



The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020

Divine Service Setting Two

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!
- G** **HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

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.

G **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

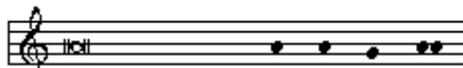
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- G** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
- ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen**

INTROIT Exodus 15:1b, 2a, 6, 13, 17-18 (*read in unison*)

- ^{1b}“**I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider^h he has thrown into the sea.**
- ^{2a}**The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**
- ⁶**Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**
- ¹³“**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**
- ¹⁷**You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.**
- ¹⁸**The LORD will reign forever and ever.”**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen**

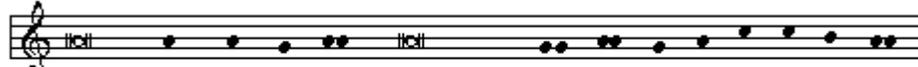
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A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



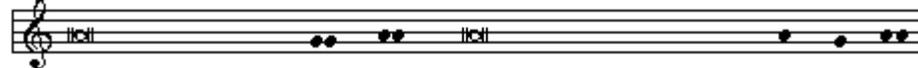
C: Lord, have mer - cy.



A: For the peace from a - bove and our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



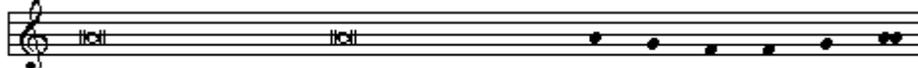
A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



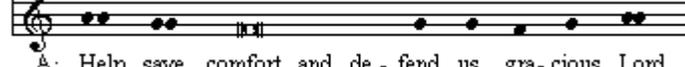
A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



A: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men

The HYMN OF PRAISE is sung:



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

▶ Let us pray....

◻ **Amen**

Sit

The FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ "At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people."

² Thus says the LORD:

"The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.'"

▶ This is the Word of the Lord.

▶ **Thanks be to God.**

The EPISTLE READING: Colossians 3:1-4

³ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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▶ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

The GOSPEL

▶ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter . (28:1-10)

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¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

▶ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON HYMN 467 *“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”*

- 1 Awake, my heart with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—What peace it doeth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
- 4 Now hell, it's prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ My Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
“Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified.”

Stand

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**☩ 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**

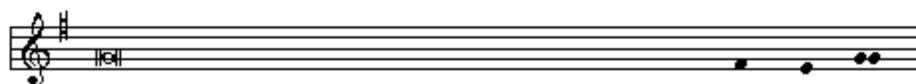
The PRAYERS are said.

The OFFERING is presented.

The LORD's PRAYER

**☩ 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**

The BENEDICTION



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: A - men

**☩ Christ is risen!
☩ HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

HYMN 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
Things shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

Serving Today:

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated an Easter lily. The lilies were given in memory and honor .

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Herb & Virginia and family at the death of Virginia's brother Steve, for the family of Betty at her death; *following surgery*: Jan; *for healing and recovery*: Cookie, Dave, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts', Merv, Jessica -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; *for peace, hope, and comfort*: Deb -sister of Pam, Philip -son of Starley; *for successful treatments*: Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Joshua, Isabelle, Erin; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Phyllis, Mary, Alice.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

COVID-19 – Due to the ever changing information and data for COVID-19, the Governor of Illinois has issued a current mandate stating no more than 10 people should gather at a time. Along with this mandate, it is recommended everyone practice social distancing and self-quarantine if possible. To follow guidelines and to keep the safety of everyone as a top priority, St. John has moved to an online worship for the time being. Services will be posted on Facebook, on our website (www.stjohn-lcms.org), as well as having physical copies of the bulletin and recorded service available to pick up on the narthex table during office hours.

Holy Communion – Please watch for upcoming announcements for opportunities to receive the Lord's Sacrament.

Online Bible Study Options – Please continue to check our website for any updates about online Bible Study opportunities. Audio files from previous Bible Classes are available under the Bible Study tab at the top of the page for your convenience.

Voter's Meeting – The April Voter's Meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, May 31st.

The Living Alternatives Walk is now virtual so we can walk wherever we are and get sponsors by May 15. So, it's not too late to register to be a walker. We will gather together for a celebration at a later date/time to be determined. Here is the link to Register, be sure to select St. John Lutheran Champaign as your team.

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=19917>

You can also make a donation here.

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=4855535#1>

Living Alternatives still remains open now to help those in need and lead people to Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Hear God's Word for you through Worship Anew – Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. Each Sunday WCIX television channel 49 carries the broadcast at 7:30am and Direct TV channel 377 carries it Sundays at 10:30am. On the internet the service is available at any time by visiting WorshipAnew.org.

Offerings – As you have supported St. John with your tithes and offerings before, it is important to continue doing so, even now, as you are able. Your offerings can still be brought directly to the church from 10-2 each day. An offering plate and box are located on the counter in front of you as you enter. You can also mail your offerings to the church, though our treasurer reminds us not to send cash. We are also now able to receive contributions to St. John electronically. PayPal, Venmo, Google Pay, and Amazon Payments are all available. You do need to have an account with the service you choose. The email for the transaction is on our web site. And of course you can still have your bank transfer funds directly to St. John for your offering purposes.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members' email addresses, and has sent a few communications out. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

Cancellations – Due to the current gathering restrictions the following have been cancelled: Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class, Lighthouse, and all Choir/Handbell rehearsals. The garage sale has been cancelled for April. If an alternative date can be selected we will let you know.

New Church Photo Directory Dates: We have rescheduled the church photo directory for the following dates: August 4 and 5, 18, 19, and 20 and 31; September 1. More information will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters.

Talk Radio & Podcasts For The Easter Season - Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Resurrection, The Easter Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King," Bad Easter Sermons, Answering Arguments against Christ's Bodily Resurrection and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Easter Lilies – Due to the shipment of lilies arriving damaged to the store, we did not receive all that we ordered.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	Easter Sunrise and Easter Service (Recorded)
Monday	6:00 Finance; <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> ; Service Recorded

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 - To Husbands

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

Hymn 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 147:1-5

Bible Readings for the Week:

Moses Flees to Midian – Exodus 2:11-25

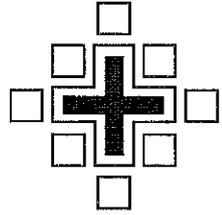
I AM Appears in the Burning Bush – Exodus 3:1-17

The Lord Goes with Moses to Egypt – Exodus 4:1-31

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

April 12, 2020



INTROIT *Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b*

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become my sal- | vation;

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;*
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You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,*
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the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

DAILY READINGS

April 12: Ex. 14:10–31; Heb. 7:23–8:13; **13:** Ex. 15:1–18; Heb. 9:1–28; **14:** Ex. 15:19–16:12; Heb. 10:1–18; **15:** Ex. 16:13–35; Heb. 10:19–39; **16:** Ex. 17:1–16; Heb. 11:1–29; **17:** Ex. 18:5–27; Heb. 12:1–24; **18:** Ex. 19:1–25; Heb. 13:1–21.

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