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~ Mark 16:8

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day – March 31, 2024

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Rev. Katie McNeal, Presiding Minister Maizy Fisher, Director of Music Ministries We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning! Know that you are welcome here just as you are.

If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time worshiping at St. John, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.

Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an \* and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**. All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.

During the time of **Peace**, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.

At the time of **Offering**, you are invited to share a gift. Envelopes are available in the pews if you prefer. Online gifts may be made using the QR code below:



You may also offer updates to our ongoing prayer list using the yellow cards in the pews and placing them in the offering plates. **Visitor information cards** and member attendance cards (attached to the front of the bulletin) may also be placed in the offering plates.

As Lutherans, we believe Christ is truly present in the elements of the Lord's Supper. At the time of **Holy Communion**, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward via the center aisle, receive the elements, and return via the side aisles. We begin at the front of the right side, commune all on the right side, then we will invite the left side forward. When you come forward, you may receive the bread from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available), then prefilled cups with wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. You may consume the elements after receiving them then place the empty cup in the tray held by the acolyte. Those who do not receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

If you need a **restroom**, restrooms are located on the bottom floor at the far side of the building from the elevator. Restrooms may be accessed either via the stairs in the rear of the sanctuary, the stairs by the Greeting Area, or the elevator.

A playroom is available downstairs for children who need a break from the worship service. This room is by the elevator on the lower level. Children are also welcome to utilize the books and puzzles available in the Greeting Area on the top level by the elevator.

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day, and prayers will be offered during the prayers of intercession.

## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

PRELUDE: Prelude in the Ancient Style by George Crook

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW 365)



#### \*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us! We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning, you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

In your baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, We give you thanks, O God for in these waters, you promise welcome, forgiveness, and life everlasting, and you claim us as your beloved children.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Alleluia!

Let us sing for joy at God's victory over death!

## \*THIS IS THE FEAST



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; "but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 118** Metrical Psalter



- 1. Give thanks for God is good, God's love is steadfast, sure; Let Israel confess, "God's love Forever will endure."
- 2. God is my strength and song,
  The Savior I have found;
  Now from the tents of all the just
  There comes triumphant sound:
- 3. I shall not die but live,
  And praise God with my breath;
  The Lord has punished me, but not
  Delivered me to death.
- 4. This is the Lord's own work
  And marvelous to see;
  The Lord has acted on this day,
  We praise God's victory.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# \*GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8 The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <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>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. (*Mark 1:1*) **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR - Christ the Lord is Risen Today

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - We Have Seen The Lord

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

**SERMON** 



# \*HYMN OF THE DAY The Day of Resurrection! (ELW 361)

Christ the Lord has

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#### \*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

the Father, the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphs over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Remove the barriers that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. Tend to those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit especially Bob, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Henry, Harry, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, Katie, Debi, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember in our hearts. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit among us. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Living God, we carry in our hearts joys and concerns known only to you. We bring to you all that weighs us down and celebrate in you all that lifts us up. We offer the prayer we bring into this space on this day (*blue prayer cards are read*) and all the prayers we do not yet have the words to speak. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

## Amen.

#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

## CHOIR – He Is Risen! by Amy Web

#### **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY HYMN Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)

Rise on verse 4



#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, strengthened by the gifts of your meal of grace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

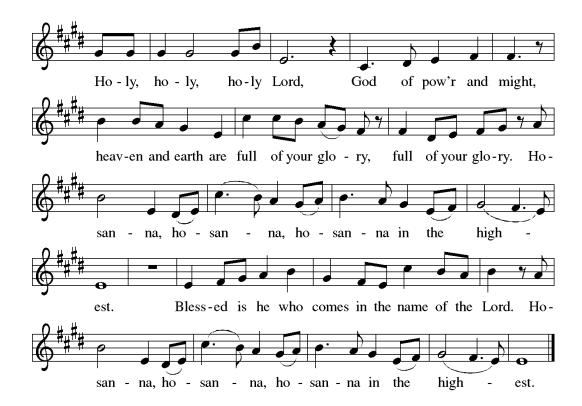
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, and great is the majesty of your glory.

#### Alleluia!

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

#### Alleluia!

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

#### Alleluia!

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Alleluia! Amen.** 

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

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

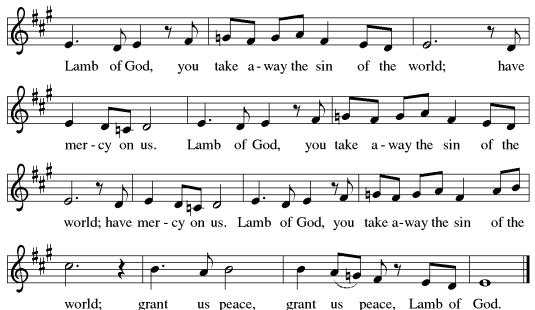
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.

# **COMMUNION SONG** Lamb of God



# COMMUNION HYMN Thine Is the Glory (ELW 376)



- 1 Thine is the glo ry, ris en, con-qu'ring Son; end less is the
- 2 Lo, Je sus meets thee, ris en from the tomb! Lov ing ly he
- No more we doubt thee, glo rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife; An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, hymns of tri - umph sing, through thy death - less love; kept the fold - ed grave - clothes for the Lord now liv - eth; bring us safe through Jor - dan

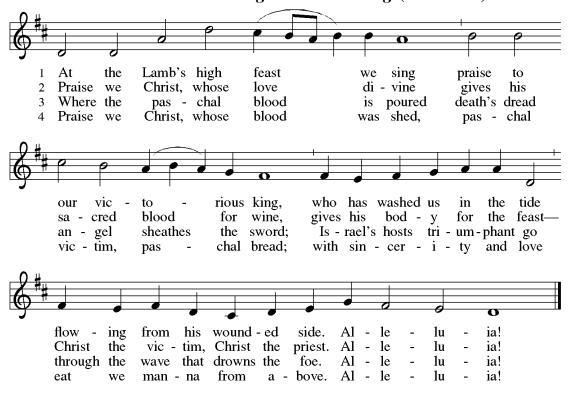


where thy bod - y lay. death hath lost its sting! to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring



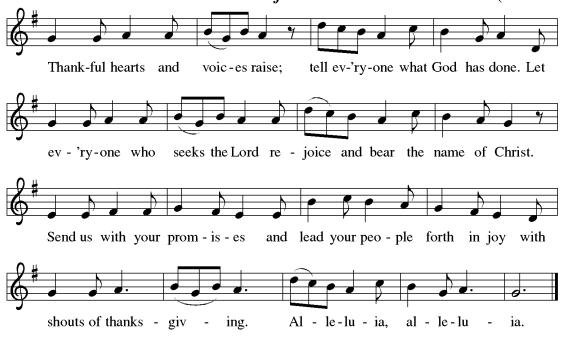
# COMMUNION HYMN At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (ELW 362)



## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you in grace. **Amen** 

# \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)



## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

## \*BLESSING

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

May the God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope 中 bless you now and always.

Alleluia! Amen.

# \*SENDING SONG This Joyful Eastertide (ELW 391)



#### \*DISMISSAL

"And Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." *Matthew 16:15* 

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go forth in joy to love and serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Praeludium in C* by J. S. Bach

Assisting in worship today:

Assisting Minister: Denise H.

Acolyte: Ava N.

Young Reader: Emma N.

Usher: Todd N.

Offering: Ella N. & Emma N.

Attendance last week: 73 + 5 zoom

## Notes for the day's texts:

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world.

Alleluia!

## **Today's Music**

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Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise. Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927. Augsburg Fortress.

This Joyful Eastertide. Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934,

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