



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.

Divine Service Setting One with Holy Communion

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

On Easter evening and again the following Sunday, because the disciples saw Jesus alive, they knew the resurrection was real, and they believed in Him. They were then able to witness to their faith in spite of opposition and persecution from the Jewish council. Though grieved by various trials, it was the “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:3) that enabled the Early Church to rejoice. The reality of the resurrection becomes evident to people around us as we live out our faith, confessing Jesus as Lord and offering peace and forgiveness in His name. As they come to faith, they join us and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

† Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty God, on Easter evening Your Son sent His disciples out with the resurrection news of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may be witnesses to His resurrection within our society and among our family and friends; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude “Aria”

Georg Friedrich Handel

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #463 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

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

C: **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C: **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C: **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C: **tell of all his wondrous works!**

P: Glory in his holy name;

C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

C: seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

P: He remembers his covenant forever,

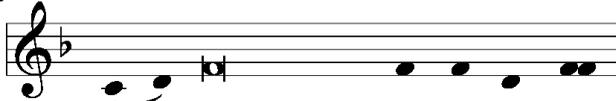
C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

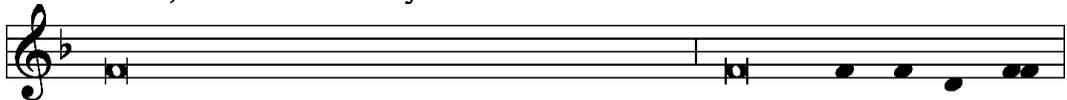
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



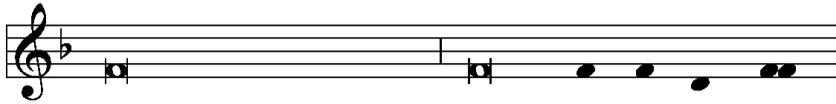
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



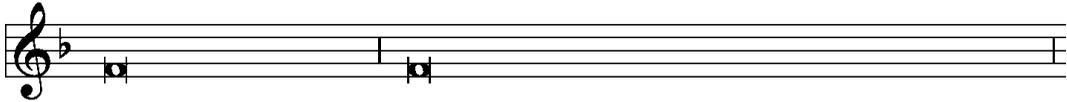
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



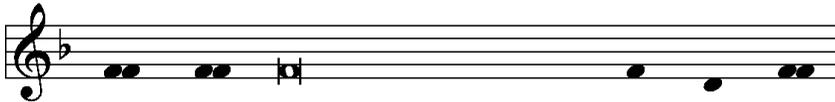
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through

the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

Hymn of Praise - This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

First Reading

Romans 5:1-5

(Hope does not disappoint.)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

All: Christ has arisen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

(A living hope through the resurrection)

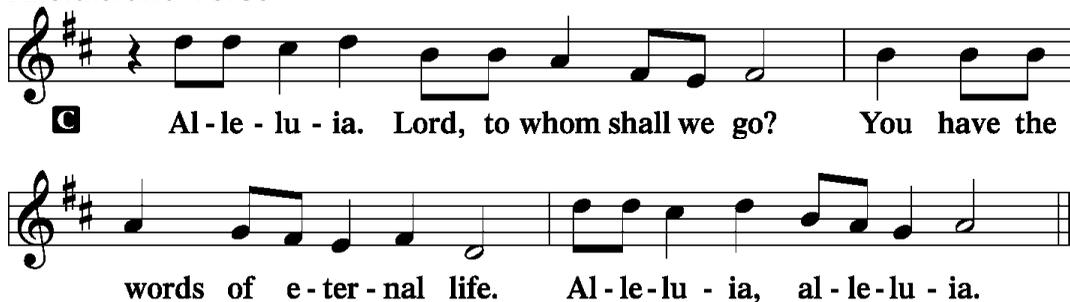
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

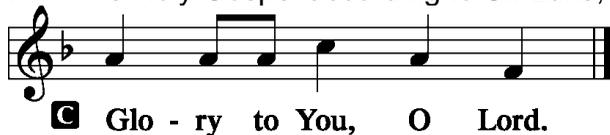


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-32

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to

believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "In the Garden"

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.
 - o Refrain:
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. (Refrain)

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Sermon "The Road to Emmaus: What To Do When Life Lets You Down"

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear our prayer, risen Lord, and strengthen us to witness our Easter faith.

(Be Seated)

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 "A Joyful Alleluia"

Gordon Young

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own," v. 1

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.

Confession

All: Holy, Almighty God, we confess that we are sinners. Daily sinners. Sinners by nature. Sinners by what we do. Sinners by what we think. Sinners by what we say. Sinners by what we have left undone. Lord God, we confess that we often allow disappointment to cloud our vision of Christ; despite Your free gift of faith; despite the Spirit of Christ within us. We give evidence, not of joy and hope, but of defeat and discouragement. Forgive us when this reflects our lack of trust and appreciation for the treasures we have in Jesus. Hold before our eyes the Risen Christ that we be renewed for the "travels" of life. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: Was not the Christ to suffer and die that we might partake of His victory? In Jesus, your past sin is forgiven. In Jesus, your daily sin is forgiven. In Jesus, your future sin shall be forgiven. In the Risen Christ, all your sin is forgiven. Life may disappoint; but Jesus never will. In Him you have strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus



C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

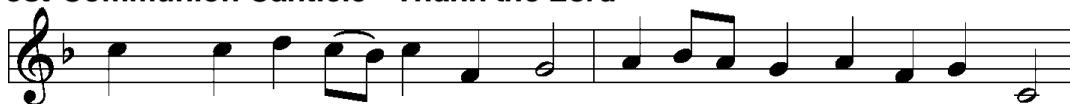


(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"
#487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle - *Thank the Lord*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn #917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “Voluntary in G”

Georg Berg

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Holly Wilson and Ron Crane in honor of Addison's second birthday.

Today's Ushers: Ryan Davidson, Bob Hoisington, Stephanie Kiel, and Holly Wilson

Worship Assistants: Don Henderson, Mark Meier

Altar Guild for April: Gayle Barcio, Anita Hoisington, Tina Kottowski, Mary Rochester

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

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.



St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
*Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 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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