



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.**

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.

Special Music *Easter Is Here* by Jon Paige and J. Paul Williams

Announcements

† WORD †

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

B: ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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 Colossians 3:1-4

E: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 Matthew 28:1-10

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

(For music see Hymn 382 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;**

**bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.**

Refrain: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**2. Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow.** *Refrain*

**3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first-fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.** *Refrain*

**4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.** *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1873, alt. Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

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.

Offertory *How Great Thou Art & Majesty* by Stuart K Hine and Jack Howard

Offertory Hymn Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

† MEAL †

The Anaphora of Addai and Mari

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and at all times and for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Let your hearts be on high.

To thee, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Israel, the glorious King the offering is being offered to God the Lord of all.

It is meet and right.

Worthy of praise from every mouth and thanksgiving from every tongue is the adorable and glorious Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, who created the world in his grace and its inhabitants in his loving-kindness, and redeemed the sons of men in his mercy, and dealt very graciously with mortals.

Thy majesty, O my Lord, a thousand thousand heavenly beings and myriad myriads of Angels adore and the hosts of spiritual beings, the ministers of fire and of spirit, glorifying thy Name

with the Cherubim and the holy Seraphim, ceaselessly crying out and glorifying and calling to one another and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty:

the heavens and the earth are full of his glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who has come and comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

P: And with these heavenly hosts we give thee thanks, o my Lord, we also thy unworthy, frail, and miserable servants, because thou hast dealt very graciously with us in a way which cannot be repaid, in that thou didst assume our humanity that thou did restore us to life by thy divinity, and didst exalt our low estate, and raise up our fallen state, and resurrect our mortality, and forgive our sins,

and acquit our sinfulness,

and enlighten our understanding,

and, our Lord and God, overcome our adversaries,

and give victory to the unworthiness of our frail nature in the overflowing mercies of thy grace.

C: And for all thy benefits and graces towards us

we offer thee glory and honor and thanksgiving and adoration now and at all times and for ever and ever. Amen.

P: Do thou, O my Lord, in thy manifold and ineffable mercies make a good and gracious remembrance for all the upright and just fathers who were pleasing before thee,

in the commemoration of the body and blood of thy Christ,
which we offer to thee upon the pure and holy altar,
as thou hast taught us, and make with us thy tranquility and thy peace
all the days of the age,
that all the inhabitants of the world may know thee,
that thou alone art God the true Father,
and thou didst send our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son and thy Beloved,
and he, our Lord and our God, taught us in his lifegiving Gospel
all the purity and holiness of the prophets and apostles
and martyrs and confessors
and bishops and priests and deacons,
and of all the children of the holy catholic Church,
those who have been signed with the sign of holy Baptism.

**C: And we also, O my Lord, thy unworthy, frail, and miserable
servants,
who are gathered and stand before thee,
and have received by tradition the example which is from thee,
rejoicing and glorifying
and exalting and commemorating
and celebrating this great and awesome mystery
of the passion and death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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."

And let thy Holy Spirit come, O my Lord,
and rest upon this offering of thy servants,
and bless it and sanctify it
that it may be to us, O my Lord,
for the pardon of sins and for the forgiveness of shortcomings,
and for the great hope of the resurrection from the dead,
and for new life in the kingdom of heaven
with all who have been pleasing before thee.

**C: And for all thy wonderful dispensation which is towards us
we give thee thanks and glorify thee without ceasing
in thy Church redeemed by the precious blood of thy Christ,
with open mouths and unveiled faces
offering glory and honor and thanksgiving and adoration**

**to thy living and holy and life-giving Name,
now and at all times and for ever and ever. 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.**

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: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to

anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn O God Beyond All Praising
(For music see Hymn 880 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
as blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

2. **The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown-
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.**

3. **Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Helen Crown
Acolyte	Charlotte Stroup
Altar Care	Rev. Allyn Itterly
Communion Assistants	Gary Bosseau
Counters	Bill and Katy Stimmel
Coffee Hour	Candy Eggs

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 12

Greeters and Ushers	Linda Flood
Acolyte	Elijah Young
Counters	Janice Lockwood and Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour	

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Easter Flowers

The Sacketts	In memory of family members
Adele Garvey	In memory of parents
The Deiblers	In honor of St. John's musicians
Allyn Itterly & Cyndi Clinton	In memory of family members
Don Betsinger	In memory of Maureen Betsinger
Becky Nohe	In memory of family and friends
Sue Kaufmann	In memory of family members
Anne Stromstad	In memory of Curt and in honor of children and Grandchildren
Sara DeMuzio	In honor of grandparents, parents, and children
Tricia Kolczynski	In memory of family members
Burdie Gillern	In memory of Bill Gillern and Maggie Bitterman
Linn Griffo	In honor of Kelsey & Morgan Sackett, in honor of Kendall Bellapianta
Jan Lockwood	In memory of family members
Julie Stuart	In memory of Judy Sax
The Urbanics	In memory of parents

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