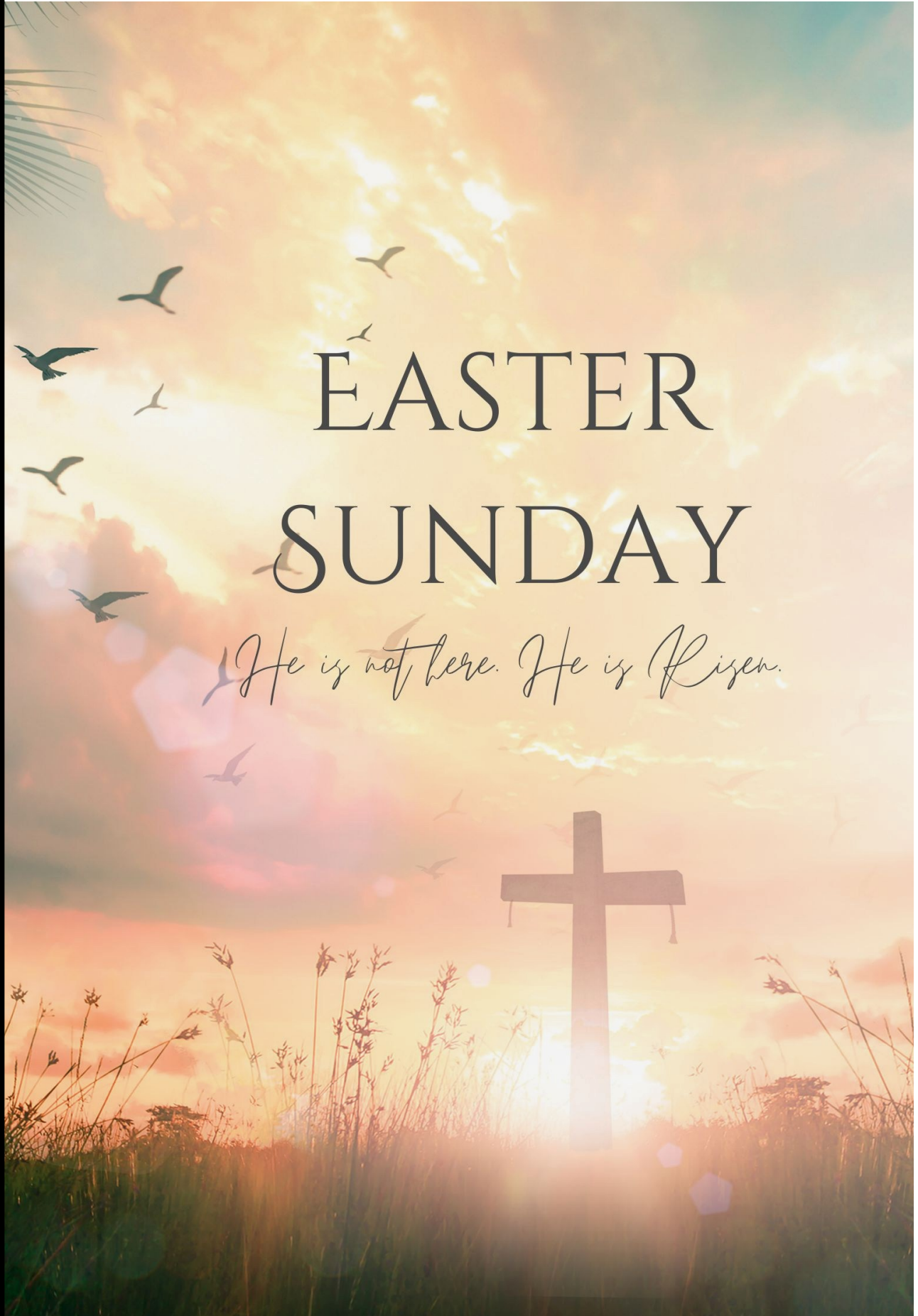


Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

The Resurrection of Our Lord

St. John's Lutheran Church



EASTER SUNDAY

He is not here. He is Risen.

Welcome to

St. John's Lutheran Church

Welcome to those who are visiting on this glorious day!

