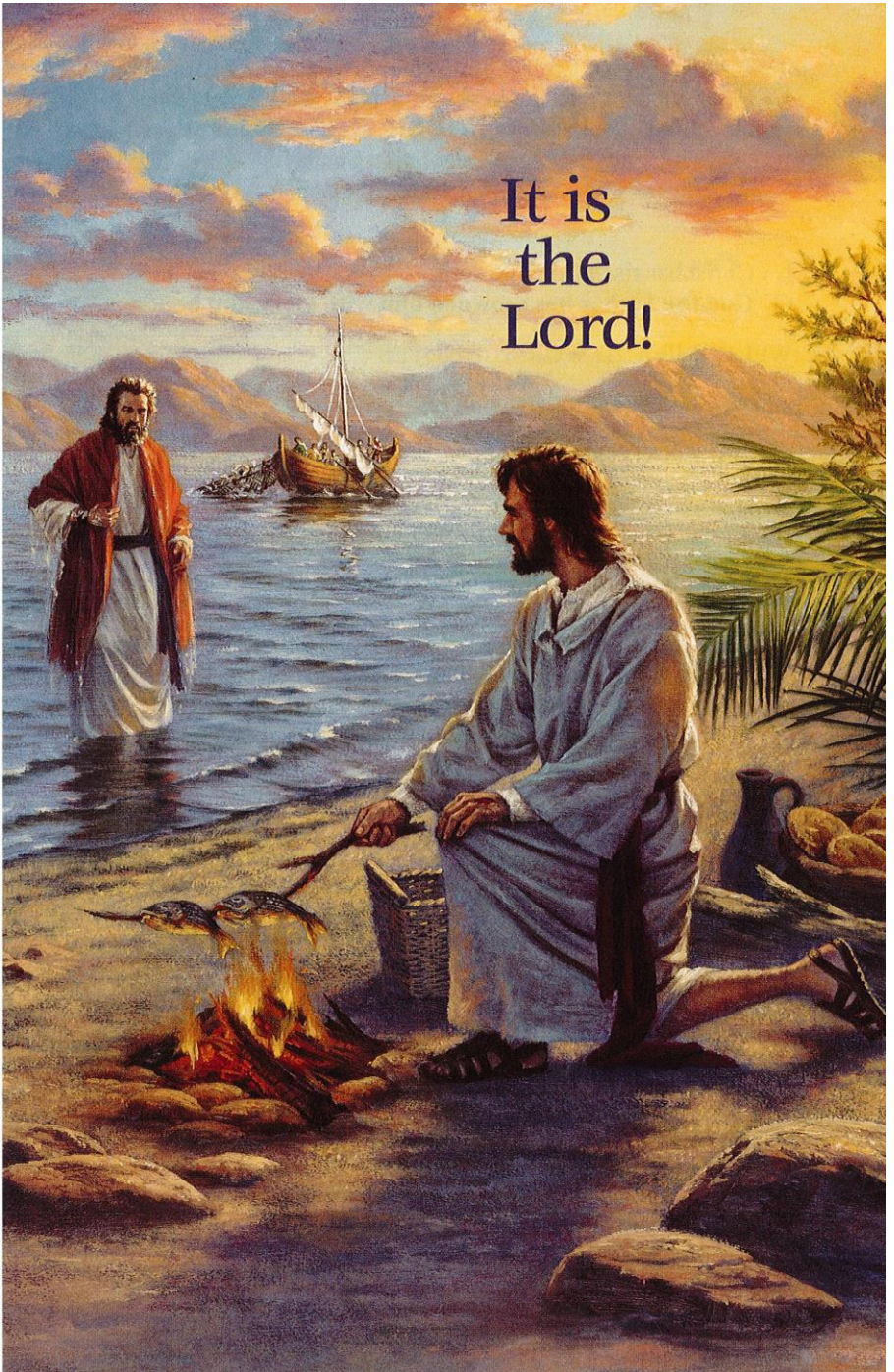


It is
the
Lord!



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH UNDER THE TREES

Grave Decoration Sunday

April 10, 2016

L Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN “Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior,
King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

GREETING

L 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.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their mercy and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so

that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**²O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**⁴Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.

**⁶Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

⁷While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

**⁸Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

⁹I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**¹⁰“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”**

¹¹Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper.”

**¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:[1-7] 8-14

[¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.]

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Stand as you are able

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-14 [15-19]

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

[¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he

said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”]

L The Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.
SERMON

SERMON HYMN “I Come to the Garden Alone”

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The song of God discloses

(Refrain)

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

(Refrain)

I’d stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me is falling.
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe.
His voice to me is calling

(Refrain)

Stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 arose 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.

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

Please be seated.

TEMPLE TALK

Old Stone Church Historical Committee

OFFERING

*All loose and non-designated offerings received today will go to the
maintenance of the Old Stone Church. Thank you!*

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me With your free Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy, "
The congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

*After the singing of the hymn, we gather around the cemetery for
the Graveside Service Honoring the Deceased.*

GRAVESIDE SERVICE HONORING THE DECEASED

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all saints. Keep our brothers and sisters, whose bodies are here laid to rest, in the company of all saints and, at the last day, raise them up to share with all faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PSALM 23 (read responsively)

L The LORD is my shepherd;

C **I shall not want.**

L He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

C **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

L He restoreth my soul:

C **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

L Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

C **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

L Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C **thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**



CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

**Jesus loves me!
This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.**

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

**Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.**

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

BENEDICTION

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to join us for a potluck meal to be shared
immediately following the Worship service.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/10	Third Sunday of Easter
	8:00 a.m. Property Team
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Church Under The Trees & Grave Decoration
	*Following will be a potluck lunch.
Mon 4/11	Office Closed
	7:00 p.m. Finance Team
Tue 4/12	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 4/13	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6-8 p.m. Youth Group
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Thurs 4/14	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 4/15	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Sunday, April 3, 2016:

Total Offering: \$2,671.00

Attendance Worship- 68 Sunday School- 3 Children, 11 Adults

St. John's Mission of the Month:



Mission of the Month of April:

Water Missions International

Mission Statement

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

Mission: Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

Vision: Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

We will celebrate Water Sunday April 24, 2016 at St. John's



We keep the family of Bobby Fagg in our Prayers. May God comfort you at your time of loss.

Easter 3

April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)



Jesus appeared to his disciples once more, post resurrection, after they had spent a long night fishing with no results. He urged them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat and they were rewarded for their obedience with a tremendous bounty of fish. God always provides for our daily needs, sometimes though, it takes eyes of faith to see. As those who follow Jesus we put our complete trust in his loving care.