



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

*April 20, 2025*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! Today we celebrate! We fully celebrate our God's power over death. When death is not the end our whole lives are filled with new hope; new and unbounded possibilities! May we take God's resurrection promises to heart and boldly live in faith, hope, and love.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is available in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude

Gathering Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  
(For music turn to Hymn 367 in the Red Hymnal)

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!
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!
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!
4. Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Gathering Dialog

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen,  
C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: People of God, why are you here?

**C: We have come to give thanks to God.**

**We do not *go* to church,  
we *are* the church.**

Hymn of Praise I Am the Resurrection and the Life  
(For music turn to Hymn 16 in the Songbook binder)

*Chorus*

**I am the resurrection and the life  
all who believe in Me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life  
all who believe in Me will live a new life.**

**1. I have come to bring the truth  
I have come to bring you life  
if you believe then you shall live.**

*Chorus*

**2. In My word all men will come to know  
it is love which makes the spirit grow  
if you believe then you shall live.**

*Chorus*

**3. Keep in mind the things that I have said  
remember Me in the breaking of the bread  
if you believe then you shall live.**

*Chorus*

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

Announcements

## ✠ WORD ✠

### First Reading Acts 10:34-43

B: <sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “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.”

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Scripture Poetry Psalm 118:1-2, 14-25 (*read responsively*)

D: Give thanks, the Lord is good,  
God's love is for ever!

**C: Now let all God's people say,  
“God's love is forever!”**

D: My strength, my song is the Lord,  
who has become my savior.

**C: Glad songs of victory sound  
within the tents of the just.**

D: With right hand raised high,  
the Lord strikes with force.

**C: I shall not die but live  
to tell the Lord's great deeds.**

D: The Lord punished me severely,  
but did not let me die.

**C: Open the gates of justice,  
let me praise God within them.**

D: This is the Lord's own gate,  
only the just will enter.

**C: I thank you for you answered me,**

**and you became my savior.**

D: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

**C: This is the word of the Lord,  
how wonderful in our eyes.**

D: This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad.

**C: Lord, give us the victory!  
Lord, grant us success!**

*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

*(from The Message translation of the Bible by Eugene Peterson)*

E: [Paul writes] Some skeptic is sure to ask, "Show me how resurrection works. Give me a diagram; draw me a picture. What does this 'resurrection body' look like?" If you look at this question closely, you realize how absurd it is. There are no diagrams for this kind of thing. We do have a parallel experience in gardening. You plant a "dead" seed; soon there is a flourishing plant. There is no visual likeness between seed and plant. You could never guess what a tomato would look like by looking at a tomato seed. What we plant in the soil and what grows out of it don't look anything alike. The dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different. You will notice that the variety of bodies is stunning. Just as there are different kinds of seeds, there are different kinds of bodies - humans, animals, birds, fish - each unprecedented in its form. You get a hint at the diversity of resurrection glory by looking at the diversity of bodies not only on earth but in the skies - sun, moon, stars - all these varieties of beauty and brightness. And we're only looking at pre-resurrection "seeds" - who can imagine what the resurrection "plants" will be like! This image of planting a dead seed and raising a live plant is a mere sketch at best, but perhaps it will help in approaching the mystery of the resurrection body - but only if you keep in mind that when we're raised, we're raised for good, alive forever! The corpse that's planted is no beauty, but when it's raised, it's glorious. Put in the ground weak, it comes up powerful. The seed sown is natural; the seed grown is supernatural - same seed, same body, but what a difference from when it goes down in physical mortality to when it is raised up in spiritual immortality!

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (1 Corinthians 5:7,8)

**C: Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>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.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Jesus Christ is Risen Today  
(For music, please see Hymn 365 in the Red Hymnal)

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!
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!**

**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!**

**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!**

Text: Latin carol, 14<sup>th</sup> cent., sts 1-3, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4 tr. Lyra Davidica sts. 1-3; Music: Lyra Davidica

### *Nicene Creed*

**P: Let us confirm our faith with the Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again,  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: We share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

### Special Music and Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

*You are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.*

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Risen One,

**C: you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Issues raised by the congregation are prayed for.*

*The prayer concludes:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

† MEAL †

### Great Thanksgiving

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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has embodied the promise of 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 all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*(Isaiah 6:3, spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven 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.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, 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." For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we are thankful that you have reunited us with you at the table of life. Keep us always as your children and walk with us day by day in every day of our lives.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Lord's Prayer*

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

**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: Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.  
Alleluia

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**1** All Are Welcome (Songbook Binder)

**67** How Great Is Our God (Songbook Binder)

Communion Blessing After all have communed the pastor will say:

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray:

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

P: The Lord 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.**

*Sending Hymn* Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia  
(For music turn to Hymn 364 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.**

**For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain* **Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.**

**Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**2. For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.**

**He who gives life did death undergo,  
and in its conquest his might did show.   *Refrain***

**3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear.**

**You look for Jesus who is not here.**

**See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.**

**Only the grave-clothes are lying there."   *Refrain***

**4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.**

**He has arisen this world to save.**

**Jesus' redeeming labors are done.**

**Even the battle with sin is won."   *Refrain***

**5. Christ has arisen to set us free.**

**Alleluia, to him praises be.**

**Jesus is living! Let us all sing;**

**he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.   *Refrain***

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922. Music: Tanzanian traditional

*Dismissal*

**P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.**

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

## **Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Rob Stroup
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann

## **Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 27**

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	

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## **Easter Flowers**

Jan Lockwood	In memory of loved ones
Burdie Gillern	In memory of Bill Gillern and Maggie Bitterman
Jonathan Deibler	In honor of the church musicians
Sue Kaufmann	In memory of family
The Urbanics	In memory of our parents
Linn Griffo	In honor of family
Becky Nohe	In honor of family
Nancy Shuler	In memory of Ivan Shuler
The Boisseaus	In memory of loved ones
The Whites	In memory of loved ones
Ann Stromstad	In memory of Curt Stromstad and in honor of children and grandchildren
The Stevensons	In memory of Renee Rautio
Don Betsinger	In memory of loved ones
Linda Flood	In honor of family
The Barnes	In honor of family
The Stuarts	In memory of Jack Stuart
The Sacketts	In honor of family
David Bullwinkle	In celebration of family
Nancy Pape	In memory of Ron Pape and mom

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