

# St. John's Christian Church

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> | 7:00 AM

700 South Defiance Street  
Archbold, Ohio 43502



## † Alleluia! He is Risen! †

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Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Risen Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



### Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



We welcome and enjoy the blessed sound of children in our Easter worship, but we understand young children may get the jitters! While it will not be staffed for our sunrise service, parents of young children are still more than welcome to use the Nursery on the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent" at any point this morning. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

**Children's Busy Bags** are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

### Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

**Large Print Bulletins** are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

## Let's Connect!



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!**

*The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” Matthew 28:5-6*

Pre-Service Music

Raegan Rutledge

The Easter Prelude

Trumpets

“Majesty”

*Draping the Cross in Celebration of the Easter Resurrection*

Welcome & Announcements

† Easter Hymns

#217, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#216, “Christ Arose”

Opening Scripture

Jace Bernath

Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 989)

† Call to Worship

Jay Riley

L: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

***P: There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.***

L: His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

***P: The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.”***

L: He is not here; He is risen, just as He said.”

***P: He is not here; He is risen! Alleluia!***

† Song of Praise

#213, “Because He Lives”

† Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Madison Bowers

Morning Prayer

Molly Rutledge

Scripture Reading

Ella Yoder

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pg. 1171)

Dramatic Reading of John 11:17-34

Easter Meditation

† Closing Song

† Spoken Benediction

† Breakfast Prayer

† Benediction in Song

† Exit Offering

Joshua Reeb

Avery Roth, Molly & Raegan Rutledge

“Lazarus & The Resurrection of Believers”

bulletin pgs. 6-7 “Every Morning is Easter Morning”

Avery Roth

Harrison Rohrs

(Chorus) “Every Morning is Easter Morning”



**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

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Piano:

Trumpets:

Song Leader:

Acolyte:

Ushers:

EW Tech:

Sound Tech:

Buffy Riley

Andrew & Harrison Rohrs, Matt Hines

Raegan Rutledge

Mathilde Fouache

Mathilde Fouache, Brie Grime, Cagney Grime, Evy Roth

Tom Hines

Jenna Stuckey

Draping of the Cross: Cagney Grime, Jay Riley, Avery Roth  
Bulletin Cover Artwork: Emma Krukowski

**THANK YOU TO OUR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH...**

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St. John’s Family, Friends, and Visitors: Happy Easter! Christ is risen! This morning’s Easter Sunrise Service is prepared and led by our senior high school youth. They have filled this year’s Easter service with their favorite hymns and Easter morning traditions that are near and dear to their hearts as young people of faith. As we come into our time of praise and prayer today, watching the sun rise through the stained-glass windows on this glorious morning, please center your own prayers on their humble willingness to serve in our celebration of Christ’s resurrection – and what a joyful morning it is to celebrate together! Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

May the peace, grace, and love of Christ fill your hearts today and always.  
Jocelyn Walker, Director of Youth & Young Adults

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Matthew 28: 1-10** - After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - WRITTEN BY BRIE GRIME & CAGNEE GRIME

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God of life and victory, on this Easter morning, we come with hearts full of praise. You have broken the power of sin and death, and in Christ, You have made all things new. Thank You for the empty tomb, for the promise of resurrection, and for the hope that nothing can steal away. Fill us with resurrection joy today and through this week. May our lives reflect the light of Christ, and may we walk boldly in the power of Your love. In the name of our risen Savior, Amen.

## EASTER BREAKFAST AND CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

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Join us in the Parish Hall following this morning's service of worship for a joyous Easter breakfast provided by members of our senior high school programs. At 8:45AM, younger children are invited to gather in the Chapel for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by St. John's JYF.

# 126 Every Morning Is Easter Morning

*Unison*

Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

Ev-'ry day's re-sur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!

1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel - lo, Lord, hel - lo, sun!  
2 Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel - dom gets heard.  
3 Yes - ter-day I was bored and lone - ly; but to - day look and see!

*D.C.*

I am one of the Eas - ter Peo - ple! My new life has be - gun!  
Get it straight from the Eas - ter Peo - ple! God's in charge spread the word!  
I be - long to the Eas - ter Peo - ple! Life's ex - cit - ing to me! (to Coda)

*8vb*

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WRIGHTSONG  
Irregular

CODA

Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

The first system of the CODA section features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody in the treble staff includes eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets. The bass line consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are 'Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!'.

Ev - 'ry day's re - sur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'Ev - 'ry day's re - sur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and'.

