



FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Be Together at First St. John's – Your Community Church and Your Family in Jesus

MORNING SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 AM SUNDAY- APRIL 1, 2018 COMMUNION SERVICE



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-EASTER DAY HE APPEARED APRIL 1, 2018 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

THE MISSION OF FIRST SAINT JOHNS

Lutheran Church is to proclaim His Gospel! To worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our major objective is to have a passion to lead all to Jesus and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ.



AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen! It's hard to imagine someone who was killed on Friday rising to live again on Sunday. It has happened only once and is what we celebrate today: Jesus' resurrection. Jesus didn't keep His resurrection a secret. He appeared to many people. He appeared to Mary, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to Peter and the apostles, to His brother James, to more than five hundred people, and lastly to the apostle Paul. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because He said He would, because the Scriptures said He would, and because He appeared to many. Today we celebrate Jesus resurrection, His appearance.

WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. **Our Lord invites** to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. All who believe that as they receive the bread and wine they also receive Jesus' body and blood are invited to receive the Supper with us today. 1 Cor. 11:²³⁻³² If you have any questions, please consult with the Pastor. **Please check (✓) the names of those receiving the Lord's Supper and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

W. Bay with trumpet
(Trumpeter-Bruce Tittel)

WELCOME **P** = Pastor, **A** = Assistant, **L** = Lector, **C** = People, & \triangle = (Stand)

✠ LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3 ✠ LSB 184

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P He died for our sins, **C** according to the Scriptures.
P He was buried in the tomb, **C** according to the definite plan of God.
P He rose from the dead **C** and appeared to many.
P Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LITANY

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.
P O Christ, **C** have mercy.
P O Lord, **C** have mercy. (LSB 288)

HYMN OF INVOCATION “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” **LSB 475**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God’s great mercy in Christ.

[Silence for reflection].

P Heavenly Father,
C we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.

P If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10*

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let Your holy one see corruption.

Preserve me, O God,
for in You I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You."

As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let Your Holy One see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GLORIA PATRI



☞ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE



☞ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C And with thy spirit

P Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, You have given us hope for life beyond death in the resurrection of Your Son. Help us focus our eyes on the things of first importance: the death and resurrection of Jesus for our forgiveness, 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.**

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING (The long-awaited Savior will come and make a feast for all nations on His holy mountain.) **Isaiah 25:6–9**

- 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I

“Antiphonal Acclamation for Easter”

Adult Choir

EPISTLE (Paul delivers to the Corinthians the things of first importance: that Christ died and was raised for our sins.) **1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

- 1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,
- 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you---unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.
- 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
- 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
- 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the

contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM II

“Hail the Day That sees Him Rise”

Adult Choir

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL (Women come to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning to anoint Him with spices, but when they arrive, Jesus is not in the tomb.) **Mark 16:1-8**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

- 1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
- 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
- 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"
- 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back---it was very large.
- 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.
- 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has 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 to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."
- 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

God called to us inviting us to be a part of his family. Through Holy Baptism He made us His children. As a family we live together in trust and hope confessing our faith:

NICENE CREED

C **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 (Sit)s 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 catholic 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.

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

LSB 487

SERMON

Yes! You Seek Jesus of Nazareth

Mark

(Sit)

OFFERING {Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}

VOLUNTARY

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

F. Ritter

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Heavenly Father, we live in a culture of distractions and diversions. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on the things of first importance: Christ's death and resurrection for sinners, for Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Lord, You sent a messenger to proclaim Jesus' resurrection to the women on Easter morning. Inspire us to share the message of Jesus' resurrection throughout the world, for Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Lord, there are many in this world who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned, suffering at the hands of evil people. Spread Christ's resurrection victory into their lives of pain and hopelessness. Raise them from darkness into Your light, for Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially...Joyce, Bonnie, Wil, Ruth, Bill, Gloria, Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Don, Beth, Doug, Pat, Keith, Helen, Susan, Eddie, Larry, Chris, Marianne, Graham, Patti, Nicie, York Firefighters, Erik Swanson, and Greg Altland, who were injured while fighting a major fire, Christine, Eileen, Those persecuted for Jesus' sake, prayer warriors, The

ministry of First St Johns, our radio ministry of WYCO, Our Community and families, Music Ministry, “for all those who do not know Jesus as Lord”, for recovery in Puerto Rico], Comfort them with the hope of resurrected bodies that will be ours when Jesus returns, for Christ is risen! **C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of Keith Barnett, Ivan Flanscha, Zack Anthony*], Embrace them with the hope of the resurrection that is ours because Christ is risen! **C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that our rejoicing draw us back to the Good News that Christ is risen! **C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P For those in the Police and Fire Services. For those who protect us in the military, [**specifically...Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, Dylan**], that they may be upheld and strengthened. let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C Amen.**

