

"Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the eighth day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of Baptism and in the feast of victory at the Lord's table. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

If you would like more information about St. John's and our ministry, please speak with one of the greeters, ushers, or the pastor.

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Prayer Before Worship

Thank you, Lord, for the great triumph that we celebrate today as your people. You won the battle over sin and death, breaking their power on Good Friday. On Easter morning, you declared your victory. Make ready my heart and mind to hear anew the resurrection news as I say together with my fellow Christians: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Amen.

Welcome

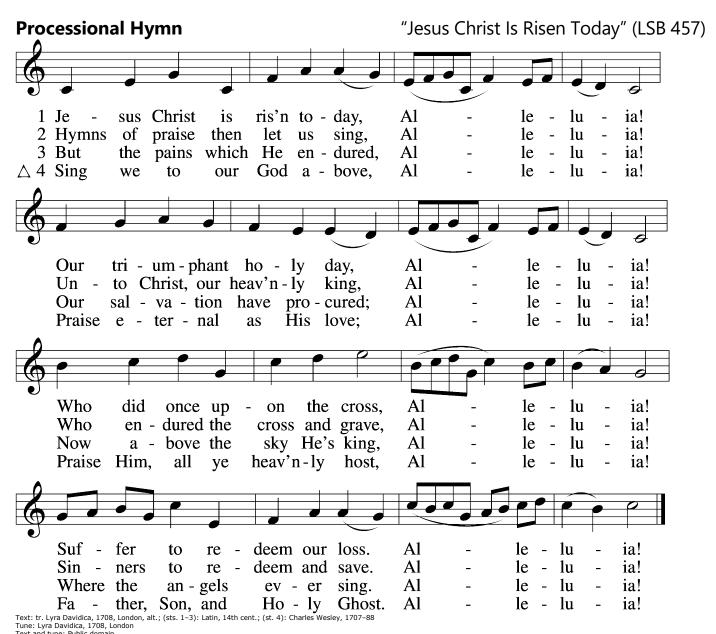
Pre-Service Music

Selections from the Brass Ouintet

Ringing of the Bells

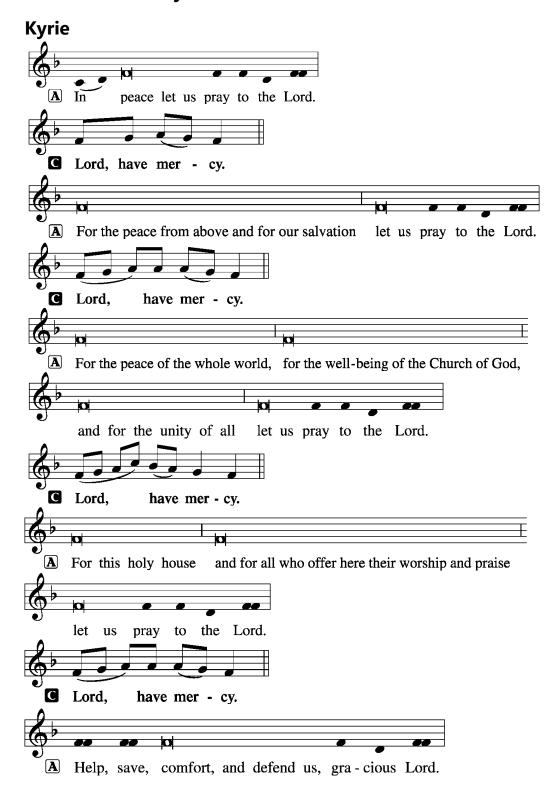
Easter Acclamation (please rise and face the processional cross at the back of the sanctuary)

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **L** This is the day that the Lord has made.
- **©** We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- P Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again.
- **©** Death has no more power over him.
- L Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Greeting

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **G** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.









Prayer for Easter Day



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.

C Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create:

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

I The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody (spoken responsively)

Psalm 16

- Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- L The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- L I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

During the singing of the Alleluia and Verse, please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Easter Acclamation

J. Schrader/L. Allen (Choir & Brass)

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends, and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast, changes the world and us and brings us home at last: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Holy Gospel Luke 24:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture And consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of

