



Alleluia!
HE IS RISEN

St. John's Lutheran Church

April 5, 2026~ Easter Sunday

~ The Festival of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ ~

Good Morning!

We feel blessed that you're here. We want you to feel comfortable in worship. Participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. To help out, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder.

You and your kids are welcome

We enjoy having you and your kids in worship. And yes, that means that we don't even mind if kids want to be heard in worship in their own special way. Special Children's messages are offered on non-communion Sunday's. If they are comfortable, they are invited to come to the front of the church for a special message. If you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

Fill out a Connection Card

We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards inserted in the worship folders, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card to complete the card online.



The Real Meaning of Easter:

The truth we celebrate today has the highest importance for all of our lives. God says the meaning of Easter is simply this:

- + Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead is God's proof to us that he has accepted Jesus' life and death as payment for our sins. We are freely forgiven because of Jesus.
- + Jesus Christ's resurrection gives us new purpose as we live to glorify God.
- + Jesus Christ's resurrection assures us that God will one day raise us from the dead to live before him in a perfect world.
- + Jesus Christ's resurrection is God's proof that the Christian faith is the true faith that he wants all people to know and believe.

Silent prayer before worship:

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.



Easter Worship

Our Call to Worship

We begin our Easter worship in the name of the Living God: The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Let us draw near to him in worship and praise, in humble sincerity and bold confidence. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Opening Easter Praise: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438

Please stand for the final verse



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

Because Jesus lives and in the end will stand, we can withstand all that causes *doubt*. God raised Jesus from the dead just as he had promised. The resurrection demonstrates that every claim Jesus made about himself is true and every promise Jesus has made to us will be kept.
This is the gospel we have received. On this gospel we take our stand. By this gospel we are saved.

Because Jesus lives and in the end will stand, we can withstand all that causes *guilt*. Were we responsible for paying for our sins, our work would be endless and pointless. But when Jesus had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at God's right hand to wait for his enemies to be made his footstool. He has made perfect forever those who belong to him.
Christ Jesus who died-more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Because Jesus lives and in the end will stand, we can withstand all that causes *despair*. Though life is full of trouble and sorrow, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. In him, all things must serve for our good.
God has placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

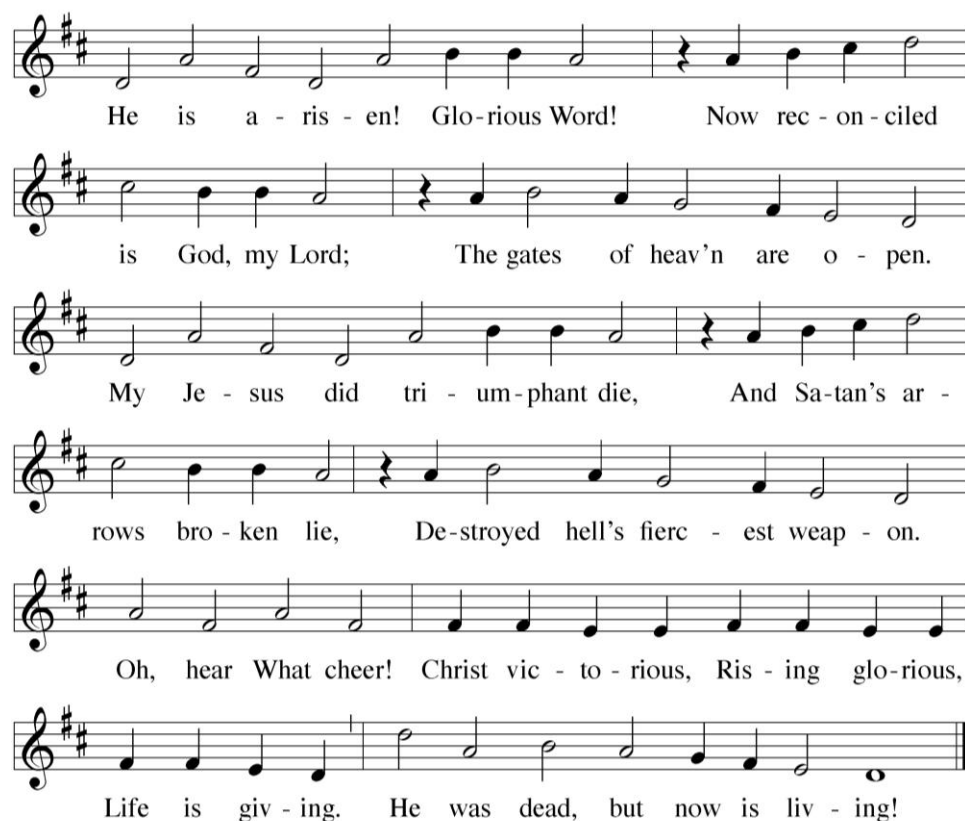
Because Jesus lives and in the end will stand, we can withstand all that causes *grief*. Though we mourn when death takes those we love, Jesus' resurrection guarantees that those who fall asleep in Christ will rise. In our own flesh and with our own eyes we will live to see God.
Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Hymn of Praise: He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

CW93 162



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

Prayer

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Devotion

God's Word

Jonah 2:2-9

²He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

³You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

⁴I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’

⁵The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, LORD my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

⁷“When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God's love for them.

⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Become Our Salvation

Psalm 118

Led by the choir, the congregation may join as comfortable



1. Out of my dis - tress I called out for help, and the
2. O - pen up the gate where the right - eous wait to be -
3. Now the stone ig - nored by the strong and proud has be -



Lord came quick - ly to save me. Praise our God most high. He is on my side. For the
hold the face of their Sav - ior. I am wel - comed in by my Lord and friend, for the
come the Chur - ch's foun - da - tion. Let the weak give praise for this gift of grace, for the



Lord's be - come my sal - va - tion! tion! Oh, give thanks to the Lord for his
Lord's be - come my sal - va - tion. tion.
Lord's be - come our sal - va - tion. tion.



nev - er - end - ing love. We will cel - e - brate what he's done this day, for the Lord's be - come our sal -



va - tion! For the Lord's be - come our sal - va - tion!

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Response: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

CW 471



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 heart and will on things a - bove that we
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Musical Response: See, What a Morning

CW 451

The choir will introduce the first verse, the congregation may join on verses 2,3



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of
2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she
3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

Our Thank-Offering

*"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him" - Colossians 3:17*

Our offerings are both an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work. Guests need not feel obligated to contribute. If you'd like to leave an offering, you may place it in the designated location in the back of the sanctuary or use one of the electronic means listed below.

Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks



- Text "give" to 651-401-1400
- Go to www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give
- Scan the QR code

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of someone they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain with your promise to dry every tear. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and Sacraments to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Now may our glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body and soul until your own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus.
Amen!

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Closing Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1-3, 5-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- 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!

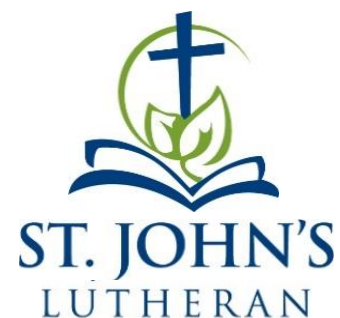
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