We look forward to meeting you and sharing the many opportunities for ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church. Our Sunday worship services are at 9:00 am & 11:00 am. A nursery is available to serve our members and guests during both worship services for ages birth to 5 years. For older children, we are committed to lovingly engaging them in worship, from the Children's Sermon to special activities that engage their hearts, minds, and senses. We celebrate babies, whether quiet or fussy; wiggly toddlers; curious children, and teenagers who often teach us so much about authenticity.

Please provide us with your name and contact information by signing the "Worship Register" in each pew or calling the church office at (865) 523-3330 during the week. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Let us know how we can serve you.

Everything necessary to follow the worship service is provided within this bulletin. For those using the Pew Bibles or our hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) and All Creation Sings (ACS), the page numbers are listed.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us!



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The Altar Flowers
are given to God by
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in honor of friends
and family.

We welcome
trumpeter, Dylan
McCurry, as a special
worship leader.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

THE PRELUDES

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHOIR ANTHEM

TRUMPET SELECTION

Dylan McCurry, Trumpet

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

"Toccata"-Young

"Risen Indeed"-Pote

"Concertato"

(Please stand.)

OPENING HYMN ELW 365

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

We have heard the
words of resurrection
and are now ready to
worship with joy. The
opening hymn sounds the
keynote of the day.



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PROCLAMATION OF PEACE *(Pew Bible p.883)*

John 20:19-20

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.”

The Peace is the link between the resurrection and the abundant life in Christ. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has first been proclaimed and whose meal we share. We wish the peace of the Lord for each other.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Verse 1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Verse 2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection. Not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Verse 3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the first and last is with us. Sing hosanna, ev’ryone!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

This prayer concerns the theme of the day and prepares us for hearing the readings from scripture.

In the First Lesson: Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

In the Second Lesson: Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST LESSON *(Pew Bible p.894)*

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON *(Pew Bible p. 936)*

I Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOD'S INVITATION: "Let the Children Come..."

Matthew 19:14

(Please stand.)

GOSPEL PROCESSION

"Jesus Is Our King"

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our hearts to Him, sing - ing

Fine

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our king!

1. Cre - ate in us, o God a hum - ble heart that
2. We bear the name of Christ. Jus - ti - fied, we
3. Let kin - dred voi - ces join, ho - nor - ing the
4. Pour out your Spi - rit on us, em - power - ing us to

sets us free to pro - claim the won - drous
meet with him. His words and pre - sence
Lamb of God who teach - es us by
live as one, to car - ry your re -

D.C.

ma - jes - ty of our Fa - ther in hea - ven.
calm our fear, re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther here.
bread and wine the mys - tery of his bo - dy.
deem - ing love to a world en - slaved by sin.

We stand while the Gospel is read and speak acclamations after the reading because we believe Christ is present to us in the reading.

In the Gospel Lesson: Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices.

After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

The meditation interprets the meaning of God's word for our lives today.

HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p.861)

LUKE 24:1-12

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated.)

MEDITATION

Rev. John Tirro

We sing this principal
hymn in response to
the Word which has
been proclaimed to us.

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 376

"Thine Is the Glory"

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

*With this prayer, we
express our concern for
the whole Church, for
the nations of the
world, for people in
their various needs, and
for our own
congregation.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(Please kneel. Following each petition, respond with "hear our prayer.")

A: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

A: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

A: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace,

A: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

A: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Those Remembered in Prayer:

*Michael Adams, David & Linda Cash, Pat & Charlsie Counts,
Hugh Denton, Al Gill, Lynda Hinkle, John Jessel, Dick Krogmann,
Don McWilliams, Nancy O'Callaghan, Chris Oehler, Norma Peterson, Don Ray,
Frances Ratliff, Clarence Scott, Pam Shealy, Keith Solt,
Barbara Teague, Maxine Whistler, Ann Williams, Bill Wing,
our seminarians: Jordan Baker, Caitlynne Fox, and Joe Ley,
the students, staff, & mentors at Christenberry Elementary school,
synod partners in Guatemala, and all those affected
by the devastation of Hurricane Helene*

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

(Please be seated.)

