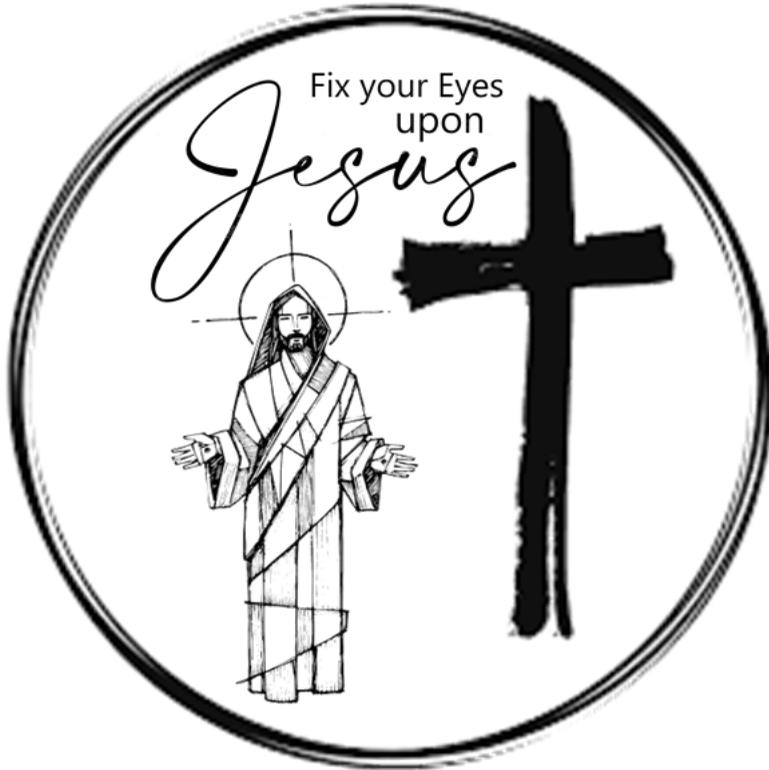


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



EASTER FESTIVAL

8:00 & 10:15 AM SERVICES

April 17, 2022

UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

“Alleluia! Christ is risen.” “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, takes root in our hearts, so that we understand that the resurrected life is now our own. Alleluia, meaning “praise ye the Lord,” infects our hymns and anthems as we confess the Good News that our Lord is risen, risen indeed.

Opening Hymn:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

Christian Worship, Hymn # 442

Verse 1  **Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!**

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!

Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!

Verse 2  **For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!**

Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!

“Christ is ris'n,” today we cry; Alleluia!

Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Verse 3  **Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!**

God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!

While, in strange and awefull strife, Alleluia!

Met together death and life. Alleluia!

Verse 4  **Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!**

Now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!

Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!

Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

- M** Crucified Lord, hasty preparations and despondent grief preoccupied the thoughts of those who travelled to the tomb and kept them from seeing the truth of your resurrection.
- C** **Jesus, we have come to honor you. Help us to see the truth of your resurrection so that our hearts might burn within us.**
- M** All-knowing Son of God, surprise and amazement dumbfounded your unsuspecting disciples and kept them from seeing the truth of your resurrection.
- C** **Jesus, we have come to understand. Help us to see the truth of your resurrection so that our hearts might burn within us.**
- M** Almighty King, worry and fear of your enemies gripped your anxious disciples and kept them from seeing the truth of your resurrection.
- C** **Jesus, we have come to be encouraged. Help us to see the truth of your resurrection so that our hearts might burn within us.**
- M** Living Redeemer, doubt and distorted expectations disillusioned your followers and kept them from seeing the truth of your resurrection.
- C** **Jesus, we have come to walk with you. Help us to see the truth of your resurrection so that our hearts might burn within us.**
- M** Good Shepherd, guilt and uncertainty troubled your stubborn disciples and kept them from seeing the truth of your resurrection.
- C** **Jesus, we have come to enjoy peace. Help us to see the truth of your resurrection so that our hearts might burn within us.**

M Lord, we have come to journey with you and your first disciples to the tomb, to Emmaus, and to Jerusalem. Open the Scriptures to us and show us the meaning of your empty grave. Show us the wisdom of your saving plans, the comfort of your fulfilled promises, and the depth of your faithful love. As you do so, may we honor you, better understand, be encouraged, walk with you, and enjoy your peace.

