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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!

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Prelude-

Up From the Grave He Arose (setting by Kravchuk) piano

Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to
reign. He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

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Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (setting by Peterson)) piano

- 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 cloths 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; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Refrain

Our Pascal Lamb, That Sets Us Free (setting by Pelz) organ

- 1 Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed.
O keep the feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap:
Refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
- 2 Let all our lives now celebrate the feast; let malice die.
Let love grow strong anew, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Refrain
- 3 Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord
Who by the Spirit lives in us, The Father's living Word.
Refrain

I am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives organ

- 1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!
- 2 I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.
He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection.
I am content! I am content!
- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace,
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!
- 4 I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead,
Arising glorious evermore to be with You, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content!

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Opening Hymn *Built on the Rock*

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- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev-'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.

The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.

Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever.”

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6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow’r disguised He bore; A servant’s form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

8 “Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.”

Postlude- “*He’s Risen, He’s Risen*”

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the ☐incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Δ5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Music Notes: One of our devoted members pointed out to me (correctly) that there are a lot of Easter hymns we haven't gotten to sing this time around. As we are coming to the end of Eastertide, I have included several them as Preludes and Postlude this morning.

Next Wednesday's music will be archival recordings of Men's Choir performances, in response to some requests from congregation members.

Holy Communion – Pastor Caithamer will be offering Holy Communion next week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Please phone or email him if you would like to be included. No more than ten will be communed at one time.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Blake and Nancy and family at the death of daughter

Suzzanna, Jack and Julie and family at the death of Julie's step-uncle Kenneth; *for healing and recovery*: Tom, Linda, Deb -sister of Pam, Jan, Opal, 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*: Philip -son of Starley; *for successful treatments*: Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Margaret, Connor, Kate; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary: Mavis, Geneice, Gaylord.

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

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

Online Bible Study Options – Pastor Caithamer recorded a new Bible study. You can listen to it from our website at stjohn-lcms.org, click on “Sunday morning Adult Bible Class”. Or you can go directly to stjohnbibleclass.org. Previous Bible Classes can also be found there.

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. When asked, you can send your electronic contributions to this email address: contributions – at – stjohn-lcms.org. 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 to communicate with the congregation. 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.

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.

Available – If you are in need, some home-made masks made by our members have been donated to the church and school and are on the narthex table.

Food Pantry – Our food pantry is running low on some items. Donations of the following would be very much appreciated: peanut butter, jelly, macncheese, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned tuna. Please purchase normal sizes as many who come for food are pedestrians.

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.

Proclaiming God's Word During A Global Pandemic - 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: The Netflix Documentary "Tiger King," The Ascension of Christ, The Book of Hebrews, The Bodily Resurrection in the Old Testament, "Gentleness" in the Bible and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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 church office hours from 10 until 2.

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 Widows

The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

1 Tim. 5:5-6

To Everyone

The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9

I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1

Bible Passage: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21

Psalm 4

Bible Readings for the Week:

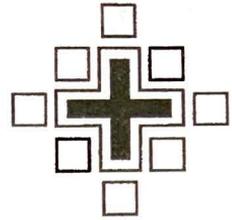
The Plagues – Exodus 8:1-4; 13-25; 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6, 20-29

The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced – Exodus 11:1-10

The Passover is Instituted – Exodus 12:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 119:89–93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105*

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.
Forever, O | LORD, your word*
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;*
you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.
By your appointment they | stand this day,*
for all things are your | servants.
If your law had not been | my delight,*
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.
I will never forget your | precepts,*
for by them you have giv- | en me life.
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.
Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

May 17: Num. 3:1–16, 39–48; Luke 14:25–15:10; **18:** Num. 8:5–26; Luke 15:11–32; **19:** Num. 9:1–23; Luke 16:1–18; **20:** Num. 10:11–36; Luke 16:19–31; **21:** Num. 11:1–23, 31–35; Luke 17:1–19; **22:** Num. 11:24–29; 12:1–16; Luke 17:20–37; **23:** Num. 13:1–3, 17–33; Luke 18:1–17.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

"In him we live and move and have our being";

as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the

world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."