



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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# Easter Festival Service

April 4, 2021

Jesus Lives: To Heal Brokenness.

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## Call to Worship

*Adult Choir*

## Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

*setting by Jan Bender*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his people now into joy from sadness.  
'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison  
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons bright, with the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden Christian men, who with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the wrappings, nor the stone hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the Twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
Thine own peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

## Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

## Alleluia! Jesus Lives

*Christian Worship 153*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the  
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed  
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and  
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death  
ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,  
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here  
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner  
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -  
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er  
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

### DIALOGUE FOR EASTER

**M:** Alleluia, 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.**

**M:** Upon the hill, the cross stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb.

**C:** **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**M:** Within us, new life is awakened. God has given new hope to a dying world.

**C:** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my  
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

### 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

### Lesson

### 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Because Christ has been raised from the dead, we too will be raised and made whole.*

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Please stand*

**Gospel**

**Mark 16:1-8**

*Because Jesus rose – just as he said – he made whole our relationship with God.*

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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

**Anthem**

*Adult Choir*

**Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded**

*by Thomas Keesecker*

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!  
Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; sing of the seed from barren earth greening;  
Sing of creation, alleluia!  
Sing of the streams from Jesus' side flowing; sing of the saints in water made holy;  
Sing of salvation, alleluia! Sing alleluia!

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!  
Sing now of mourning turned into dancing; sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;  
Sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!  
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting; sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;  
Sing, all things living, alleluia! Sing alleluia!



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
 bliss un - told, Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Certain Hope

Response to the Word

The Day of Resurrection

*Christian Worship 166*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
 And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

*Please stand*

**Prayer of the Church for Easter**

**M:** 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.

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

**M:** 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.

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

**M:** 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.

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

**M:** 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.

**C:** **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*

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

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

**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*



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



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



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



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

## Announcements

## Postlude

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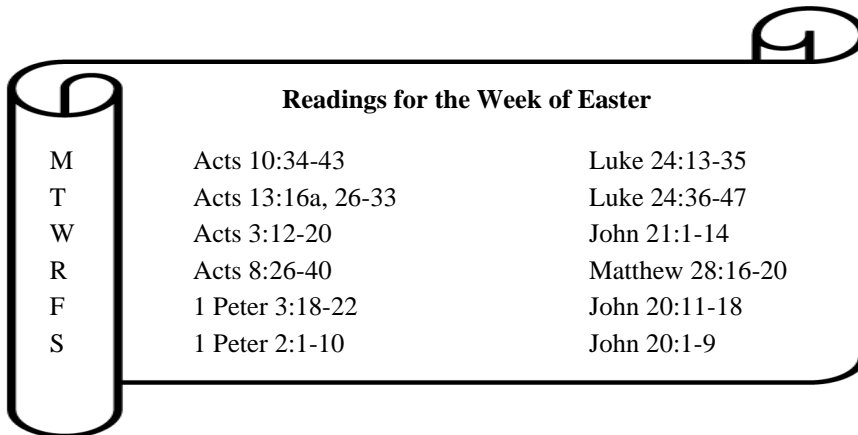
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<b>Readings for the Week of Easter</b>		
M	Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:13-35
T	Acts 13:16a, 26-33	Luke 24:36-47
W	Acts 3:12-20	John 21:1-14
R	Acts 8:26-40	Matthew 28:16-20
F	1 Peter 3:18-22	John 20:11-18
S	1 Peter 2:1-10	John 20:1-9

## **Serving at Worship**

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Kyle Bitter
<b>Lector</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Musician</b>	Lynn Kozlowski, organ
<b>Adult Choir Director</b>	Dr. William Braun

## **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.

## 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*

### 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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