

April 4, 2021

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! Please review some of our Covid-19 precautions below.

Masks must be worn. We have some available to take if you don't have one. Some are cloth masks and can be taken home to wash and reuse. There are also disposable masks.

Please do not congregate in the Narthex (entrance area) either as you arrive or leave.

To minimize direct contact, we will use the outside aisles only for entry and exit. The center aisle will be used for communion, special needs, or emergency exit.

Ushers will fill the pews from the front to the back of the church and dismiss from the back to the front. Please follow their directions. We are sorry everyone cannot have their usual seat.

NOTE: We can speak the congregational responses behind our masks. Dr. Tony and Annette Slater will provide music. The service will be recorded and published to the website. We are now also live streaming the service on our church website at www.firststjohn.com

Elders will wear gloves. You can get a bulletin at the check-in table when you walk in. Please do not leave your bulletin in the pew when you exit; take it home or put it in the recycling bin at the front door.

There is a small wooden church just to the right of the main door when you come in. It has a slot for your offering.

Restrooms are in the church basement. Go to the Narthex (lobby) and take the left set of steps down. The ladies room is at one end of the hallway, and the men's room is at the other. Return to the Narthex using the opposite set of stairs. Please, one person only in the restroom area.

Diaper Changing: A diaper changing table is available in the ladies restroom in the basement of the church.

Flowers: If you would like to sign up for flowers for a Sunday, please call the church office during the week to check on availability.

First St. John Lutheran Church

2471 Seaman Street
Toledo, Ohio 43605
419-691-7222

Rev. Jerald K. Rayl
Music Director - Annette Slater
Organist - Dr. Anthony P. Pattin

EASTER ORDER OF WORSHIP – APRIL 4, 2021

Prelude *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* Arr. Sanborn
 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" Fishel
 "All Creatures of Our God and King" Arr. Sanborn
 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

Ringling of the Bell *(Please stand)*

(The pastor removes the black veil from the altar cross while saying:)

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: "And he will destroy on this mountain, the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces."
(Isaiah 25:7)

C: He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!"* No. 365

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: This is the day when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell and rose victorious from the grave.

C: How blessed is this day when earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled with God.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and (+) frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Bell Choir (8:00am) *"Easter Morning Peal"*

Announcements

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach all people.

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

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

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

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

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 punished me severely,
but did not give 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 chief 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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Rayl

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand) - (sung by Annette)*

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 16.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You of Christ.

Special Music

"Ode to Joy"

Beethoven

MESSAGE

Pastor Rayl

Message Song "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" No. 367

(Please stand)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Offering

Musical Offertory *"Thine is the Glory"* Handel

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer *(Each petition concludes with this response)*

P: Hear us, O Lord,

C: your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer *(prayed by all)*

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.

Benediction

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of (+) Christ the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Closing Song *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* No. 369
Postlude *"Hallelujah Chorus"* Handel

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ELDERS

8:00 am: Jeff Smith, Ted Hagedorn

10:15 am: Ben Hodges, Matt Miller

SOLOIST

Annette Slater

SOUND BOARD

8:00 am: Dave Wilbarger

10:15 am: Andy Hodges

ORGAN / PIANO

Dr. Anthony P. Pattin

TRUMPET

Adam Ladd and Emily Lipper

CELLO

Dr. Anthony J. Pattin

BELL CHOIR—8:00 AM

Lisa Howard, Linda Joshi,
Sue Ann Rogers, Cheri Sergeant (Director)