



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:30 Service of the Word

Isaiah proclaims the great feast to come, when God will swallow up death forever. Paul invites us to celebrate the paschal feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The gospel tells the Easter evening story of the risen Christ being made known to disciples in the breaking of bread. Our hearts burn within us as the hope of the resurrection is proclaimed in our midst, and as Jesus appears to us at the holy table.

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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 and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the baptismal font or a bowl as we continue.

P: Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn Alleluia! Jesus is Risen
(For music turn to Hymn 377 in the Red Hymnal)

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!**

2. Walking the way,

**Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread,
giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

3. Jesus the vine,

**we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

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***

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***

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.

Gathering Dialog (Romans 10)

A: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known in to his disciples in the breaking of the bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

B: ⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 114 (*read responsively*)

D: Israel marches out of Egypt,

Jacob leaves an alien people.

C: Judah becomes a holy place,

Israel, God's domain.

D: The sea pulls back for them,

the Jordan flees in retreat.

C: Mountains jump like rams,

hills like lambs in fear.

D: Why shrink back, O sea?

Jordan, why recoil?

C: Why shudder, mountains, like rams?

Why quiver, hills, like lambs?

D: Tremble! earth, before the Lord,

before the God of Jacob,

C: who turns rock to water,

flint to gushing streams.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

E: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?

⁷Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.⁸Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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 24:13-35

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking

and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Thine Is the Glory
(For music turn to Hymn 376 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Thine is the glory,
risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain **Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

2. **Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liv-eth;
death hath lost its sting!** *Refrain*

3. **No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.** *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

P: We confirm our faith with the 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,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

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:

C: 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 our Savior and Lord. 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.

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.**

✠ 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 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
(for music, please turn to Hymn 35 in the Songbook binder)

- 1. We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the spirit we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

Refrain **And they'll know we are Christians
by our love,
by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

- 2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land;**

Refrain

- 3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride;**

Refrain

- 4. All praise to the Father from whom all things flow;
and all praise to Christ Jesus his only son;
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one;**

Refrain

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

3 AND A HALF STARS?
HONESTLY! PEOPLE
ARE SO JUDGMENTAL
THESE DAYS!



Worship assistants TODAY:

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

Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 4

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| Greeters and Ushers | Mary and Greg Zuege |
| Acolyte | Charlotte Stroup |
| Altar Care | Linn Griffio |
| Communion Assistants | Mary Zuege |
| Counters | Burdie Gillern and Babette Huber |
| Coffee Hour | |

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