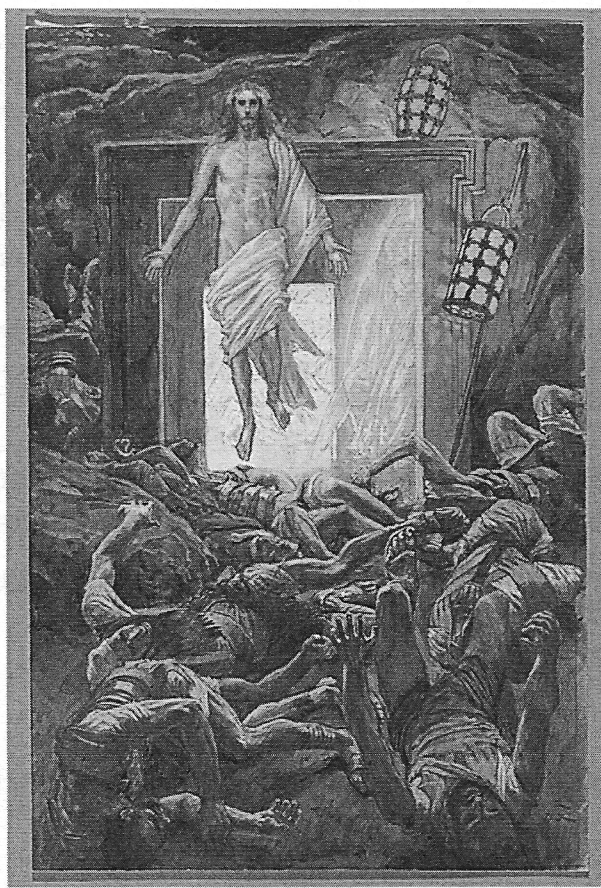


St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of Our Lord

Divine Service Setting Three
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Holy Communion The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.

As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

**Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community
rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service**

Cover Image: Tissot, James, *The Resurrection*, Brooklyn Museum, 1886-1894.

**C: 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.**

Antiphon: I am risen, and I am still with Thee, al-/leluia.
Thou hast laid Thine hand upon / Me, alleluia.
Such knowledge is too wonder-/ful for me,
Allelu-/ia, alleluia.

Kyrie - *Lord Have Mercy* **p. 186**

Hymn Of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* **p. 187**
(Bells are sounded as we sing our Hymn of Praise)

Salutation and Collect of the Day **p. 189**

First Reading: *Job 19:23–27*

In those days the prophet Job spoke, saying: “Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 5:7–8*

Brethren: Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalms 118:1, 24 (Mode VIII)*

This is the day which the / LORD hath made;
we will rejoice / and be glad in it.

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD; for / He is good:
because His mercy en-/dureth forever.

Alleluia Verse: *1 Corinthians 5:8a, c, 7b (Mode VIII)*

Christ our Passover is sacri-/ficed for us.

Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

(After the verse, the congregation rises for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel: *Mark 16:1–8*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit. (*Spoken*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Jesus. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Alleluia

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Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day: *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won* 490

Sermon

Offertory Music – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* –
L. Larson

Offertory *Create in Me A Clean Heart* p. 192

(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Prayer of the Church

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Sanctus - *Holy, Holy, Holy* p. 195

Prayer of Thanksgiving 1

The Words of Our Lord p. 197

Lord's Prayer p. 196

Pax Domini – *The Peace of the Lord* p. 197

Agnus Dei - *Lamb of God* p. 198

(After the Agnus Dei, please be seated)

Distribution Hymn *What Is This Bread* 629

Distribution

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Communion Prayers *Prayers are provided for before and after communing inside the front cover of the hymnal under "Prayers for Worship". Please make use of these prayers or your own prayers during the time before, during and after communion*

Post Communion Collect

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn: Now All the vault of Heaven Resounds 465

(We reflect in silent prayer following the closing hymn)

Postlude

Jesus Christ is Risen Today – C. Saint-Saens (8 AM)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (10AM)

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Offerings for God The offering box continues to be available in the narthex for our giving.

Church Attendance (Palm Sunday Weekend)

Wednesday.....	14
Saturday	24
Sunday	70

Assisting with our service: Assistant: Lewis Balsizer (8 am) Jim Atkinson (10 am), Lead Deacon: Chris Dougan (8 am) Cissy Kulakowski (10 am), Reader: Lewis Balsizer (8 am) Joanne Outlaw (10 am), Altar Guild: Marcia Gregory (8 am) Kim Atkinson (10 am)

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¹ *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969*

News At St. John Church

Setting Three: We are enjoying Divine Worship Setting 3 from now until June when we will sing our special summer setting through August.

Paving Project: There are envelopes in the Narthex if you're willing and able to donate toward this project.

Hymns for Communion Distribution: During the season of Easter, we will sing a distribution hymn during the time of Communion. May the music and the meaning stir our faith as we share this time with our Lord!

Easter incense:

As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, incense will be offered at both the *Easter Vigil service* Saturday at 5:00 PM and the early *Easter Morning service* at 8:00 AM (only). We will be using a small amount of pure frankincense which is known to be hypoallergenic, known from biblical times for its mild and gentle aroma. With the offering of this incense we are reminded of our prayers of praise lifted to our living Lord!

Thursday and Saturday Ladies Book Studies: If any ladies are interested in our 9:30AM Thursday, or 3 PM Saturday book studies, please come join us. For more information call or text Wendy MacDonald at 860-975-8170.

Easter Flowers that you ordered can be picked up after the 10 AM worship service. Please only take what you ordered. Thank you!

EASTER DAY

Christ's Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1–8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *“After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God”* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:54–55, 57). *lcms.org/worship*