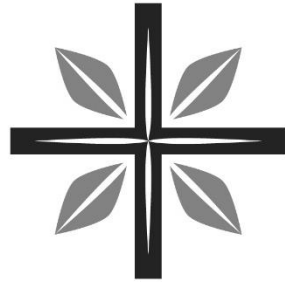


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Welcome to our guests! You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. This is his house, and he is your heavenly Father. Come, then, into his presence, offering him your love and service. Come, expecting to share in the greatest things that life can offer. Come, hearing of full and free forgiveness. Come, knowing that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are "more than conquerors" over sin, death, and the devil. And please, come again. If you currently have no church home and are looking for one, please indicate this on the guest card.

Easter Festival Service

April 21, 2019

A New Day Dawns: From death to life

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Adult Choir & Congregation

Please stand to sing the final stanza

This Joyful Eastertide (see pg. 11)

arranged by Jeremy J. Bankson

M: People of God, Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: We celebrate this festival day in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE FOR EASTER

M: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. *John 3:17*

C: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.** *1 Timothy 3:15*

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

C: **Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him.** *1 Peter 1:18, 19, 21*

M: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
1 Corinthians 15:57

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

C: **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.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

(sung) **I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky; he lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

Prayer of the Day

M: 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 15:1-11

Moses and the Israelites sing praises to the LORD, the One who brought them out of death to life.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.

The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power.

Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you.

You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up.

The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.

I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them.

I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’

But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?

Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?”

Response to the Word

Adult Choir

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

arranged by Donald McCullough

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy and say alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed,
Take our sins and guilt away; let us sing by night and day alleluia!

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The message of the gospel has the power to bring us from death to life.

Now, brothers, 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 Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers 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.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

Please stand

Jesus promised that he would pass from death to life – and he did on Easter morning.

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 into the hands of sinful men, 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.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Anthem

Adult Choir

Easter Alleluias!

by John A. Behnke

Alleluia! He is arisen from the grave, alleluia!

Where have they taken my Jesus?

Where have they taken my Lord?

He is arisen from the grave. Alleluia!

Death is swallowed up in death.

See, the tomb is empty now. Alleluia!

He is arisen from the grave. Alleluia!

Hymn of the Day

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Christian Worship 156

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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.**

Be seated

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

Prayer of the Church for Easter

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

C: **Christ is risen!**

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

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: 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.

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

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

C: **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

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

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

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

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

Lord's Prayer

C: **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.

Be seated

Hymn

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom (see pg. 12)

Christian Worship Supplement 722

Please stand

M: 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.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Christian Worship 157

Announcements

Postlude

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

This Joyful Eastertide

George Woodward, 1848-1934

VRUECHTEN
a 17th cent. Dutch folk tune



All: 1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and
Choir: 2. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son
All: 3. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci -
slum - ber Till trump from east to
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from



fied, Has sprung to life this mor - row.
west Shall wake the dead in num - ber:
ill My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his



three-day pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



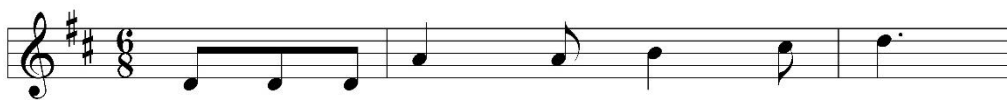
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ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en.

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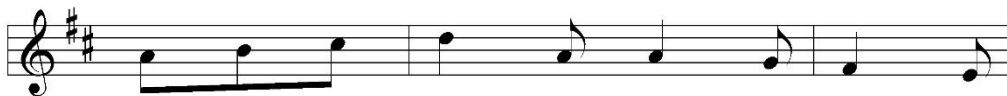
Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom;
 2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high
 3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled!



Sun, re - veal an emp - ty tomb
 As the Lamb of God to die;
 Trum - pets, sound through - out the world!



Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
 He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
 Cry - ing and sighs give way to sing - ing;



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows,
 Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed!
 Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing!



Life un - e - clipped by doubt and dread:
 Where is your sting, O death and grave?
 Let there be - gin the ju - bi - lee—



Christ has ris - en from the dead!
 Christ has shown his strength to save!
 Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Lector	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musicians	Lynn Kozlowski, organ Mark Maurice, Jr. & Adam Sipe, trumpet Ed Miller, trombone Mike Swenson & Christian Willick, French horn
Adult Choir Director	Dr. William Braun
Head Ushers	Jon Johnson (8:30 a.m.) Michael Schneider (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Lyle Haferman (8:30 a.m.) Ben Haferman (10:30 a.m.)

Worship Notes

- The Easter plants which beautify the altar area have been placed by members of the congregation. If you purchased a plant, 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

- Zimo (Tony) Chen, baptized today in the Sunrise Service.
- Drex Hansen, who is recovering at home from back surgery on Thursday.
- Sharon Bartlein, under hospice care.
- The 24 young people who will be confirmed next Saturday, April 27.

Parents' Preview for April 28

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.

"Glory to God"

After receiving forgiveness in the absolution, the congregation responds by praising the goodness of God and his eternal Word in the Gloria. This refrain is based on the song of the angels on the night of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:14.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

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Readings for the Week of Easter

M	Acts 10:34-43.....	Luke 24:13-35
T	Acts 13:16a, 26-33.....	Luke 24:36-47
W	Acts 3:12-20.....	John 21:1-14
TH	Acts 8:26-40.....	Matthew 28:16-20
F	1 Peter 3:18-22.....	John 20:11-18
S	1 Peter 2:1-10.....	John 20:1-9