*mp* gone! *p* Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing, ev-'ry morn-ing is

The third system includes dynamic markings *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano). The lyrics are 'gone! Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing, ev-'ry morn-ing is'.

*pp* Eas - ter morn - ing ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn - ing

The fourth system includes the dynamic marking *pp* (pianissimo). The lyrics are 'Eas - ter morn - ing ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn - ing'.

*ff* from now on!

The fifth system includes the dynamic marking *ff* (fortissimo). The lyrics are 'from now on!'.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ♦ **Volunteers Needed in Conjunction with the Building Project**

- ◇ April 21<sup>st</sup> - 8:00AM - to be ready for the pew removal to begin mid-morning, we are looking for 5 people to arrive at 8AM to remove all of the pew Bibles, pew hymnals and pens/pads/envelopes from the pews and place them on carts for storage.
- ◇ April 24<sup>th</sup> - 4PM (or possibly April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8AM) - to be ready for a funeral on the 26<sup>th</sup> and for worship on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we are in need of volunteers to sweep and vacuum the sanctuary and then move in chairs from storage.
- ◇ April 28<sup>th</sup> - 8AM - to be ready for the work of the asbestos abatement company, we are in need of volunteers to remove all of the chairs, the piano, sound/projection system components and miscellaneous items.

### ♦ **Visitation/Service for Dianne Wyrick** - Visitation will be held in the St. John's Chapel Friday, **April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM-7:00PM**. The Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, **April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM** in the St. John's Sanctuary.

### ♦ **Salad donations** are needed for the Dianne Wyrick funeral luncheon on Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for vegetable, fruit, pasta or lettuce salads. Please let the church office know by Thurs., April 24<sup>th</sup> at the latest and **have them to the church by 9:30AM on Sat. morning**.

### ♦ **Becoming a Member of SJCC** - Introduction and Orientation Sessions - SJCC invites people interested in becoming a member of the congregation to gather with Pastor Erich to explore the faith beliefs, history and ministries of the church, as well as the expectations of membership at SJCC. Sessions include three group gatherings and an individual gathering with each person, couple or family. Anyone interested in attending a gathering is asked to email Pastor Erich ([pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org)) and he will work to schedule future sessions.

### ♦ **Senior Citizen Luncheon at AHS-** Appreciation luncheon for area senior citizens in the Archbold High School Gymnasium on **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM**. Reservations were required.

### ♦ **Archbold FISH Pantry Community Open House** - Join us **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, 1-3PM at 1309 S. Defiance Street. SEE - What your support does and can do. LEARN - More about what we do and how you can help. SHARE - Hotdogs, chips and cookies.

### ♦ **GIF Gals of St. John's Christian Church** - **TODAY is the last day to sign up!** Ladies, go to your closets, find those poodle skirts and your penny loafers. You might need them for our next outing. On **April 30<sup>th</sup>** we are going back to school. We have lunch plans at the Four County Career Center "Four Star" restaurant. We will meet as a group in front of the school at 11:30AM. You will need a photo ID to be admitted into the building. It sounds like an exciting time awaits us! (Our day needed to be changed to Wednesday instead of our usual Thursday because of scheduling at the school.)

### ♦ **Youth Breakfast:** On **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15AM, the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees invite all 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders to a breakfast in the gym to wrap up the program year together! Please **RSVP by today** to the church office or by texting Jocelyn at 419-575-4218 .



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **Graduate Recognition:** On **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be recognizing all high school and college graduates during the 2024-2025 academic year during our 10:30AM service of worship. We invite you to be in prayer for these young people in our congregation as they prepare to start the next chapter of their lives!
- ♦ **Christian Education Recognition:** The Christian Education Committee invites all volunteers in our infant through adult Christian Education programs to attend either service of worship on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Committee and congregation would like to present you with a gift as thank you for your time and dedication to our St. John's family.
- ♦ **It's Upon Us! Burger Bash 2025, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Ruiehley Park Pavilion.** From **11:00AM-1:00PM**, serving Brookview burgers and sides for a free-will donation. The International umbrella is Growing Hope Globally, an ecumenical mission outreach our local cattle feeders have supported for decades to fund hands-on help to people around the world with limited resources. Hope you'll bring a friend and join us!
- ♦ **St. Martin's Concert Series** is proud to present the **Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00PM**. One of 5 curricular choirs from the Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts, the Collegiate Chorale is the university's flagship choral ensemble. The ensemble's mission is to engage audiences with authentic and conscientious performances of this varied repertoire. Members of the ensemble seek to connect with listeners and each other intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. The Collegiate Chorale has produced a variety of CDs and has made numerous appearances at ACDA and OMEA conferences. The group also tours annually, taking them to locations throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Recent domestic tours have included visits to New York City, Chicago, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, and Boston.
- ♦ **Sunday Lunch with the Pastor** - Want to know more about the theology and current ministries of St. John's Christian Church? Then this time of lunch and conversation is for you! Pastor Erich and Lynne will host the lunch in the Fireside Room following the 10:30AM service on **Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. It will be an informal time of getting acquainted with each other and with the church. People interested in attending are asked to: 1) speak with Pastor Erich, 2) text him (419-551-0401), 3) email ([pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org)).
- ♦ **Attention Golfers** of all ages and levels. Join us on **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025** for the **Shalom Golf Scramble** benefit at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH at 8:00AM, shotgun start. REGISTRATION is OPEN! Look for a fun day of golfing with friends and/or family for a good cause. Four person team: \$300; Individual golfers: \$75. No worries if you don't golf, additional sponsorships available at various levels. Registration Deadline: May 10th - 26 team limit - register now! For details, contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or email [LRipke@shalomworks.org](mailto:LRipke@shalomworks.org).

