



*Hallelujah!*  
**He is  
Risen!**

*I know that my  
redeemer lives.*

JOB 19:25 (NIV\*)

**April 17, 2022**

**Resurrection of Our Lord**

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! We offer two services with Sunday School for youth and adults and catechism between the services. Our regular Sunday schedule is:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:15 am	Sunday School / Catechism
9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Late Worship

Covid Guidelines: If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask. However, if you have not been vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask. We have some available near the entryway if you don't have one.

Livestream and Recorded Worship: We livestream the service on our church website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com). Also, the service will be recorded and published to the website.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 am in the lounge (middle floor of the educational building – turn right out of the door by the choir loft).

Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet for Sunday School in the basement of the church (the JAM Room!).

Catechism Class: Class will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 am each Sunday.

Nursery is in the church basement and is currently unstaffed; you are welcome to sit with your child. A diaper changing table is available in the ladies restroom in the basement of the church.

Restrooms are in the church basement. Go to the Narthex (lobby) and take either set of steps to the basement hallway. The ladies room is at one end, and the men's room is at the other.

Flowers: If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a book in the Narthex (lobby) by the telephone. Or, you can call the church office during the week to check on availability.

Memorials: If you wish to give a memorial in honor or memory of a loved one, you may mail it in or pick up a memorial card in the church office or the Narthex (lobby) and place it in the offering plate.

## First St. John Lutheran Church

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EASTER— 10:30 am

Prelude  
Ringing of the Bell (Please stand) Dr. Pattin

*(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!**

Processional “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)*

### Announcements

#### Children’s Message

Pastor Rayl

*As the children return to their seats, the congregation will sing:*

“Children of the Heavenly Father,” verses 1 – 2

No. 781

1. Children of the heav’nly Father safely in his bosom gather,  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25**

*God promises a new heaven and a new earth*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.  
<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.  
<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
<sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-  
and their descendants as well.  
<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent--its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

*On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:**

<sup>16</sup>"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!  
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**This is the LORD's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of the forces of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

*"He is Risen. Alleluia!"* arr. Jack Schrader  
FSJ Bell Choir & Chancel Choir

**Alleluia Verse** (please stand)

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

**Gospel Acclamation (spoken)**

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 24.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

*The women who followed Jesus take the lead in proclaiming his resurrection.*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

<sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**Gospel Response (Spoken)**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

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**

**Offertory Music**

FSJ Bell Choir

*"Easter Peal"  
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

*(Please stand)*

**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  
Postlude

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

No. 376  
Dr. Pattin

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### ***PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE***

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Dick Haar, Bob Hecklinger

#### **READER**

Laura Scherer

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#### **TRUMPET PLAYERS**

Adam Ladd, Emily Lipper

*April 17, 2022*

***RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD***

### **When Hope Speaks Our Name**

Haven't we all been like Mary Magdalene at one time or another? Haven't we all returned to the scene of something that brings us great sadness? Maybe, like Mary, it is the grave of a loved one. Previously well-loved and often-frequented locales may be sources of pain following a divorce or breakup. Perhaps it is an empty house that reminds us that life will never be quite the same again.

The losses we have faced deposit us right alongside the weeping Mary. Just when we feel as if even our memories are being taken away from us, someone comes to stand beside us. Someone comes and speaks our name in the most loving way possible. That someone is Jesus. In his loving and living presence, our hope is restored.

Even in the intense joy of it all, Jesus' resurrection did not erase the reality of the crucifixion. The marks of the nails on Jesus' body were real, but Christ's resurrection heralded a new reality. Death was not the end. So Mary Magdalene went to tell the news!

Like Mary Magdalene, we who have experienced the Lord's presence in our own lives are sent to be apostles to others. Jesus still lives in the lives of all who, day by day and week after week, call upon him in prayer. With this kind of faith, there is no place or situation we need finally fear, because we know that God is able to redeem it. As an Easter people we believe that in the end God's love will conquer all. That is the greatest news of Easter. Jesus lives and we will too!