

# The Services of Holy Week

## The Triduum

The enormous significance of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection has always been the central focus of Christian worship. After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Church year has reached its climax. This is the celebration for which we have been preparing throughout Lent.

We now see what our Savior came to do. In the upper room, we see the depths of his love as he institutes the Lord's Supper and gives power to his followers to live out his command. On the cross at Calvary, we see the fullness of his devotion as he takes upon himself the sins of the world and suffers and dies on our behalf. At the empty tomb, we see the completeness of his victory as he rises triumphantly on Easter morning and assures us that our salvation is complete. The victory is won.

The three days that mark this climax of the Christian Church year—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday—are known as the *Triduum*, or the Three Holy Days of Christendom. The Triduum services are closely connected with one another. Together, they form a unit: a single worship service that extends over the "three holy days." Some churches present this worship service in a single continuous service folder. This single service takes us through our Savior's suffering and death to his glorious triumph on Easter dawn.

Because this service is a unit, a few special notes are in order. There is no benediction at the end of the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The benediction will occur at the end of the service on Easter Sunrise morning. In parallel, there is no invocation at the beginning of the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services.

May the risen Christ bless our worship as we celebrate his passion and resurrection.



# 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, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- 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 at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Immediately following this service you are invited to attend our Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of church. A free will offering will be taken.

# Easter Sunrise

April 17, 2022

Life Marches Victorious Over Death

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## Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands sts. 1, 3, 5, 7

*Christian Worship 440*

## Easter Morning Litany

People of God, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

O resurrected Savior, today is a day of celebration.

**We celebrate your glorious rising from the grave.**

We celebrate your triumph over evil.

**We celebrate your victory over death.**

We celebrate your defeat of the devil.

**We celebrate the certainty of heaven.**

We celebrate the fulfillment of your promises.

**We celebrate the confidence we have for the future.**

We celebrate the love which the Father has shown us so dramatically.

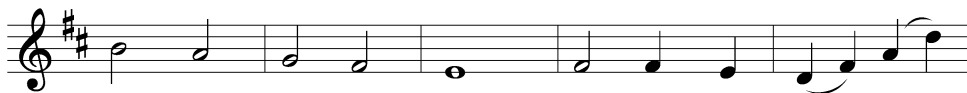
**We celebrate the richness of our life with you.**

Today is a day which you have made, O Lord.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Amen.**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious  
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Matthew 28:1–15

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

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. 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.

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. Come and see the place where he lay. 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.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

The Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Response to the Word**

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

*Christian Worship 452*

## **Second Reading**

Mark 16:1–6

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

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## **Response to the Word**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Christian Worship 466*

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.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

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**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Response to the Word**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today sts. 1–4  
*Christian Worship 465*

## **Fourth Reading**

John 20:19–31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Response to the Word**

O Sons and Daughters of the King sts. 1, 6–8  
*Christian Worship 456*

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 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.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Response to the Word

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won sts. 1–3  
*Christian Worship 444*



## Easter Message

*Please stand*

### Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you have not forsaken us or left us to our own destruction, but have kept your ancient promise to send a Savior. We praise you for his perfect life, his innocent death, and his glorious resurrection.

**Because of your faithfulness to your promises, today is a day of victory!**

Savior Jesus, we praise you for carrying out God's plan of salvation. Your resurrection is undeniable evidence that you have triumphed over sin, death, hell, and the devil.

**Because of your resurrection, today is a day of victory!**

Holy Spirit, we praise you that through the gospel you have led us to know and believe that Jesus is our risen Savior. Preserve us in faith and raise us to newness of life.

**Continue to lavish on us the blessings of this day of victory.**

Triune God, kindle in our hearts a love for all people. Equip us with both the will and the words to tell others that Jesus has indeed risen from the grave.

**Use us to share the message of the empty tomb, so that others too may rejoice in Jesus' Easter victory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Hear us, O Father, for the sake of him who was the first to rise from the dead and now is alive forevermore.

**Thanks be to you, O God, for giving us the victory through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



*Please stand*

O God, who made this holiest of days to shine with the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, preserve in all your people the Spirit of adoption which you have given, that they may serve you in faith and joy, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
*Christian Worship 438*

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

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## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
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<b>Musician</b>	Lisa Eggebrecht, organ
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## 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.

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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