



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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.

Divine Service Setting One

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

† Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Your Son's death and resurrection, we see how much You want us to be with You forever. Instill in us such faith in You that we shall want nothing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude "We Cry to Thee"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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!

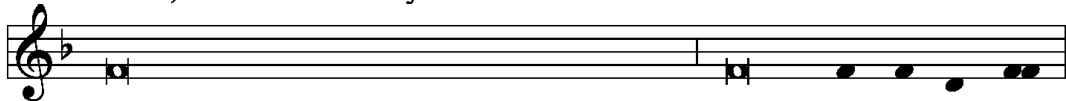
Kyrie




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.



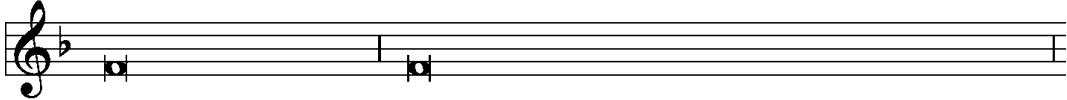
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



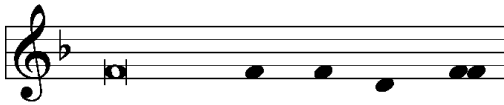
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



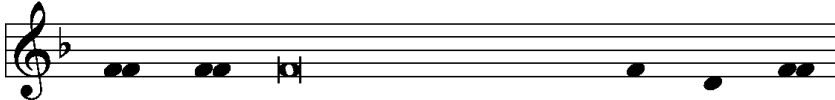
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – *Gloria in Excelsis*



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



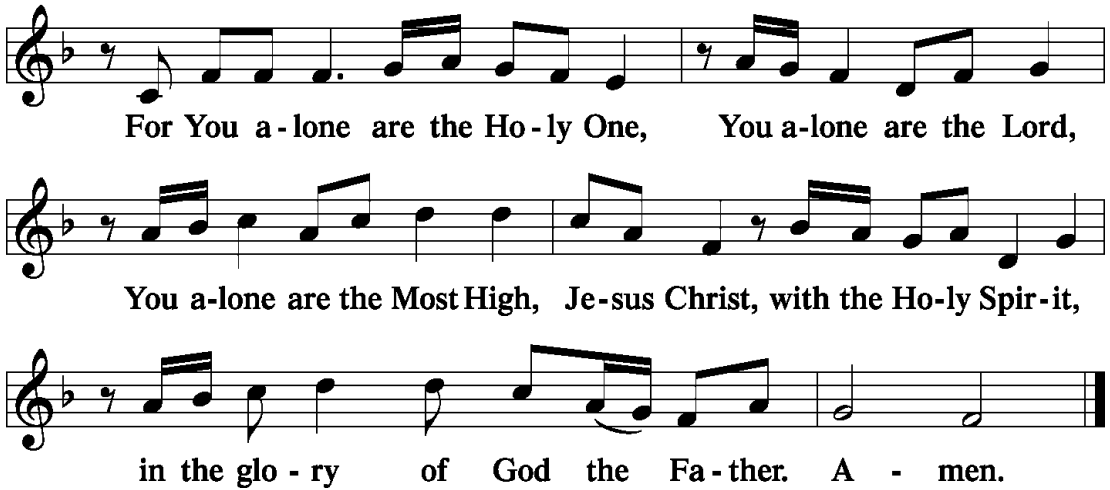
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

(Be Seated)

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

(The Early Church grows.)

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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.**

²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

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

John 20:24-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sermon "I Don't Believe It"

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(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 "Easter Anthem"

William Billings

(Please Stand)

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

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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 #680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne”

Buxtehude

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Patricia Joan Happel

Today's Ushers: Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks, and John Williams

Lector: Stephanie Guelzow

Acolyte/Crucifer: Dale Mierisch

Altar Guild for May: Kae Elliott, Mae Elliott, Renee Henderson

Lock-ups for May: Bob Hoisington, Wes Walker

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 May: Saltine and Snack Crackers

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsww.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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