



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

Victorious

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Easter Festival

April 17, 2022

Life Marches Victorious Over Death

Prelude

Call to Worship

Adult Choir

Christ Is Arisen!
arranged by Carl Hirsch

Christ is arisen from death's gloomy prison!
So let us all rejoice and sing; Christ doth us salvation bring.
Lord, have mercy.

Had he not arisen, we were still in prison,
since he death hath overcome, joy abounds in Christendom.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ is arisen from death's gloomy prison.
So let us all rejoice and sing; Christ doth us salvation bring.
Alleluia!

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Opening Hymn

All: sts. 1, 4, 5; Men: st. 2; Women: st. 3

Please stand to sing the final stanza

He's Risen, He's Risen
Christian Worship 445

People of God, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We celebrate this festival day in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 3:15

For it was not with perishable things that you were redeemed but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him.

1 Peter 1:18, 19, 21

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20,57

Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father,

I come to you in sorrow for my sins

and confess to you my weakness and unbelief.

Instead of rejoicing in the certainty of the resurrection,

I have doubted the power of your promises.

Instead of fixing my eyes on the crucified and risen Lord,

I have focused my gaze on the troubles and trials of this life.

Instead of proclaiming the power of your Son's victory,

I have lived as a captive to sin.

For these and for all my sins,

you should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In baptism we died with Christ, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

The LORD destroyed the death's shroud and will swallow up death forever.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

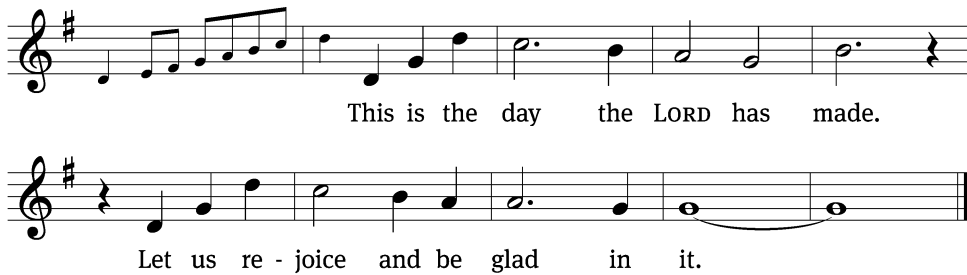
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made.
Let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Tone



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.
I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. *Refrain*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;
my body also will / rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.
You make known to me the / path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

On Easter morning, Jesus emerged from the tomb victorious over death.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem
Adult Choir

O Risen Lord
by K. Lee Scott

O risen Lord, O glorious Son,
now is the mighty battle won.
Songs of praising we are raising:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On the third morning he arose,
shining in vict'ry o'er his foes;
earth is singing, heaven is ringing:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

After the death that him befell,
Christ our Lord, has harrowed hell,
sing with gladness, gone is sadness:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of all things lives anew,
and all his saints are rising, too:
may our living be thanksgiving:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Hymn of the Day
Congregation: sts. 1, 3, 5; Choir: sts. 2, 4

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
Christian Worship 443

Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Victory Over Death

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen!

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins.

We bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

Take away our doubts and fears and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Thanks be to you, O God, for giving us the victory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

O crucified and risen Lord, to you we offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Lives
Christian Worship 455

Please stand

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise and thanks for your glorious resurrection from the dead and for the opportunity to once again hear this good news and rejoice in it. Through your death our sins were buried with you, but now through your resurrection sin and death are left behind. May we live our lives in this resurrection joy, continually putting off the old and striving to live a new and holy life which reflects glory to your name, until we also rise and reign with you in everlasting joy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives sts. 1–2, 7–8

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Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
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Lector	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Lynn Kozlowski, organ John Handeland & Mike Swenson, French horn Mark Maurice, Jr., Adam Sipe & Mike Swenson, trumpet
Adult Choir Director	Adam Sipe

Worship Notes

- The Easter plants which beautify the altar area have been placed by members of the congregation. If you purchased a plant and wish to take it home, please pick it up following the 10:30 a.m. festival service. Altar Guild members will assist you in making sure you receive the plant you ordered.

In Our Prayers

- Nick Maurer, scheduled to begin a three-week course of intensive physical therapy on Monday.
- Chuck Wrucke, scheduled to begin a week of radiation treatment on Monday.

Parents' Preview for April 24

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.


This Is the Feast

Christian Worship 938

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 & Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

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Sunday Bible Study

A new Sunday morning Bible study begins next Sunday, April 24, at 9:15 a.m.

The Book of Daniel

Taught by Rev. Dr. John Lawrenz

Every Sunday school child knows about Daniel in the lion's den and the three men in the fiery furnace. Adults have heard about the handwriting on the wall. As dear as these stories are, they are also part of a bigger message from God. What is a believer to think when the world around turns hostile, even deadly? Why does it appear that worldly powers are winning and that God's people are losing? Daniel's life, dreams, and visions are part of God's answer. The battle between those who are on God's side and those who oppose him is long. The outcome, however, is sure: God wins, the forces of darkness lose, and Daniel's longed-for Messiah is only "seventy sevens" away. Daniel, a book of twelve chapters (half in Hebrew and half in the universal language of Babylon and Persia) is the prophet of hope that closes the Hebrew Old Testament.



Readings for the Week of Easter

M	Exodus 15:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-28
T	Exodus 15:19-16:12	Hebrews 10:1-18
W	Exodus 16:13-35	Hebrews 10:19-39
R	Exodus 17:1-16	Hebrews 11:1-29
F	Exodus 18:5-27	Hebrews 12:1-24
S	Exodus 19:1-25	Hebrews 13:1-21

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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