

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 2415 Silas Creek Parkway; Winston-Salem, NC 27103

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2020 – 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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

Welcome

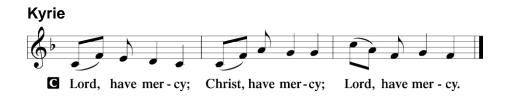
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Opening Hymn: #465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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

- C: Amen.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.





(Please Be Seated)

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ² A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; ³ A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace. And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to gain. And a time to lose: A time to keep, And a time to throw away: ⁷ A time to tear. And a time to sew: A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war. And a time of peace.

⁹ What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? ¹⁰ I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

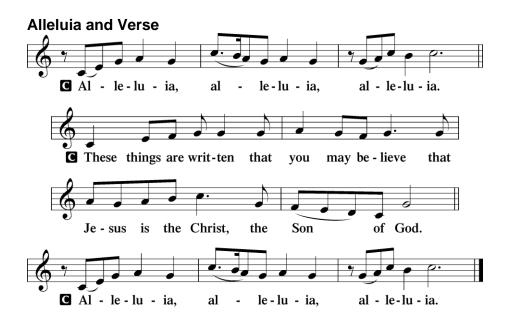
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Rise)



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Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-11

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

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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."

⁸ 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.

⁹ Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

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.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: #486 "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"

Sermon: "He is Risen: says Mark"

Music for Meditation: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" # 487, Hymnal set by Robert Buckley Farlee

(Please Rise)

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

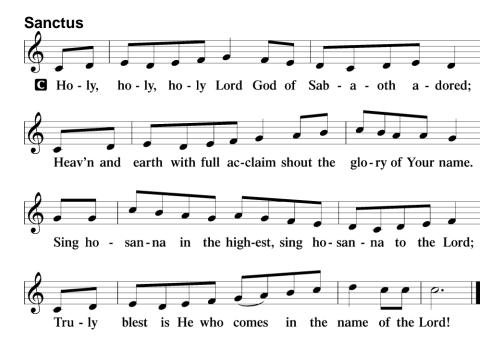
St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my 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.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

† Service of the Sacrament **†**

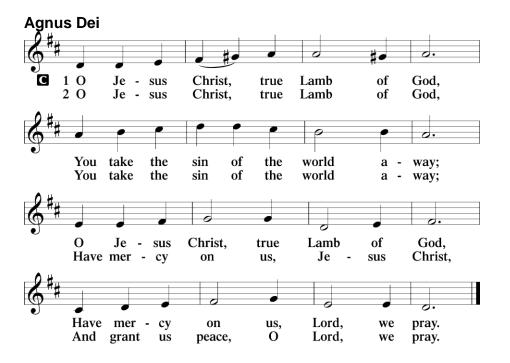
Preface

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also 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.
- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.



The Words of Our Lord

(Please Be Seated)

Communion Distribution by Continuous Line

Distribution Hymns: #527 "O Savior, Precious Savior" #528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



Post Communion Collect

- P: Let us pray.
- P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

 L: 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: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Postlude: "Fanfare"

Antonio Soler

<u>Altar Flowers</u> are given to the Glory of God, by an anonymous donor in appreciation for Steve Covington.

Worship Assistants: 8:30am - Bill Thorpe; 10:30am - Dale Mierisch

Lector: 8:30am - Maddie Orsborn, 10:30am - Joel Becker

Altar Guild for May: Mary Rochester, Sandra Linder

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads and notate any changes.

Crisis Control Item for May: Toilet Tissue



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class begins 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 5th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com Nathan Kottlowski, Principal Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

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