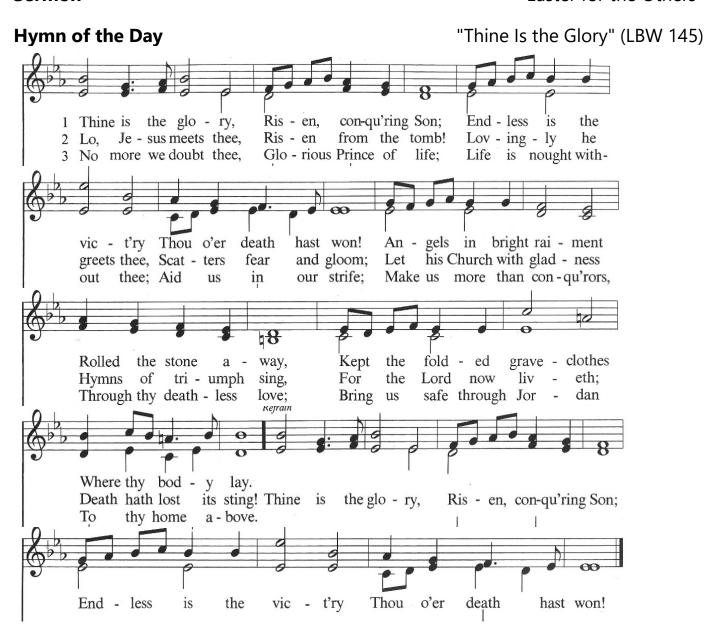
Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on

the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.



Sermon

"Easter for the Others"



Profession of FaithThe Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

Prayers of the People

P With a new heart and new life through Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.

During the season of Easter each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy."

Please respond by saying: "hear our prayer."

The prayers end with the words:

Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life through Christ our risen Lord, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray.

C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,

"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Announcements

Offering

Please fill out a connection card (found in the pew rack in front of you). You are invited to give an offering as the ushers pass the offering plates through the congregation.

Music at the Offering "In the Name of the Father" (A Resurrection Declaration), Heather Sorenson

Offertory Prayer *Please stand*

- L Let us pray: 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 Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Rite of Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the redeeming work of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

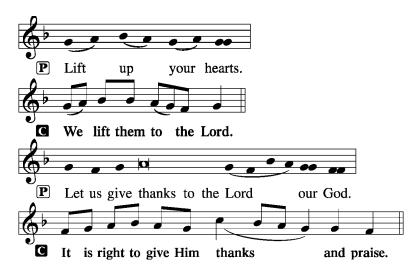
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Faithful and just God,
- We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
- In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to atone for our sins. In the name of

 Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.
- C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

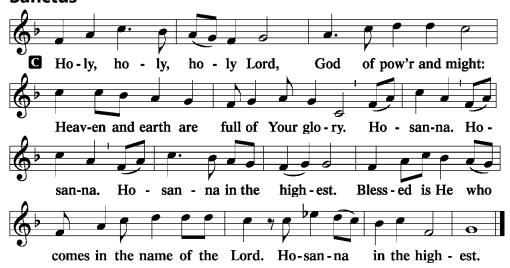




Preface for Easter

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

- P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
- **©** We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
- P We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,

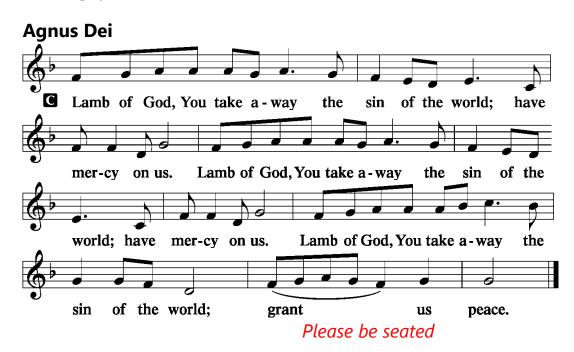
- healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance 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
- Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
- Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.



Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

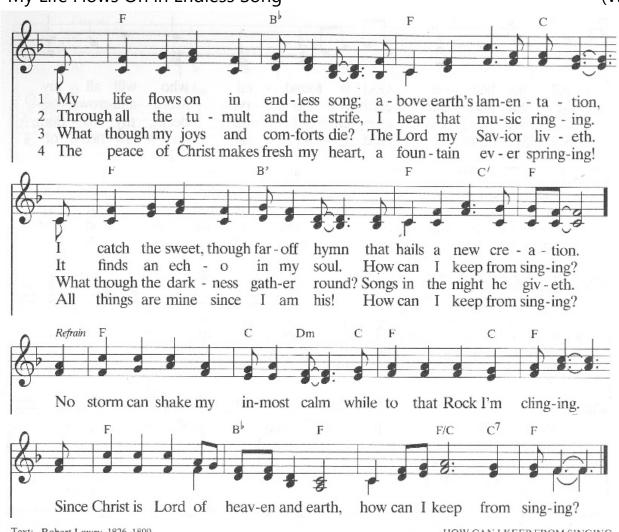
For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

