

St. John
SHARING
LOVE *of Christ*



Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for
this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

Prelude

Gathering: Thanksgiving for the Light of Christ

Preparing the Outside Worship Space

*(Worshippers bring their spring potted plants
up to our outside worship space.)*

Easter Proclamation

P Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
And for so great a victory,
Sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
Radiant in the brightness of your king!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever.
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory!
Let this place resound with joy,
Echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Easter Acclamation

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

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*,
1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, st. 4 (Public Domain)

Verse 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Verse 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Verse 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Verse 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 118:5-9, 13-17, 21-24

L A reading from Psalm 118. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

What can mortals do to me?

The Lord is on my side to help me;

I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to put confidence in mortals.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to put confidences in prices.

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,

but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

“Mary Told the Good News”
Youth Choir

Horman

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

L A reading from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

L Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“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, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

"Celtic Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

P The gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed 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, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P The gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Beamsley
Pastor Robin Caldwell
Pastor Evan Mayhew

Hymn of the Day

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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Verse 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is Living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is Living!”
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

- P Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.
- P Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the memory that the power of your love is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; amaze us with new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P Praise to you for your hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are terrified or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Transform our pain into a source of healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offertory

"Because He Lives"

Gaither, arr. Bock

The offering will be received at the doors when you leave.

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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.

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the feast where all are fed, and none are turned away!
C Thanks be to God!

LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
We invite you to share in this communion with us.*

*The assembly receives communion as one,
as the pastor says the following words:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer *(please remain seated)*

P Holy God, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy
the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love
may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

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- Verse 1** Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
- Refrain** Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- Verse 4** Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **(Refrain)**
- Verse 5** City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **(Refrain)**

Sending

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

Postlude

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

arr. Hobby

We thank the following people for their contributions to the music today: Janet Blomquist, organ & piano; Susan Fick, piano; Handbell Ensemble, directed by Sarah Wernli; St. John Chorale, directed by Tori Hicks; Youth Choir, directed by Ellen Goodwin; St. John Virtual Choir, directed by Ellen Goodwin.

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