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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

April 1, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

Easters come and go, and it seems that little changes. Or does it? What we sing and celebrate today is already ours. We were baptized into His death and raised with Christ to new and everlasting life. Easter is the celebration not only of Christ's victory but also of our own victory in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Christ is risen, and we with Him. It is a victory already ours but not yet fully complete in us. Part of Christian life is seeing who we are and the life we live in the context of the baptismal miracle of new identity and new life that we have been given. Every day we grasp this gift by faith and remember it is "for me." We wear a new name and are heirs of an eternal victory and a life that death cannot overcome. How might our lives change if we lived out this glorious Easter truth more than one day a year?

† Prayer Before Worship †

Mighty Lord, Your own Son left the darkness of the grave to rise and show forth His glorious body as the firstborn of the dead. As You have united us to the cross of Christ by Baptism, so raise us up to newness of life that we may recall our Lord's resurrection with joy and live it out by the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude **"Now Thank We All Our God"** arr. J.S. Bach/Claude Means

(Please Stand)

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn #457 **"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! | 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! |
| 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

Invocation/Confession/Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: “They have taken my Lord away, and I don’t know where they have put Him!”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hands into His side, I will not believe it.”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

P: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

C: We confess: “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)

P: Indeed, God has given us the gift of belief through the water and the Word in our baptism, He has spoken to us through His Word, and we will receive His very body and blood in Holy Communion. Our lips claim belief, but so many times our lives display unbelief.

C: Let shouts of joy and victory resound in the house of the Lord! For His right hand has done mighty things – the power of the Lord has won the victory and we shall not die, but live and proclaim to the world what the Lord has done!
(Psalm 118:15-17)

P: Death, where is your victory?

C: Defeated by the right hand of God!

P: Death, where is your sting?

C: Defeated by the power of the Gospel!

P: And who is this champion that has defeated death?

All: Jesus Christ our Lord! All praise and thanks to God for the victory He gives us in His Son, Jesus.

P: Then let the celebration begin!

C: He is risen indeed!

Children's Choir Anthem "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Loonis McGlohon

(Be Seated)

First Reading Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

² *O my soul*, you have said to the LORD,

"You *are* my Lord,

My goodness is nothing apart from You."

³ As for the saints who *are* on the earth,

"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten *after* another *god*;

Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

Nor take up their names on my lips.

⁵ O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

You maintain my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant *places*;

Yes, I have a good inheritance.

⁷ I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;

My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;

Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will rest in hope.

¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;

At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was with me*. ¹¹ Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response #480 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”, verses 1-2

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

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.

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(Please Stand)

Easter Gospel

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #480 "He's Risen, He's Risen", verses 3-5

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.

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.

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.

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Sermon: "You Must Meet the Risen Savior"

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Offertory Anthem "The Day of Resurrection"

Thomas Matthews

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(Sung to the tune of Hymn #493: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Confession of Faith

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. His sovereign power has raised His Son from the dead and His eternal love has given us eternal life. He is indeed the Father Almighty.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and came to earth as a human, born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and died and went down to hell, announcing the victory of Almighty God over the evil one; the battle was over, and on the third day He rose from the dead and is alive!

And we believe this by the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who calls, gathers and enlightens us and the whole Christian Church on earth. By His guidance, we will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. And we believe Jesus will come again and take us home to live with Him forever. This is the message of Easter – this is the basis of our faith! Thus we believe and confess with our mouths, Alleluia! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

(Be Seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.) Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Distribution Hymns: #475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"
#469 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
#478 "The Day of Resurrection"

(Please Stand)

Blessing

Closing Hymn #474 “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

Postlude “Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Altar Flowers are given in thanks to God for His many gifts, especially His Son, our Living Redeemer, by Mark & Beth Meier

Our Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God by:

Dot Cleary – **In memory of husband** – Bob

Jeanne Blizard – **In memory of husband** – Richard

Jane Davidson – **In memory of husband** – Dewey & daughter Debbie

Jackie Downey – **In memory of** – Mr. & Mrs. E.N. Troutman, Josephine Downey, & Barbara Pate

In Honor of – Peyton & Kaleb Downey, Hannah & Camille White

Joan Happel – **In honor of husband** – Loren

Rosie Thompson – **In honor of** granddaughters – Jade & Amber

To the Glory of God:

Dale & Alice Mierisch

Larry & Kay Bowman

Don & Clare Adamick

Chris Evans & Lynne Wagenknecht

Nate & Tina Kottowski

Arden & Glenda Lackey

Mary Rochester

Wes & Kerstin Walker

Please pick up your Lily after second service

Today's Ushers: Butch Roberts, Holly Wilson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

Worship Assistants: Early Service – Rich Essbach, Tom Baldwin, Late Service – Mark Meier, Steve Anderson

Lector: Early Service – Claudia Essbach, Late Service – Don Henderson

Altar Guild for April: Claudia Essbach, Clare Adamick, Sarah Strahm

Lock-ups for April: Don Henderson, Glenn Rullman

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for April: Canned fruit (applesauce, peaches, etc.)

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.