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



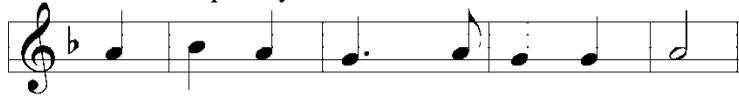
The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION

[The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying]:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

[In dismissing the communicants, the following is said]:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace **C Amen**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” **LSB 480**

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” **LSB 490**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **LSB 633**

(Stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

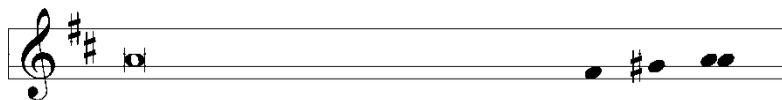


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

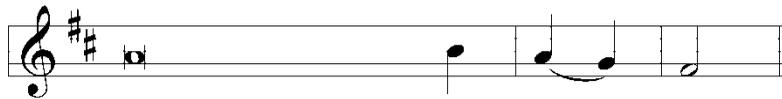


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

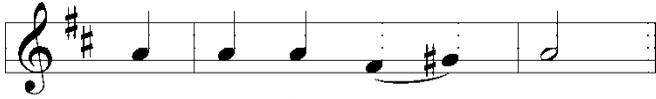


C A - men.

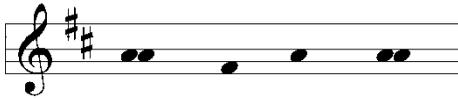
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

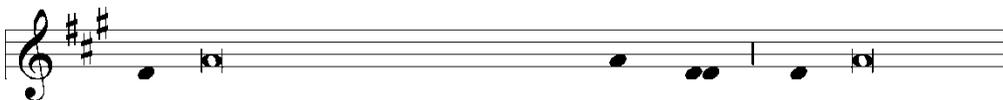


A Bless we the Lord.

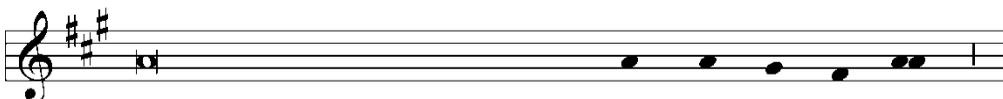


C Thanks be to God.

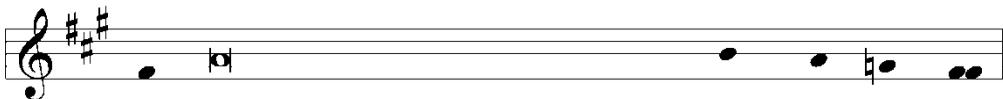
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

LSB 457

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C **Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!**

Dios los bendigas, Gott Segne Dich, Dieu te bénisse, Shàngdì zhùfú nǐ

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Finale”

T. G. Albinoni with trumpet
(Trumpeter-Bruce Tittel)

The congregation thanks Bruce Tittel for participating in today’s service.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

THE PASTOR:	Rev. James A. Driskell
MINISTER OF MUSIC:	Ken Sanders
THE LAY READER:	Pierre-Paul Rodriquez
THE USHERS:	Jose Montalvo, Matt Lauer
THE ALTAR GUILD:	Wally and Beth Smith
REFRESHMENTS:	Lois Hollinger, Kimberly Thompson
THE ADULT CHOIR:	Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang, Quitao Zhang, Pierre-Paul Rodriquez
THE GREETERS:	Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold
THE PRIESTS:	The People of 1 st St Johns

ATTENTION (NURSERY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Wayne and Nancy Hildebrand and Family.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for the month of **APRIL** is LCMS World Relief/Human Care.

THE 2ND SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE OF THE MONTH will include a healing service. The next healing service is **April 8th**. Please contact the pastor if you would like healing attention at a different time.

STEWARDSHIP

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

THURSDAY

9:00 AM-*Matins*

5:00-6:00 PM-*Private Confession*

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

Matins

9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study / Confirmation Class

9:15 AM

Sunday school

10:30 AM

Worship Service

READINGS FOR THE APRIL 8th SERVICE

FIRST READING (Great unity filled the Early Church as the apostles gave testimony to the resurrection of Jesus.) **Acts 4:32–35**

EPISTLE (God has come near to us with His light and life.) **1 John 1:1–2:2**

HOLY GOSPEL (Jesus appears to a troubled Thomas.) **John 20:19–31**

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 8th-COMMUNION (2nd Sunday of Easter) (10:30 am morning service).

April 15th-Matins, Non-Communion (3rd Sunday of Easter) (10:30 am morning service).

April 22nd-COMMUNION (4th Sunday of Easter) (10:30 am morning service).

April 29th-COMMUNION (5th Sunday of Easter) (10:30 am morning service).

GERMAN EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 8th

4:00 PM Afternoon Service

[Light refreshments with a German theme will follow the service].

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