

**ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**7:45AM &  
10:30AM**

**MARCH 31,  
2024**



**Making  
the Love of  
*Christ*  
Known**

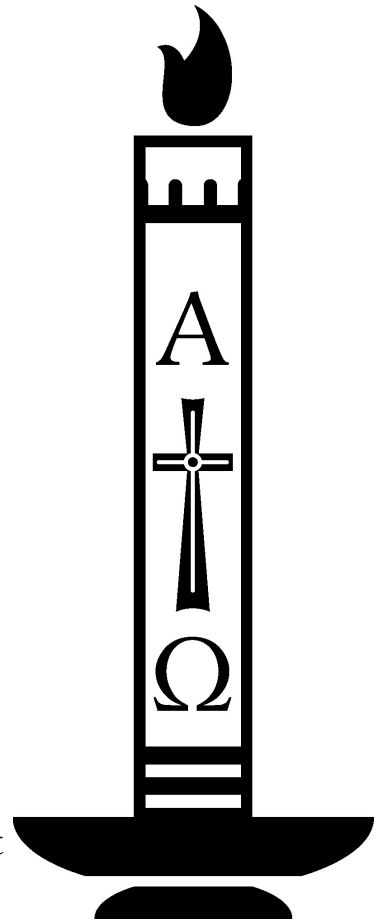
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# The Day of the RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter.

The story of Mary Magdalene is the church's story. We hear the voice of the risen Lord in the scriptures. We receive his body and blood in the holy supper. We encounter him in our siblings and in all those in need who look for salvation. We are charged to go forth in daily life and proclaim with our words and deeds that we have seen the Lord. It is the day of resurrection, the day the Lord has made. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



## Welcome

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to all who gather today for worship in this place. If you are a guest or visitor please introduce yourself to the minister after the service. We invite you to worship with us again.

## Prelude

**Piano/Organ Duet Kathy Snider and Carl Stuck**  
*Lord of The Dance*

## Choir Opening (10:30)

*The Stone is Rolled Away* by Besig and Davenport

## Liturgy of Light

Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Beloved church,  
behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



# Opening Hymn

ELW 365

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



## Easter Dialog

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!  
**He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!**  
**Alleluia!**

Rejoice then, even in your distress.  
**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Easter Hymn of Praise

*Hail Thee, Festival Day*

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# Hail Thee, Festival Day!

*Refrain*



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



*Easter 1* All the fair beau - ty of earth from the



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good



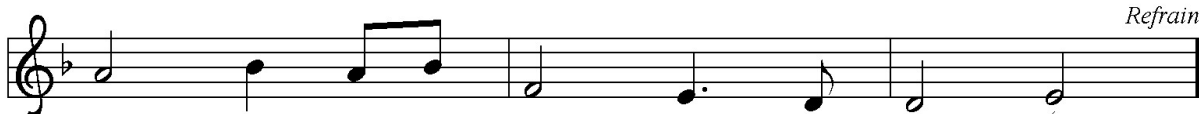
gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns:



*Easter 2* Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of



life and cre - a - tion. Tread-ing the path - way of



death, new life you give to us all:

*Refrain*

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SALVE FESTA DIES, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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## The Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*All may be seated*

## Children's Sermon

## Adult Choir (10:30)

*Rise Up!* by Choplin



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**





## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the  
righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.



## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe.


*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 16th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

### Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

*The Resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <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>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*The gospel is concluded:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**



## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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



## **The Prayers**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

*Today we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We sing wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration, and joy! But in reality, every Sunday in the Christian church is an Easter Sunday because we celebrate Christ's resurrection every Sunday. Thank you for your generous weekly offerings. The gifts of your time, your ability, and your money make it possible for St. John Lutheran Church to proclaim the resurrection and Make the Love of Christ Known everyday.*



# Offering Song

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*Please stand as your gifts are presented*



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

## Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## ✠ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

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And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.



Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-  
en. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**





Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who through the death and resurrection of his Son has redeemed us, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

**Amen.**

May God, who through the waters of baptism has raised us from sin to newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

**Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ, bring you to eternal life.

**Amen.**



And the blessing of the almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and go forth with you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

ELW 366

### The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun.	Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.	Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head!	Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.	Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you.	Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889



## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude

*Hallelujah*

### HOLY COMMUNION

The ministry of Word and Sacrament at St. John Lutheran Church is conducted in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Holy Communion is celebrated here in the confidence that we are receiving from our Lord all that he promises when he gives his body and blood to eat and to drink. In the Sacrament we are most fully one with Christ and with one another, and in this Meal we are nourished to live in faithfulness to Christ and his Word and in forgiveness and in love toward one another. The Lutheran church teaches that all Baptized Christians who are communing members of any church are welcome at this table because Christ is our Host, and Christ invites all the baptized to be nourished at his table.



March 31, 2024



## *Easter Flowers*

*Presented to the Glory of God by . . .*

**Janet Rasawuhr** – In Memory of Daniel Rasawuhr.

**Carman & Jill Ellis** – In Memory of our parents: Rex & Dortha Ellis and Louie Huelsman. In Honor of mother, Bobbie Bennett, our family, and our grandson Lane's graduation.

**Sandy Dieringer** – In Memory of Martha Fisher. In Honor of Mary Dieringer and Ginny Brewer

**Linda and Steve Siebert** – Presented to the Glory of our risen Savior.

**Myron & Sue Buxton** – In Memory of our parents.

**Jim & Margie Fennig** – In Praise to God for His goodness to us and Thankfulness for our family.

**Bader Family** – In Memory of Julius Bader.

**Mike & Diana Spicer** – In Honor of our children and grandchildren.

**Carolyn List and family** – In Memory of David and Nathan List.



**Ron & Karen Heindel** – In Memory of our parents.