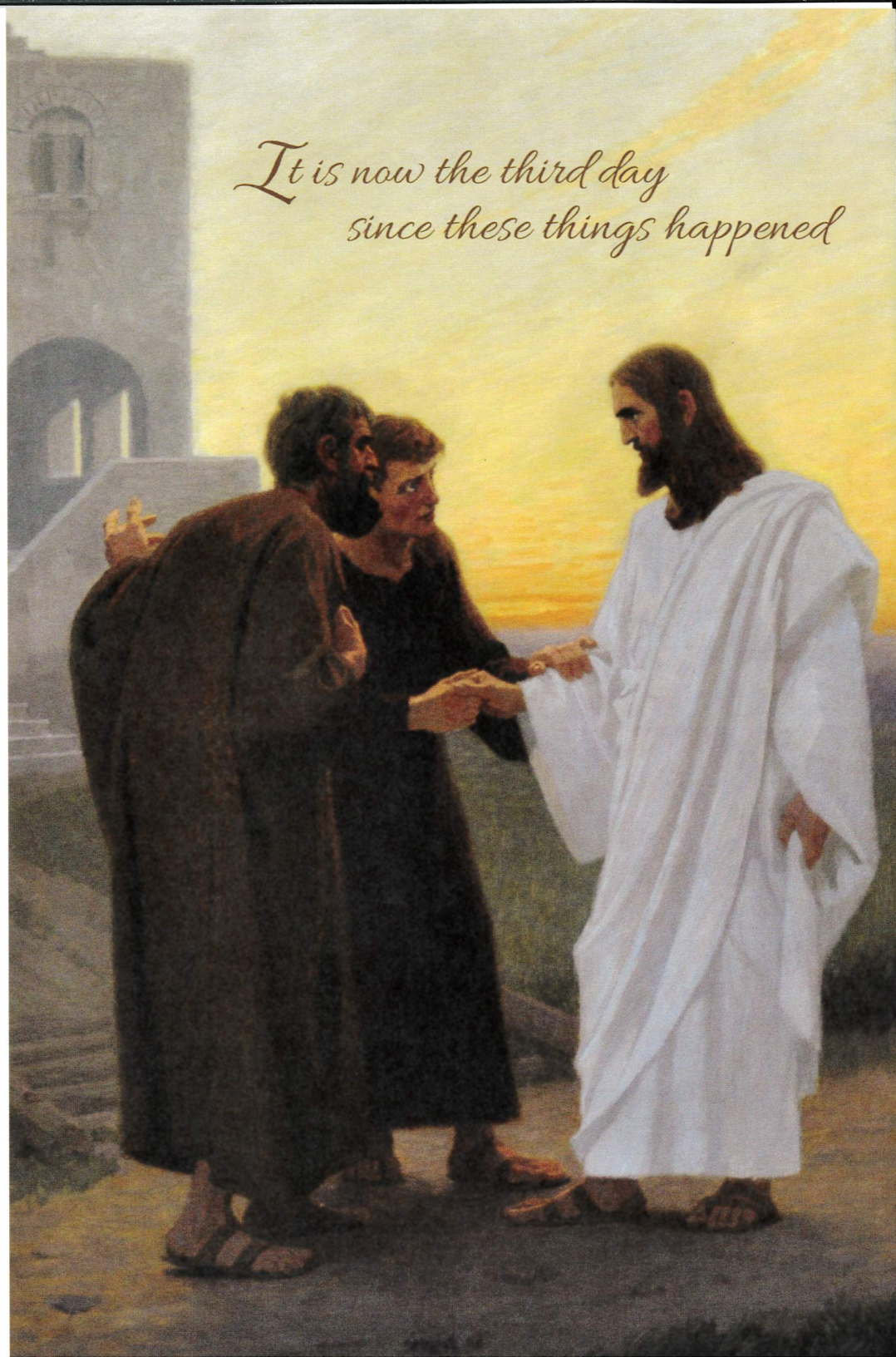
Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other

about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*It is now the third day
since these things happened*



Easter

About the Cover: When the two disciples encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus, their hopeful hearts had grown cold at their Lord's death three days earlier. However, their hearts burned within them as the risen Lord opened the Scriptures to them. The living, breathing, bread-breaking Lord who appeared to them sent them running in the night to confirm what they had seen and heard with the other disciples, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34).