C **Jesus, we have come to worship you. Stay with us and help us to see the truth of your resurrection so that our hearts might burn within us. Amen.**

Musical Offering:

Resurrection Victory

SJSJ Praise Choir

CONFESSION OF SINS

M The story of Easter is the story of God's love and a promise made long ago. The story of Easter is the story of a faithful God who kept His promise and sent His Son. The story of Easter is primarily a story about that Son, Jesus, who lived, died, and then rose from the grave three days later. But the story of Easter is also our story. It's a story of how God saved sinners like you and me. God's first promise of Easter was made when sin entered the world. His promises were repeated because sin remained in the world. And the story of Easter needs to be retold today because we still sin. We set the telling of the story by admitting our part in it. We join in confessing our sin.

C **O holy God, we are not like you. We sin daily, and we sin much. Please forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

M The Easter story reminds us that the tomb was empty. The Lord's plan of salvation was perfectly fulfilled. Jesus' work to redeem us was complete and there was nothing left to do. God's righteous demands for the punishment of sin were satisfied in the innocent suffering and death of his Son. The empty tomb assures us that the Father accepted Christ's payment and we are forgiven. Thus I have the privilege to assure you: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M Having heard the sure promise of God's forgiveness, let us sing his praise:

C Verse 2 **♪ Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!**
Thanks to you, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us,
You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise
And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.

C Verse 3 **♪ You have died for my transgression;**
All my sins on you were laid.
You have won for me salvation;
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet you in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory. *(CW, Hymn #470)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Heavenly Father, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on a cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. As Jesus opened the Scriptures to the disciples that first Easter, so open them to us today. Bless us with the comfort of your presence and promises through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

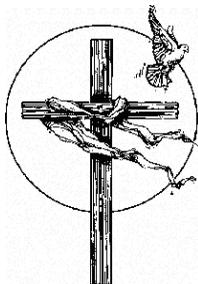
C Amen.

BE SEATED

First Easter Lesson

Luke 24:1-8

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸Then they remembered his words.



Song Response:

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Christian Worship, Hymn # 443

 Verse 1  Awake, my heart, with gladness!

**See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.**

 Verse 3  This is a sight that gladdens—

**What peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.**

Second Easter Lesson

Luke 24:9-12

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Song Response:

Christian Worship, Hymn # 451

Verse 1

♪ See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-cloths, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”
See God’s salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 2 ♪ See Mary weeping, “Where is he laid?”
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

C Verse 3

♪ **One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Thro’ the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King
Crowned with pow’r and authority!
And we are raised with him;
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!**

See What a Morning

SJSJ Praise, vv 1,2

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Hymn Response:

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Christian Worship, Hymn # 471

 Verse 1  Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

 Verse 2  Eternal is the gift he brings,

Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Now still he comes to give us life

And by his presence stills all strife.

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 3 

**O fill is us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer thro' your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Fourth Easter Lesson

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Hymn of the Day:
Christian Worship, Hymn # 438

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

G Verse 1

♪ **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!**

G Verse 2

♪ **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!**

G Verse 3

♪ **But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing, Al-le-lu-ia!**

G Verse 4

♪ **Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!**

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

“Open Your Easter Eyes”

¹³ It is written: *“I believed; therefore I have spoken.”* Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Sermon Response:

By Faith

Christian Worship, Hymn # 868

 Verse 1  **By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.**

 Verse 2  **By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

C REFRAIN **♪** We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We will walk by faith and not by sight.

C Verse 3 **♪** By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

C Verse 4 **♪** By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

C REFRAIN **♪** We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We will walk by faith and not by sight.

C Verse 5 **♪** By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

C REFRAIN **♪** We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We will walk by faith and not by sight.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

selected verses from 1 Corinthians 15

M If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

C **If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.**

M But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C **For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.**

M For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C **But each in his own turn: Christ the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.**

M Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C **For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

M For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable,

C **And the mortal with immortality.**

M When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

C **“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”**

M The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Song Response:

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Christian Worship, Hymn # 446

© Verse 1  **Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope he's giving,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.**

© Verse 4  **I am flesh and must return
Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In his glory, at his side.**

© Verse 5  **Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

CLOSING

M “We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.”

(2 Corinthians 4:14)

C “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

(2 Corinthians 4:18)

Closing Hymn:

Christian Worship, Hymn # 441

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

(Our hymn will continue on the next page.)

C Verse 1

**♪ I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

C Verse 2 **♪ He lives triumphant from the grave;**

**He lives eternally to save.
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

C Verse 3

♪ **He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

C Verse 6 ♪ **He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

C Verse 8

♪ **He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

Our thanks to Judy Mangin for leading us in worship playing organ and Nicki Kiesow playing trumpet.

OUR THANKS!

It's our privilege when friends of St. John-St. James join us for worship. If you currently have a church home to call your own...thank you for taking time away to be with us today! If you are searching for a church home, please know that we would be happy to speak with you about any questions you have regarding our family of faith. We hope you feel welcome!





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