

St. Johns Lutheran Church

In View of God's Mercy



Easter Sunday: Mercy in the Open Tomb

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Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5-6

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AS WE GATHER

Welcome to this service for Easter Sunday. Our theme for this Lent, Holy Week and Easter has been, “In View of God’s Mercy” series. Today we celebrate that Christ rose from the dead, so that we might have a new beginning that mirrors the mercy of our Lord and Savior.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We’re glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God’s presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri

Synod, are asked to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(Stand and face the back of the church)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever!

Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

Because he lives, we shall live also.

The Lord is on my side as my helper;

I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

Because he lives, we shall live also.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Because he lives, we shall live also.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Because he lives, we shall live also.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today LSB 457

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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

On this day we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the grave. But we also remember why he went to the grave. We acknowledge that our sins were the reason for his suffering and death. And so we confess those sins to God and seek his mercy.

KYRIE - II (LORD, HAVE MERCY) LSB 944

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Most merciful God,

it is our sins that put Jesus on the cross. It is because of our transgressions that his lifeless body was placed in the tomb. We confess our guilt and acknowledge the gravity of our sin. For the sake of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, forgive our iniquity and restore us in righteousness. Through the power of his resurrection enable us to walk in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

Hear the good news! God's Word declares that Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for us. For Christ's sake God forgives us all our sins and justifies us, making us holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for us is steadfast.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS All Glory Be to God Alone LSB 948 (stanzas 1 and 4)

**All glory be to God alone,
Forever more the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

**You take the whole world's sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away;
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.
From God' right hand Your mercy send,
To all the world Your grace extend.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we do so in view of your mercy. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have defeated death and opened to us the way to everlasting life. We thank you that his victory over sin, death and hell is shared with us so that we become more than conquerors through him who loved us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to live as newborn children of God. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Exodus 15:1-18

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty

waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL I Will Sing Unto the Lord

I will sing unto the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously
The grave is empty won't you come and see. *(Repeat)*

The Lord, my God, my strength, my song
Has now become my victory *(Repeat)*

The Lord is God and I will praise Him
My Father is God and I will exalt Him *(Repeat)*

EPISTLE READING ... Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised

from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ... Matthew 28:1-10

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to life through the Gospel.

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then 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." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to life through the Gospel.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia LSB 463

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

SERMON

CREED (WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD) LSB 953

**We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!**

OFFERING *"Easter Proclamation" sung by the Choir*

PRAYERS

Risen Christ, we rejoice at your victory over sin. United with you in baptism, may we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Living Lord, we celebrate your triumph over death. As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, may we walk in newness of life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Victorious Deliverer, we acclaim your defeat of the devil. Trusting in your declaration of justification, may we live in freedom from the accusation of guilt. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving Redeemer, we affirm your rescue of us from hell. May we never fear the grave or what follows but eagerly anticipate our own resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Mighty Conqueror, we hail you as King of kings and Lord of lords. May we serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives and into eternity. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In view of God's mercy look with favor upon Your servants (*especially we name...*) Assure them of your mercy, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one,

and give them patience and comfort in their discomfort. If it please You, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to face death with hope in the sure and certain promise of life everlasting through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

SACRAMENT

(We are resuming our communion practices before covid. The elements will be at the Altar. We will commune and dismiss by the table (not individually). The chalice will also be available. The lower table will offer communion to those who are unable to manage the steps safely.

Please be careful by the cross as the base extends out. Ushers will dismiss you from the middle isle and you will approach the table. When you leave the table, you will return to your seat by using the side aisles by the wall)

PREFACE

LSB 216

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially do we praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of our Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was sacrificed for us upon the cross and in His body bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored us to life forever with You. By Your Word and Spirit, He is with us now. By Your grace, we are His forever. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O author of life and salvation, for You have filled our hearts with unending joy in the resurrection of Your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. As we gather to remember His sacrifice and to receive the benefits of His death and resurrection, You fill us with Your peace through the very presence of Christ in our midst.

He lives triumphant from the grave! He lives eternally to save!

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.

Create in Me a Clean Heart (*Sung first by Pastor, then the
Congregation joins in the second time*)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God
Let me be like You in all my ways.
Give me Your strength,
Teach me Your song;
Shelter me in the shadow of your wings,
For you are our righteousness,
If we die to ourselves and live through Your death,
We shall be born again to be blessed in Your will.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

LSB 434; verse 1

**Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing LSB 633

POST-COMMUNION O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617; verse 1

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,

In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,

That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead

In all Trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, through Your Son's body and blood, the blessings of the first Easter Day have been given to us again on this Easter Day!

Savoring the sweetness of our Redeemer's victory, help us to go forth and share the hope of the resurrection so that all people may know Your saving love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Amen.

HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461

Stand

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.

He lives triumphant from the grave;

He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky;

He lives exalted there on high.

**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.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**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.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**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!**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Sam Shick
Lector	Pastor Michael Tanney
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt

Worship Screen
Bible Class

Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Pastor Michael Tanney

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday/Communion: 45/41

Offering: \$2,116.00

Nepalese Attendance: 38

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date April 23rd. If interested, please RSVP to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT NIGHT @ Panda Express (Hampton Ave) on Tuesday, April 19th. The flier is needed for in person orders. For online orders, enter 331455 in the fundraiser code box. 20% of event sales go to WOL.

LUTHERAN SOUTH SPRING CONCERT The Lutheran South Music Department will host its spring concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Featuring all the high school music ensembles and the middle school Junior Winds, the program will highlight music by Malcolm Arnold, Franco Cesarini, Larry Daehn, and highlights from the movie "The Lord of the Rings." The free concert will be held in the gymnasium on the Lutheran South campus. All are invited to attend.

THANK YOU Diane Schwab and family want to thank Dennis' St. Johns family for their prayers and support. His spiritual upbringing at St. Johns was such an important influence on the person and Pastor he became. He always looked forward to coming back here to preach. He will be missed, but we rejoice that he is with Jesus in heaven.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she battles pain and swelling in her legs; **Dennis Solomon** for healing from bed sores; **Family of Dennis Schwab** as they mourn his passing; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they make decisions and care for the scholars.

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

April 17-April 24

Sunday	9:00am Worship (Easter) w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship/Confirmation 12pm Nepalese Easter lunch 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Ladies Exercise Class
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm Citizenship
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship