



**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
**March 31, 2024**

Welcome to God's Holy House!  
May this worship service be an uplifting and spiritual blessing to you and your family.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said *"Take and Eat, This is my Body, Take and Drink, This is my Blood given for you for the forgiveness of sins"* (Matt. 26: 26-28).



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, and believe that Jesus is truly present "in, and with and under" the bread and wine. All communicant members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are welcome to receive communion. Participation means that one is repentant of sin and believes the Sacrament increases faith, forgives sin, and is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor and wish to take communion, please see Pastor or an Elder before the service. Grape juice is offered for those who cannot drink wine.

# Order of Service

## DIVINE SERVICE 1

*The Christ Candle (Paschal Candle) is carried into the Chancel to symbolize the Risen Christ who has brought us out of darkness into His most wonderful light.*



### Call to Worship

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P The stone has been rolled away!

C **The Lord is not among the dead! He is alive! Alleluia!**

P The Lord has conquered the cross! Alleluia!

C **The Lord has conquered death! Alleluia!**

### Prayer of the Day

All God of the resurrection, through your Son you have overcome death and created light that shatters the darkness of sin and evil. You have opened to us the way to eternal life. In Christ, you give us the victory that destroys old patterns of darkness and sin. You give us all we need to be faithful. Through the power of our Lord's resurrection, we will live our lives in Jesus Christ, risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P With faith in Jesus, Risen Son of God, we confess our sins.

*(Silent prayer for personal confession of sins)*

P Living God, we confess that, even believing in the resurrection, we sometimes live in darkness. We embrace the darkness of division and conflict, the darkness of sin and selfishness, the darkness of greed and neglect. Forgive us and send forth the light of the resurrection to cleanse us from our sins. Give us this light through Jesus Christ, risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Friends in Christ, you are called today to recommit yourselves to live as disciples of Jesus. You are called to die to sin and rise with Christ. Know that God is forgiving you now, giving you a fresh start, and placing powerful and loving resurrection-light into your souls, through + Jesus Christ, risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today. And forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.



*The Pastor traces the five nail wounds  
onto the candle saying:*

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P Let us pray  
Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us your abundant blessings, that all who in true faith share this celebration of the resurrection, of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, may be filled with your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The Pastor now carries the Paschal Candle in  
procession through the church -  
as everyone takes a light from the candle.  
He stops three times and proclaims:*



P The light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"      LSB 525**

**Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast"      LSB 155**

**Psalm 118 vs. 1-2; 14-25**

P Alleluia! Christ has risen, as He said:

C **He has risen from the dead, Alleluia!**

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
C **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P Let Israel say:  
C **"His love endures forever."**

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

P Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:  
C **"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

the right hand of the LORD exalts,  
C **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"**

P I shall not die, but I shall live,  
C **and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

P The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
C **but he has not given me over to death.**

P Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
C **and give thanks to the LORD.**

P This is the gate of the LORD;  
C **the righteous shall enter through it.**

P I thank you that you have answered me  
C **and have become my salvation.**

P The stone that the builders rejected  
C **has become the cornerstone.**

P This is the LORD's doing;

**C** it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the + Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ has risen, as he said,

**C** He has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

**Chimes** “Easter Joy!

**Old Testament**

**Isaiah 25: 6-9 ESV**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well  
refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament

## I Corinthians 15: 1-11 ESV

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## Alleluia and Verse

**Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**



**Mark 16: 1-8 ESV**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 16.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Choir *“Risen Today”*

Sermon *“Go, Catch Up with Him!” based on Mark 16: 1-8*

**Offerings** As you give your sacrificial offerings, please record your attendance and communion in the “Friendship Folder.” If there is any change in your address or phone/e-mail, include that. Thank you.

Offertory



LSB 159

## Prayer of the Faithful



P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

P God of life, C **hear our prayer.**

P God of the resurrection, we give you thanks today for the salvation won by your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise for Easter joy! God of Life,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray that the church throughout the world will be a faithful witness to the good news of the resurrection, and an instrument to bring new life

to all God's children. God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all nations, all cultures, and all nationalities, that the light of the resurrection will bring peace to those at war, love to those who hate, and hope to those in despair. God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who live in circumstances that destroy life, for those living in violence, poverty, all kinds of inhumanity. Send your resurrection-life into their lives. God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for ourselves as we receive the Risen Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and increase of faith in Him. God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those whose daily work deals with dying and death. Grant gifts of wisdom, strength, and healing to doctors, nurses, pastors, chaplains, caregivers, first responders, firefighters, police officers, those in the military. God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the sick, the suffering, and all those for whom we have promised to pray, (*Specific names are included here*). God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for all who are in mourning at the death of loved ones. Grant them strong and deep faith in eternal life. Let them hear with a new heart the good news of the resurrection. Send them signs of your constant and abiding love. God of life,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P** Triumphant God, in Christ, you have been victorious over death. We come to you with all our needs, confident of your love and compassion for us. Hear our prayers in the name of the risen Christ, Jesus our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**LSB 162**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**LSB 160**