# EASTER FLOWERS

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**GIVEN BY:**

Ken & Cathy Laub ..... St. John’s Giving Spirit

**IN HONOR OF:**

**GIVEN BY:**

Allie Walker.....	Ali Held Herman
Corey & Jocelyn Walker.....	Loved Ones
Richard Spiess .....	Cathy Spiess
Richard Spiess .....	Parents
Caitie Martinez .....	Janet Crowe
Gloria Lauber .....	Loved One
Rutledge Kids .....	Grandma Terry
Linda Rutledge .....	Loved Ones
Erich & Lynne Christman .....	Parents
Kent & Shiela Short .....	Parents
Dale & Ann Grime .....	Loved Ones
Branden & Lynne Ries.....	Grandparents Past
Todd & Jill Nafziger .....	Father, James Schmucker
Connie Bostelman .....	Husband
Suzette Nafziger .....	Daughter
Buffy Riley .....	Parents
James Grime .....	Loved Ones
Audrey Burkholder .....	Scott Burkholder
Rod & Joyce Kinsman .....	Loved Ones
Shawn & Jenna Stuckey .....	Loved Ones
Doug & Nancy Rupp.....	Loved Ones
Marilyn Baron .....	Mom, Dad, Husband, Son
Mary Ellen Johnson .....	Husband and Parents
Sue Steiner .....	Loved Ones
Betsy Redd .....	Jim Redd
Jon & Jan Lindsay .....	Parents and Brothers
Brad & Susie Enderle .....	Parents
Curt & Kay Stamm .....	Tara
Ben & Sue Buehrer .....	Loved Ones
Lenny & Jean Stamm .....	Loved Ones

**IN MEMORY OF:**



*Flowers are labeled and may be picked up from the base of the cross following 10:30 a.m. service.*

WEEK OF APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. JOHN'S

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Sun	7:00AM	Easter Sunrise Service - Led by SYF (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast - Hosted by Senior High School Programs (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Hosted by JYF (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
Tue	10:30AM	Easter Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:15PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Chapel)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - PEACE Mennonite (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	4-H Country Side Clovers (Gym)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Gym)
	6:00PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/ SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri	4:00PM	Wyrick Visitation (Chapel)
Sat	11:00AM	Wyrick Celebration of Life Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Wyrick Luncheon (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall & Kitchen Reserved
	6:00PM	Seekers

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

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Apr 20 Seeing What's Not There-----	John 20:1-10
Apr 21 Starting Over-----	John 20:11-18
Apr 22 New Peace, New Purpose-----	John 20:19-23
Apr 23 Seeing Through Scars-----	John 20:24-31
Apr 24 Anyone for Breakfast?-----	John 21:1-14
Apr 25 Going Back To Go On-----	John 21:15-19
Apr 26 Living for Legacy-----	John 21:20-25

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, will start a new medicine at the end of the school year with hopes that it begins to shrink the cancer in her back.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every 6 months for scans & infusion treatment.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, the stem cell transplant went well. Todd is home, and his health is very good.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as he continues through treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – Praise God for 3 months here! Pray that I may be able to understand and communicate clearly with a friend. Pray for my long term visa, that I would receive it in a timely manner and without complications. Pray for an upcoming trip in to a village outside the city. Pray that it would be a restful time. Pray for a teachers training that I am helping to put on along with another colleague. Pray the teachers would feel encouraged and equipped.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit's wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

### **ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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