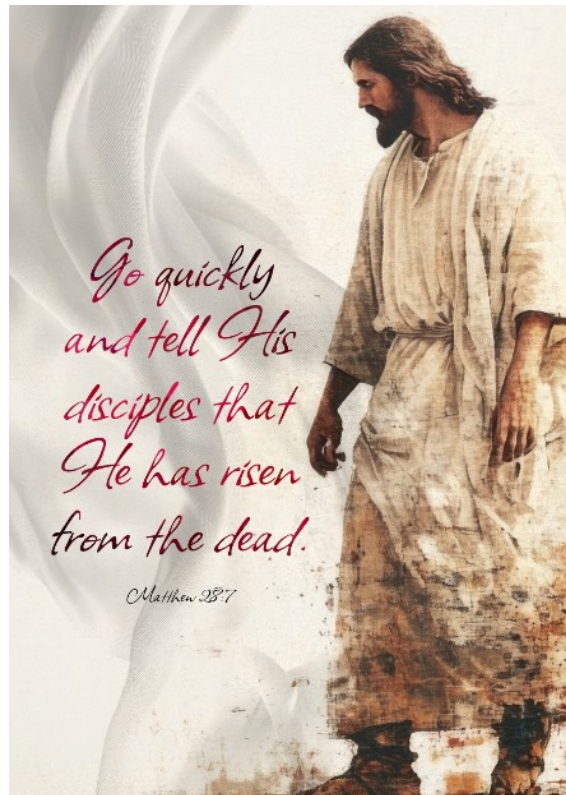


Easter Sunday



April 5, 2026

8:00 a.m.

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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

The liturgy that we use for the Divine Service has been handed down over the centuries, with portions of our service dating back to the late 1st or early 2nd century, just a matter of decades after our Lord's death, resurrection, and ascension. The liturgy is a true treasure of the Church that we enjoy to this day.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn TLH 199 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

△ **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! Amen.

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 5 [Responses Sung]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins TLH Page 6

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution TLH Page 6

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: [Sung] **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b*

P: I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**C: The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

P: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

**C: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you
have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to
your holy abode.**

P: You will bring them in and plant them on your own
mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which
your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 6 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 7 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 7-9 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 9

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

(prayed together) – **O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of
the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that
all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live
before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹“At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the Lord:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.’”

Epistle Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gradual (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: Christ has risen 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.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings... C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:1-10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...`

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Apostles' Creed *TLH Page 12*

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn TLH 195 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

**Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**It was a strange and dreadful strife When Life and Death contended;
The victory remained with Life, The reign of Death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith That Death is swallowed up by Death,
His sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!**

**Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree- So strong His love!-to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!**

**So let us keep the festival Whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us.
By His grace He doth impart Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!**

**Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah! Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 12-13 [Sung]

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

TLH Pages 13-14

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 14*

**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.**

Hymn TLH 644 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

The Collect for the Word: *TLH Page 14*

P: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benediction: *TLH Page 14*

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee, The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 201 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! and now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence! Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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**FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD BY:**

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, Apr. 6th:** 2 Corinthians 1
- **Tuesday, Apr. 7th:** 2 Corinthians 2
- **Wednesday, Apr. 8th:** 2 Corinthians 3
- **Thursday, Apr. 9th:** 2 Corinthians 4
- **Friday, Apr. 10th:** 2 Corinthians 5
- **Saturday, Apr. 11th:** 2 Corinthians 6
- **Sunday, Apr. 12th:** 2 Corinthians 7

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Baptism: What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.