St. Johns Lutheran Church



Amazing Grace Holy Week Easter Sunday: Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." John 20:18

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Divine Service - Setting One

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to this special service for Easter Sunday. In this service that honors the 250th anniversary of the song "Amazing Grace," we come to understand that Mary Magdalene witnessed amazing grace outside the empty tomb when she encountered Jesus risen from the dead. We await the free gift of new life to come because of his resurrection for us.

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 take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/). 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.

PREPARATION

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!

Stand

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!

CALL TO WORSHIP ... Psalm 118:14-24

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

The right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

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

The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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

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

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord Jesus, who earlier had healed Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb saw the stone rolled away came to only one conclusion; someone had taken Jesus' dead body away. All she could do was weep on that first Easter morning. She did not understand the Scriptures, that he must

rise from the dead. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness, praying that he would help us out to believe in his resurrection.

Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Instead of living in the power of our Savior's resurrection, we follow our own selfish and sinful desires. We turn from your holy Word and listen instead to temptations of the world around us. We often live to please ourselves instead of serving others in Jesus' name. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

As the Lord showed grace to Mary Magdalene, healing her and sending her as a witness, he shows grace to us. Jesus our Savior suffered and died for our sins and rose to life on the first Easter morning. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

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

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die for us. On the third day after his death, Jesus was raised to life, never to die again and victorious over sin, death and the devil. As Jesus healed Mary Magdalene, casting out the demons that possessed her, we have been healed by his wounds, our sins forgiven. As Mary Magdalene and the other women at the empty tomb went out to share the joyful news of Jesus' resurrection, we, too, have good news to share. Lead us to be faithful, eager witnesses for our risen and reigning Lord Jesus, sharing the Gospel with others so that they, too, will come to know and worship him as Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our Easter praise in Jesus' name

Amen.

HYMN Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain LSB 487 v. 1,5

(Choir)

Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness! God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness, Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

(Congregation)

Alleluia! Now we cry

To our King immortal, Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal. Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness! God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness!

OLD TESTAMENT READING ... 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Christ has risen * from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and * honor. He has given him dominion over the works * of his hands; he has put all things un * der his feet.

EPISTLE READING ... 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE 2 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING ... John 20:1-18 (*video*) The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple. who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 18

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON HYMN Awake, My Heart, with Gladness LSB 467 v. 1-3

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.

The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb; But lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom. For Christ again is free; in glorious victory He who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens—what peace it doth 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.

SERMON "Grace for Those Who Yet Lament"

HYMN OF RESPONSE Amazing Grace LSB 744 (*Melody*) *Jonathan on Trumpet*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

NICENE CREED

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 sits 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 Christian 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYERS

Crucified and risen Lord, today we celebrate your resurrection and your triumph over sin, death and the devil. In you we have forgiveness and the

sure and certain promise of eternal life. We have heard the glad news, "He is risen!" We believe that you are our living and reigning Savior. Gracious Lord.

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Crucified and risen Lord, you healed Mary Magdalene, casting out demons that possessed her. In grace, you called her to be a witness to your resurrection. As you did in the lives of Mary and your disciples, you have showered us with your grace, healing us by your wounds and calling us to serve others and live as witnesses to your amazing grace. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Crucified and risen Lord, we pray for healing for those in need in body and spirit, (especially ...) Give them strength of faith and courage to face the difficult days in their lives. Grant hope to those who are facing grief and loss. Lead us to serve them in love, offering to them the comfort found in the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Crucified and risen Lord, you sent the women from the empty tomb to tell your disciples the joyful news of your resurrection. Give us the courage to be faithful witnesses to you, our living Lord and King so that, in the power of the Spirit, we can bring hope to a world lost in darkness of sin. Help us to bring to others the light of Easter morning, the light of forgiveness and life for all who believe. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Crucified and risen Lord, we give you thanks and praise for your amazing grace. In grace, you called sinners, named and unnamed in Scripture, to serve in your kingdom: David, Isaiah, the blind man, the woman at the well, Paul, Peter, John, the repentant thief and Mary Magdalene. In grace, you have forgiven our sins and called us, as you called these other saints, to serve in your kingdom. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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 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 \$\mathbb{\Psi}\$ 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

AGNUS DEL LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

LSB 475

THANK THE LORD LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in Joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. With all our heart, we give thanks and praise to You, almighty and eternal God, for enlightening our minds and opening the eyes of our hearts to hear, see, taste, and believe Your life-giving presence in Your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Cause the light of Your truth to shine brightly throughout the world through Your Holy Church, the people You have gathered for Yourself; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION (1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Hebrews 13:20-21)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461 v. 1,3,6,8

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 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, 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, 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!

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 46 Nepalese Attendance: 34 Offering: \$3,168.00

ERIN BODE, FREE CONCERT will take place on Friday, April 21st at 7:30pm. This free concert featuring Erin Bode will be presented as a gift to the community by Christ Memorial Productions. CMP will provide free soft drinks, wine, and beer as well as snacks during the concert.

SHRED EVENT Come join us at Timothy Lutheran Church on April 29th from 9am to 12 pm to have your paper securely shredded on-site and have your old electronics recycled in an environmentally friendly way. Open to the whole community. There is a \$20 charge for old tube TVs.

LUTHERAN SOUTH BAND EVENT The Lutheran South music department is proud to present its spring concert series. On Friday, April 28 the Jazz Band and Concert Choir will present their spring pops concert in the Kuhlmann Center at 7:00 pm. Guests will be seated around tables and snacks are encouraged. The Jazz Band will present two sets of big band music and the Concert Choir will sing several light-hearted selections. On Sunday, April 30 the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Junior Winds will present their spring programs at Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood at 4:00 pm. Selections include Pixar Movie Magic arranged by Michael Brown, Invocation and Jubiloso by Claude Smith, Ruckus by Randall Standridge, and Pastime by Jack Stamp.

WORD OF LIFE DINNER AUCTION will be on Friday, May 12th from 6pm-10pm at Andre's Banquet Hall (4254 Telegraph Rd). The cost will be \$45/person or \$325/table. Funds raised at this event will support recreational equipment for the children from preschool age through 8th grade. You can register by visiting wordoflifeschool.net/dinner-auction or by scanning the QR code on the flyers around church. Registration needs to be done by April 15th.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – Sophia (Tiffany's baby) for a quick recovery from surgery; Carmen Hobson who is enduring pain, stability, and weakness with no surgery in sight; Bobbie who is suffering with mental issues; Jerry Schmaltz gives thanks for his good health; Confirmation Class for the Lord to help them finish what they have begun; Our Vicars as they continue to take classes at the Seminary; Our Field-Workers Tristan (and family), Alvaro, and Isaac (as he begins his urban mission track);

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

April 9 – April 16

Sunday 9:00am Easter Worship w/ Communion

10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship

12:30pm Nepali Lunch

12:30pm African Worship

Monday <u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass

6pm Ladies Exercise / 6pm Evangelism

Tuesday 8am-12pm Office Open / 3pm-6pm Compass

7pm Seminary Students

Wednesday 8am-12pm Office Open

3pm-6pm Compass / 3:45pm Compass Chapel

8am-12pm Office Open / 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study

3pm-6pm Compass / 5:30pm Pizza & Prayer

Friday 8am-12pm Office Open

Thursday

8am Bible Study

1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service

2pm-6pm Compass

Saturday 8:30am Food Pantry / 9am Confirmation

2pm Vicar Meeting

5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:00am Worship

10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship

12:30pm African Worship