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF THE PEW REGISTER

We respond to God's
Word by giving our
offerings for God's work
in the world.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Jesus Live! The Victory's Won"

-Lloyd Larson

(Please stand.)

OFFERTORY REPONSE ELW 361

"The Day of Resurrection!"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,
the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!
From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

The offertory prayer
reminds us that God is
the source of all gifts.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen One,
C: you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Text: *The Book of Common Prayer*
Tune: John Tirro
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The words Jesus used
in instituting the Lord's
Supper remind us of
God's wonderful works,
invite us to receive the
sacrament, and ask
for the Holy Spirit to
bless us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



Text: *1 Corinthians 11:22-25, Matthew 26:27*, adapt. John Tirro
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This prayer is based on
Matthew 6:9-13 and
Luke 11:24.

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Earlier in the service,
the Gospel was
proclaimed to the entire
congregation; now it is
given to each person
individually as each
receives the body and
blood of our crucified
and risen Lord.

Pyx (PIX; Middle
English from Latin
pyxis, a little box). A
receptacle designed to
hold the bread of the
Holy Communion.

As the ministers give the
bread and wine, they say
these words to each
communicant: "The body
of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed
for you." The
communicant may say:
"Amen."

Text: adapt. John Tirro
Tune: John Tirro

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(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

Regarding the gift of Holy Communion, all are welcome! This is God's table, and there is a place for each of God's beloved. Gluten-free wafers are in the small silver box on the baptismal font.

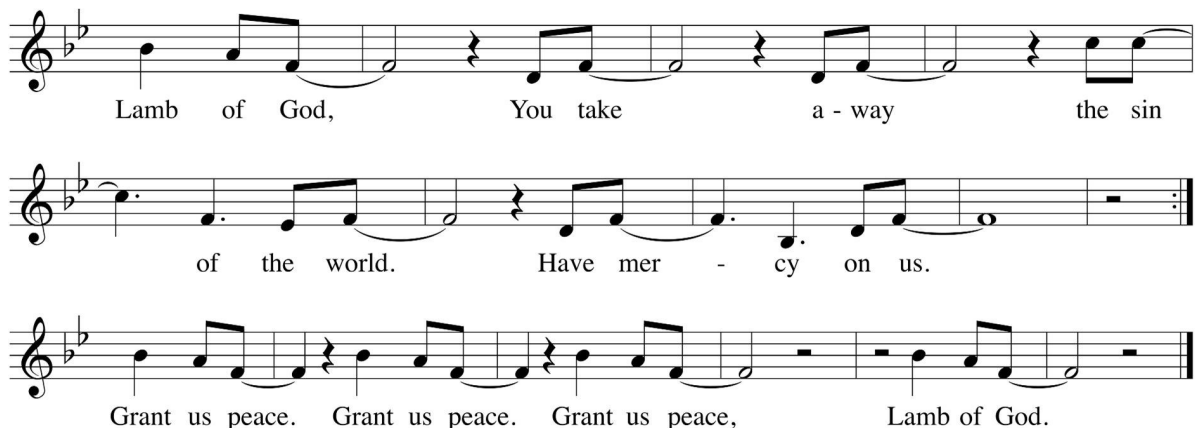
An usher will direct you down the center aisle to the chancel stairs where you may:

- Receive Holy Communion by intinction, taking the bread, dipping it in the wine, and consuming them together
- Receive Holy Communion by the common cup, first eating the bread and then drinking from the silver chalice
- Receive a blessing by placing your hands across your chest and embracing God's love for you

You will return to your seat by the side aisle.

Again, all are welcome at God's table; come and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin
of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Tune: John Tirro

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1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death’s dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

(Please stand.)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us
 and keep us in his grace.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing prepares
 us to continue our
 mission as Christian
 people in the world.
 The Sign of the Cross
 may be made by all
 as a reminder of
 Christ in whose name
 we are baptized and
 live.



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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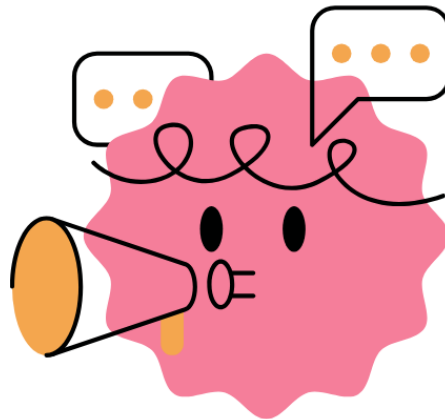
A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

C: Thanks be to God!