Music at the Distribution

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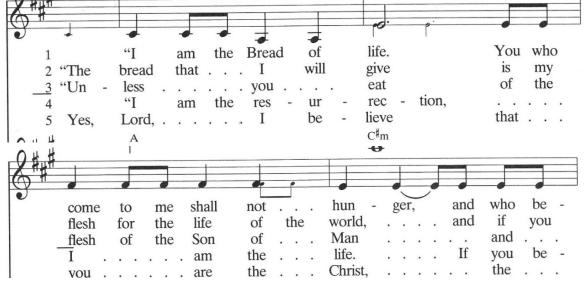
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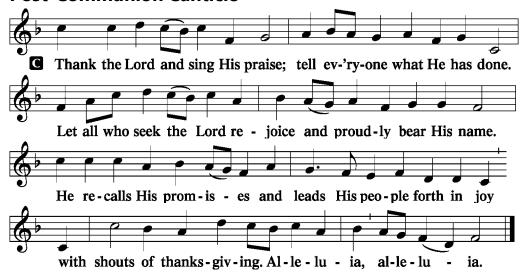


Dismissal from the Table

P The Body and Blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L Let us pray: Life-giving God,
- We give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

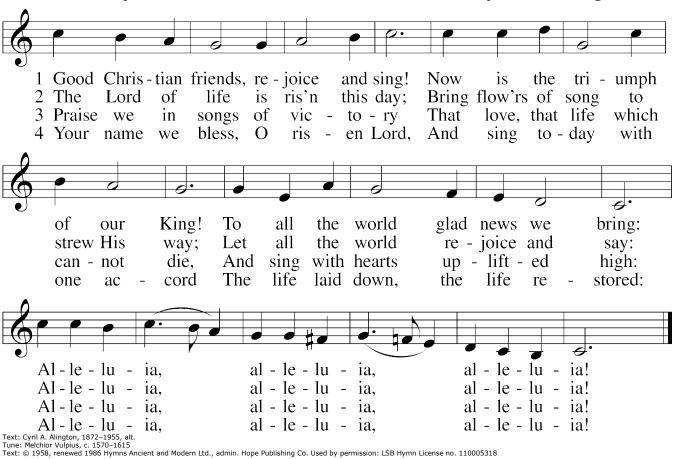
- P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
 - Jesus Christ, the Word of life who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns to all eternity, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
 - God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of Baptism this day and always.
- C Amen.

Sending

- L Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **L** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" (LSB 475)



Postlude

Selections from the Brass Quintet

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the brass quintet and guest vocalists for their beautiful contribution to this morning's services. Thank you for sharing your talent with us and enhancing worship in such a meaningful way.

EJ Ramos & Kevin Maloney (trumpet), Evan Geiger (horn),

Michael Burner (trombone), Andrew Hitz (Tuba)

Amy Broadbent (soprano), Kathryn Dobyns (alto), Dan Curran (tenor), Jay An (bass)



Easter Flowers and Plants



The **Palm Plants** are given by Barbara Pate in memory of Bud Pate, Grace Green, and Michael Brown.

<u>Donors</u>	Dedication
Megan Askew	Honoring Henry and Peggy Askew and in memory of
	lost loved ones
Jeannette Bottomley	In honor of my daughter, Susan
Denise Canter	In memory of Alden and Audrey Wallace
Sarah Finger	In loving memory of Retha Finger and Brecken Poppe
Godwin Family	In celebration of Resurrection Sunday!
Hoins Family	To the Glory of God
Cathy Long	From the Long Family
Meehan Family	In honor of the Risen Christ
Strawderman Family	In honor of Cole Fritz and in Memory of Cole
	Stephen
Ethel Sullivan	In honor of loved ones
Drew and Lauren Tomczyk	In honor of Steve and Ellen Tomczyk. Love you guys
Tracy Family	In memory of loved ones
Pat Wangeman	In loving memory of her husband, Dick Wangeman

Our Ministry Of Worship - 8:00am

Celebrant Pastor Meehan

Welcome Jennifer Hills, Director of Discipleship

Lay Assistant Mark Guilfoil
Communion Lay Assistant Jennifer Hills

Organ/Pianist David Leahey, Director of Music

Acolyte Olivia Holthoff

Crucifer Sofi Hills

Ushers Fred Esposito

Greg Miller

Barbara Pate

Altar Care Cathy Long

Welcome Joe Godwin

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Andrea Godwin

Welcome Angela Schulze

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To **Give** to St. John's Lutheran Church



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