

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-7

Sermon Title: "See the Father's Love"

Hymns: 463, 801, 770

Divine Service: Setting 1, pg. 151

### Introit

**Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 16:11b**

P.: In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C.: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

P.: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

**C.: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P.: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**C.: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**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.**

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**C.: at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship (Outside)
Wednesday	7:00pm	Confirmation and Youth Group
Friday	7:00pm	Confirmation Questioning
Confirmation Sunday (Outside ??)	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion

**LAST WEEK...** The offering for Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> included \$3,481 for the General Fund, \$1,225 for Mission and \$45 for the Madagascar Missions. A total deposit of \$4,751.

**SERVANT HEART** .... Three cheers to Roland for his service to our church, especially during the pandemic. He is looking for help. Would you please consider helping him with the Audio-Visual part of our worship service?

**CONGRATULATIONS** .... to Chris and Chelsie Laue who were married at St. John, April 10th.

**PHASE 2 TO START** ... The long-awaited decision about the basement was passed to move ahead! Work will begin this summer, including construction of 5 classrooms (see the plan on the bulletin board!), ductwork and electric work.

**ISSUES, ETC** ... This week's teachings include: The TV Series "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier;" The Historical Reliability of John's Gospel; The Word "Resurrection" in the Bible; The Calling of the Prophet Isaiah and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**SIGN UPS** ... Please stop by and take a look at the table near the church office!

**OPEN HOUSE** ... Celebrating Rosie Holien's confirmation on Sunday, April 25th. Stop by for food and cake from 1-4pm; 8401 County Road 4 NE, Atwater.

**BABY SHOWER** ... We will be collecting various baby items for Gifts from the Heart to bring to the National Convention in June. Donated items may be placed in the grocery cart anytime during the month of May. Thank you!

**LADIES AID** ... will be hosting a Prayer Service on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. All are welcome! Regular business meeting and lunch to follow.

**FELLOWSHIP CMT** ... will honor our ACGC Graduates on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with cake and coffee after church in the fellowship hall. Graduates are: Wilson Gratz, Levi Lilleberg, Braeden Pickle, Noah Renne, Kari Schultz, Karla Schultz. There will be gift bags in the entrance, if you wish to remember these graduates.

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**GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE** ... 1) Braeden Pickle on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 1-4pm @ 104 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Grove City. 2) Noah Renne, Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All invited! 53253 291<sup>st</sup> Street, Grove City.

**SAVE THE DATE** ... VBS will be June 20 – 24, 2021. Sign-ups to come later.

**Announcement deadline: Noon, Thursdays to Pastor or Ali (706) 284-0646, [secretaryst.john@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryst.john@outlook.com)**