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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Divine Service Setting One (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Hymn of Invocation 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Invocation and Versicles (p. 151)

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

The Kyrie (p. 152)

Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Feast* (p. 155)

Salutation and Collect (p. 156)

P 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. (*sung*)

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

Alleluia and Verse (Common, p. 156)

Hymn of the Day 476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

Sermon

Nicene Creed (p. 158)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory (p. 159)

Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

(Please read the statement below before receive Holy Communion.)

Distribution Hymns

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

527 O Savior, Precious Savior

Post-Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord* (p. 164)

Hymn to Depart 484 Make Songs of Joy

Receiving Holy Communion at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our fight against sin and grow in His likeness, to assure us of our own bodily resurrection on the Last Day, and to increase our unity of love with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, so that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and judgment, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to first speak with the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.

For further study: Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:17-34; 27-30; Acts 2:42; 20:27.

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WE PRAY: Beloved Christ, who lived, died and rose again for our justification, guide us in all our thoughts and deeds that our behavior during this time of exile honors You and glorifies the Father; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead
Pastor Tuesday—Friday please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>
and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—3 Adult Bible class—9 Worship—42

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$2,820.00
Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Youth meeting
Tuesday	1:30 pm	LWML
	6:30 pm	SS meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Confirmation
Sunday	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship
	11:00 am	Quarterly Voters' meeting

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1

SPECIAL OFFERING will be taken for the next 2 Sunday for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dallas TX who had severe fire damage to their church and school Jan. 29, 2026 (full story on the bulletin board). All gifts will be matched up to a total of \$2,500 with funds from Karna Holatz estate. Let us reach out to our fellow Christian church in their time of need.

ALTAR FLOWERS have been given in praise and thanksgiving for the 17th wedding anniversary of Karen and Randy Rasmussen. May His grace and blessings continue to pour over them for many more years to come.

PASTOR NERUD will be at the CID Pastor's conference Monday-Wednesday of this week. Call an Elder or Terri if you are in need of Pastoral Care.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY after the worship service next Sunday April 26th.

Building Healthy Families: Many of the challenges we face today as individuals, couples, or families are made worse by economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult for available dollars to last to the next



paycheck. Here's an important message: Don't ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS for support! A growing number of LCMS people are making monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can always say "Yes" when someone calls for help who doesn't have insurance or financial resources to cover the entire cost of care. LFS accepts most major insurances and offers a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. Pregnancy counseling is always provided with no fee. Don't hesitate to call. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

ALTAR FLOWERS—Please consider providing Altar flower for a Sunday. Sign the flower chart found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. Sign your name for the date of your choice. Use the yellow envelope write the occasion you are celebrating and to pay for the flowers (\$30 for two arrangements, checks made out to St. John's church). Place the envelope in the offering plate. The rest will be taken care of.

EASTER LILIES may be taken home by those who purchased them. They are on the table next to the coat room.

SEEKING -The Rock Island Circuit is looking for applicants for a Parish Nurse to serve its churches. Requirements include: RN and Online District Parish Nurse certification. Interested parties may contact Mel Vogel, head elder at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island (309-781-9624).

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extend active duty assignments, for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.*

ST JOHN'S—Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rahn—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Scott and Laurie asking Your blessings on them.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Linda Aper	Paula Chapa	Joyce DeFauw
John Erdman	Betty Firch	Marcia Helke
Jessica Johnson	Rosalie Jorgensen	Linda Lundquist
Mary Jayne Nash	Aaron Raschke	Drew Schillinger
Dave Schmidt	Carolyn Werner	Denice Winchell
Carolyn Wildermuth		Marilyn Woods

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)
Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)
Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)
Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)
Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)
Joline Parrish (sister of Gayla Kroll)
Ann Behrendt (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)
Lyall Talarico (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)
Cindy Davenport (cousin of Terri Hock)
Chad Gehn (nephew of Brad Gehn)
Jeff Schreck (cousin of Terri Hock)
Ralph Boney (uncle of Larry Hock)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Luke Thompson (son of John/Kindra Thompson)
Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Brittany Lenni (daughter of Gabe Loenser)
Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)
Chase Werling (nephew of Joel Werling)
Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*