



# The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021

*Divine Service Setting Three*

St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Champaign, Illinois

***WELCOME to Easter Services at St. John, as together  
we celebrate our risen Lord's victory over death and the grave.***

*Stand for THE EASTER PROCLAMATION*

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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!

Δ4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*INVOCATION*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our  
Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

- G** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- G** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- G** **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen**

*The KYRIE follows:*

Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer - cy u -  
 - pon us. Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.

*The GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung:*

- P** Glory be to God on high;

and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we  
 bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to  
 Thee for Thy great glo-ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son,  
 Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
 Father, that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on  
 us. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, re -  
 - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Father,  
 have mer - cy u - pon us. For Thou on - ly art Holy; Thou on - ly art the  
 Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the  
 glory of God the Father. A - men.

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And with Thy Spirit.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen**

*The FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

*The EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*The HOLY GOSPEL*

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter. (16:1-8)

 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <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> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### *NICENE CREED*

**G** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And he will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

**SERMON HYMN 461** *“I know That My Redeemer Lives”*

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

*The SERMON “The Resurrection of Our Lord”* Mark 16:1-8

*The OFFERING is presented.*

*Stand*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

*LORD’ PRAYER*

*COLLECT*

*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS*

- P** The Lord be with you,
- G** **and with Thy spirit..**
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN 464** *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! (Refrain)

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

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The Staff of St. John Church and School wishes everyone a blessed  
Easter celebration filled with joy and the peace of the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ.

**Serving Today:**

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

- Today**      *Easter Sunday*; 6:00 Sunrise Service; 7:00 Easter Brunch; 8:00 Divine Service w/Holy Communion; 9:30 Divine Service w/Holy Communion, Sunday School; 10:45 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
- Monday**     *Church & School closed*
- Tuesday**    10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Fellowship, Evangelism, Trustees, Handbells; 6:30 School Board
- Wednesday** 8:20 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
- Thursday**   6:30 Men's Choir
- Saturday**   9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
- Sunday**      *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**LWML Salad Supper** will be a St. John LWML only. Bring your own bag supper for fun and fellowship April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women of St. John are welcome. Bring one or two "Thinking of You" cards with a stamped envelope to send with a \$10 gift card to encourage St. John's college students. The gift cards will be purchased through St. John School gift card program. Please give your donations for the gift cards purchase to Martha. Contact Linda or Martha for more information.

**Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip** - Immanuel, Springfield is hosting a trip see the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. Dates are April 26-29, roundtrip motor coach, 3 night stay in Cincinnati area, breakfast and dinner 3 days, admissions, baggage handling, all for \$450.00 per person (double occupancy). Call Pastor Stuenkel or the church office at 217-528-5232 for details and sign-up.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** - We will be having a planning meeting on Saturday, April 10 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for Vacation Bible School, which will be happening June 21-25. We will be going over the Bible lessons, plans for the week of VBS, and what will need to be ordered. If you are unable to make the meeting and are willing to help, please contact me, also be on the lookout for more information in the bulletins to come. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Sara.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery*: Denny-father of Katie, Starley, Taylor, Maelynn-granddaughter of Rick & Rita, Karla, Pastor Ehlers, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie’s grandson, Barbara-friend of the congregation, Jan, John, Tom, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Merv, Jessica Arnold-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’; *for successful treatments*: Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Ethan, Kai, Margaret; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Geneice, Lavina.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

**Enrollment for 2021-2022** – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool offer a Christ-centered education for students age three through eighth grade. Our caring, skilled teachers use a variety of strategies to engage students’ minds in a safe learning environment, with the focus on teaching every subject with a Biblical worldview. Little Lamb Preschool offers morning and full day classes. Two-day (T/TH), three-day (M/W/F), and five-day options are available. Tell everyone about our wonderful school. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. For more information, contact the school office at (217) 359-1714.

**St. John School Wish List** – There are several items that our teachers, students and school would benefit from: interactive projectors, new classroom flooring, Chromebooks, outdoor pavilion, office computers, new assessment program. Please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for more details and estimated costs and consider making a donation towards one of the items. If your donation goes in the offering plate, the donation remains anonymous. If your donation is turned into the school office, we can thank you for your generosity. All donations will be included on your Contribution Statement.

**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Table of Duties - Of Citizens

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.  
Matt. 22:21

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Rom. 13:5-7

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

Bible Passage: For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

Hymn 464 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (st. 1-2)

Psalm 114

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Sun and Moon Stand Still – Joshua 10:1-15

Joshua's Conquests – Joshua 11:15-20; 13:1-7; 18:1-2, 10;

21:43-45

Joshua's Farewell Address – Joshua 23:1-3; 24:2-14