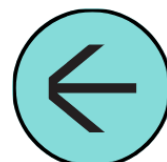
POSTLUDE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

UPCOMING EVENTS



We'd love to invite you to any and all of our upcoming social, worship, and ministry events. For more information visit <https://sjlcknox.org/calendar/>



APRIL 25	Singer/Songwriter Night: Live music, amusing stories, and fabulous fellowship. Doors open at 6:30 PM for 7 PM concert. \$20 admission. Scan or pay at the door.
APRIL 26	Pasta With a Purpose: Benefit dinner and Silent Auction for A Place At The Table Knoxville. 5-7:30 PM. Purchase tickets at www.apattknox.com
APRIL 27	Family Communion: A Stepping Stone of Faith celebration for those who have completed Holy Communion Instruction, held during both services.
APRIL 27	Knox Area Youth Gathering - KAYG: Monthly multi-church youth group for 3 rd -12 th graders. This month is hosted by St. John's. 1-2:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
MONTHLY	Yin Yoga: The 1 st - 3 rd & potentially 5 th Tuesdays of the month. 6:30 for snacks & fellowship, yoga at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
MONTHLY	First Friday: Gather at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall and bring an app and beverage to share before heading out to downtown galleries and venues.
MONTHLY	W.I.N.E.: Women interested in narrative exploration. Meets the 2 nd Thursday of each month in the Welcome Center. Bring an app and drink to share.
MONTHLY	B.E.E.R.: Brothers engaged in enriching relationships meets the 3 rd or 4 th Tuesday of each month at local pubs. Check the calendar & emails for when and where.
MAY 11	Mother's Day: Celebrating all the mothers in our lives between services with a brunch bites reception in the Welcome Center.
MAY 18	Graduate Celebration: A Stepping Stone of Faith celebration at each service where we'll honor our High School graduating seniors.
MAY 26	KAYG Memorial Day Bash: Before we break for the summer, we'll gather at 4 PM for food & games. All 3 rd - 12 th graders & their families are welcome.

JUNE 9-13	Summer Music Camp: Held at Messiah Lutheran for rising 2 nd - 7 th graders from 9am-12pm. Email music@messiahknoxville.org to register campers.
JUNE 13	Family Game Night: Pizza, board and card games, and loads of laughs. All ages welcome. 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
JUNE 15	Father's Day: Celebrating all fathers in our lives between services with "Donuts for Dads" in the Welcome Center.
JUNE 15-20	AFFIRM Youth Camp: For youth who completed grades 6-12 to nurture faith & train in discipleship skills. Held at LaGrange College, GA. Register by June 1 st Scan for info.
JUNE SATS.	Sunday School Room Makeovers: Grab your gloves and painting clothes! We'll meet each Saturday in June at 10 AM to give the rooms much needed updates.
JULY 7-11	Vacation Bible School: A multi-church effort to bring children and adults together for learning and fun. More information coming soon.
JULY WEDS.	Summer Service Days: The last 4 Wednesdays of July will be service opportunities for our youth. We'll volunteer at 4 different locations from 2-4 PM.
JULY 27	College Bound Kids: A Stepping Stone of Faith celebration at each service where we'll bless students as they take a big next step towards independence.
AUGUST 1	Parent's Night Out: A youth and adult-led evening of food and games for the littles. Drop off at 5:30 PM and enjoy some kidless back to school shopping.
AUGUST 3	New Kindergarteners: A Stepping Stone of Faith celebration at each service where we'll support rising kindergarteners with the Faith Five Experience.
AUGUST 10	Rally Day: We officially kick off the new school year with a church-wide celebration between services and welcome students to their new classrooms.
AUGUST 24	Confirmation Class Kick-Off: A Stepping Stone of Faith celebration at each service for middle and high schoolers ready to begin Confirmation Training.



Do you have an event or activity you'd like to share with the congregation?
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