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary .... evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus  LSB 161

The Words of Institution LSB 162

### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei  LSB 163

Distribution Hymns 

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457

“The Strife is O’er the Battle Done” LSB 464

“ Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia” LSB 463

### Post-Communion Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God.....one  
God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### Benediction

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C **We rejoice and are glad in it!**

P As we go our way, God promises to bless us  
daily.


C **We go into the world as resurrection witnesses.**

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P May all Almighty God, bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with  
favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn  "Christ, the Lord is Risen Today"  
LSB 469

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING (7:00 am)**

*Pastor: Pastor John Richy*  
*Elder: Douglas Rebeck*  
*Communion Assistant: Rick Zimmerman*  
*Lector: Douglas Rebeck*  
*Ushers: Jack and Lori Costenaro*

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING (10:00 am)**

*Elder: Al Erke*  
*Communion Assistant Paul Kolarczyk*  
*Lector: Al Erke*  
*Ushers: Dennis Doyle and Tina Funchion*

**Our 2023-2024 St. John's Adult Chimes**

*Kyle Castillo, Naomi Furtek, Eileen Gronewold*  
*Tracy Krause, Susan Kreger, Julie Labeledz*  
*Ashley Richy, Mary Wells, Nancy Wojcik*  
*Rick Zimmerman*

**Our 2023-2024 St. John's Adult Choir**

*Soprano: Donna Pyritz, Ashley Richy*  
*Mary Wells, Cheryl Zimmerman*  
*Alto: Eileen Gronewold Diane Scanlon*

*Basses*            *Ray Biederstadt*            *Hal Gronewold*  
                         *Gary Knight*                        *David Swanson*  
                         *Mike Winters*

*Accompanist:*        *Kyle Castillo*  
*Director:*                *Sue Olson*

**THE APRIL CHURCH NEWSLETTER** The April 2023 newsletters and the April – June “**PORTALS OF PRAYER**” are available at either church entrance.

**ALTAR LILIES** adorn the altar this Easter morning. Thank You to all who contributed in providing for the flowers this morning. May God be praised!



*Kristine Davy; Tina Funchion; Hal and Eileen Gronewold; Gary and Rene Knight; Edward Knoll; Jim and Susan Kreger; Charles and Kathy Labahn; Kathy Soderstrom; David and Sandy Swanson; Margaret Von Behren; Brian and Sally Winters; Mike and Julie*

**PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY**

(\*Homebound)

*Andy Banas Jr.\* Irma Deichen\* Lynn Erke John Linn*  
*Sandra Luecke\* Larry Mueller Lori Nommensen*  
*Shirley Odegaard\* Sandy Swanson Norma Vierk\**  
*Shirley Weiss\* Margaret Zoellick\**

**CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

*Jim Kreger, Apr 1*                        *Thomas Brazzale, Apr 4*

**AFTER CHURCH, YOU ARE WELCOME TO GO DOWNSTAIRS FOR OUR EASTER BREAKFAST.**

**CHURCH STATISTICS: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24,**

*Attendance: 66    Communion: 62    Bible Study: 16  
Total Offerings: \$2931.00    Misc: \$6148.00  
Grand Total: \$9079.00*

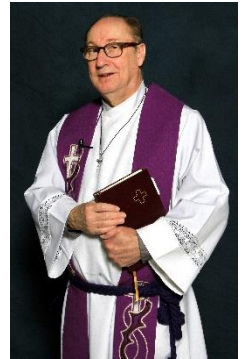
**STATISTICS FROM WED LENT 5, March 20**

*Attendance: 27    Offerings: \$315.00*

*Dear St. John's Lutheran Church,*

*Blessed Easter! What a joyous time as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. We celebrate our salvation through grace in faith in Christ. As we loudly sing our "alleluias" and sing hymns of victory, let's keep the celebration going. So rejoice until the Day of Resurrection! Look to the Cross and remember your sins are forgiven. May Faith in Christ motivate every day of your life.*

*A blessed Easter to you all,  
In Jesus' Name,  
Pastor John Richy*



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