



# **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**

**10:30AM**

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**



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We are delighted to have you with us today! To help us keep track of our cherished visitors, we kindly ask that you sign the visitor book located in the Narthex. This small gesture allows us to connect with you and offer any assistance you may need. Additionally, our ushers are more than happy to provide guidance and answer any questions you might have during worship. Whether you're here for the first time or returning, we hope you feel welcomed.



Busy bags are in the Narthex for your little ones to enjoy. These bags are thoughtfully prepared to keep children engaged during the service. Additionally, we invite you to explore and make use of the Godly Play area at the back of the Nave, designed to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for our young attendees. We hope these resources help create a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your family.

## MISSION STATEMENT

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

PRELUDE

*Solemn Entry*

STRAUSS

INTROIT

*My Master from a Garden Rose* ELEANOR DALEY (*Contemporary*)

*We stand.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

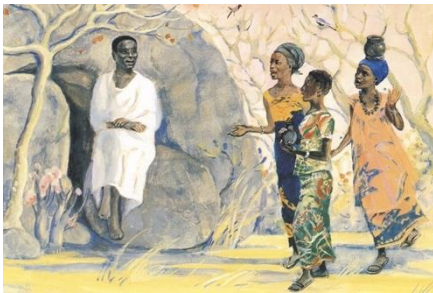
**Amen.**

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3. 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!



4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

## GLORIA

**Fast and lively**

Org. *f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9  
- migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp*  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

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right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

32

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44

A - - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

ACTS 10: 34-43

A reading from Acts.

**P**ETER began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

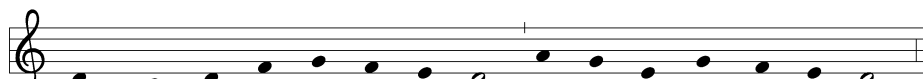
**GRADUAL PSALM** *Sung by the choir. Music by Sarah MacDonald (contemporary).* 118: 1-2; 14-24

**G**IVE thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures forever.” The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!” I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. “This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.” I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*We stand.*

SEQUENCE


VÍCTIMAE PASCHÁLI LAUDES



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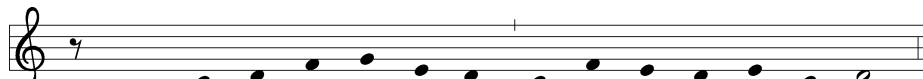
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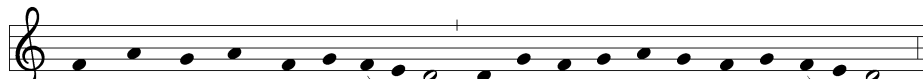
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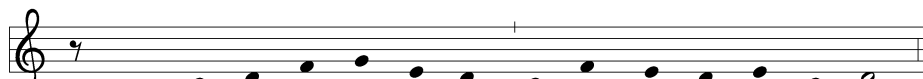
in that com - bat stu - pen - dous; the prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.




2 Speak, Mar - y, de - clar - ing what you saw when way - far - ing.



“The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, the glo - ry of Je - sus’ res - ur - rec - tion;




bright an - gels at - test - ing, the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.



My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; to Gal - i - lee he goes be - fore you.”



3 Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, our new life ob - tain - ing.



Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing! A - men.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**A**FTER the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

PASTOR MARTHA MCCREIGHT

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands*

**HYMN 370**

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*We kneel or sit for the prayers.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each intercession ends with these words:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

*We stand.*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you  
always.  
And also with you.

*We sit.*

**MEAL**

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**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**    *This joyful Eastertide*

WOOD

*We stand.*

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.    And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Majestic**

Org. *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

6 *ff* might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Slower**

Org. *P* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4 *pp* Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with  
sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther who art in\_\_ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;  
Thy king - dom come; thy will be\_\_ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
Give us this day our\_\_ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as  
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst\_\_ us. And lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the

king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry, for e-ver and e-ver.

A-men. For e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.*

*We sit.*

### MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

MOTET

*Te Deum (We praise thee, O God)*

STANFORD

*We stand.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### SENDING

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#### BLESSING

May our glorious God  
grant you a spirit of wisdom to know  
and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ✠ Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

**1** Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

### ***Refrain:***

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

**2** Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]

**3** No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. [Refrain]

## DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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### **Worship Leaders Today**

Celebrant	The Rev. Martha McCreight
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greying
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	Melissa Bartels
Communion Assistant	Anita Gallo
Acolytes	Peter Bartels

Usher  
Altar Committee Sheila Koch  
Counters J. Geils, Janet Halpin  
Coffee Hour Church Council - Beldotti Bakery  
Little Free Pantry

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**The Easter Lilies given in loving memory of:**

THEIR LOVED ONES  
given by Cathy & Mike Mahler

MOR & MOM  
Given by Inger Ruffels

HER LOVED ONES  
given by Sheila Koch

MOTHER & GRANDMOTHER ANNE BUDNER  
given by Andrea Budner

OPA MANFRED BARKE AND OPA HANNES GRUBER  
given by Weinseiss Family

NATHAN NEWHALL  
given by Amy Newhall

JOHN & DEL ARCHER, ANN WATKINS CROOKER,  
& ABBY WATKINS BERNON  
given by David & Patti Watkins

THEIR PARENTS; ANTOINETTE & HAROLD SCHAEFER,  
CLARA & FLOYD COFFIN  
given by Lois & Peter Coffin

WITTMER, RANDY, CLARK & ANN WILLIAMS  
ALBERT & FRANCES SEGERDELL  
given by Ken & Janet Segerdell

JOHN SADLON, JR.  
Given by Jack & Carol Sadlon

MIKE ZBORAY  
given by Jeannette Zboray

HER MOTHER  
given by Lilly Poulouse

THE JAKUBEK & WAGNER FAMILIES  
THEIR NEPHEW, PETER VARCO  
given by Eva & Paul Jakubek

RICHARD BARTLETT, RONALD,  
DORIS & EUGENE LOCKWOOD  
given by Pamela Bartlett

HIS MOTHER, C. S. CHU  
given by David Doo

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS  
given by Irene Hendricks & Steve Eno

DEAN BARTELS  
given by The Bartels Family

BEVERLY & ROLAND HENDRICKSON  
given by David Hendrickson

HER MOTHER & FATHER  
And BARBARA & OWEN MCSHANE  
given by Barbara Gleckler

THEIR LOVED ONES  
given by Rowe Family

**Given in honor of:**

INGER RUFFELS  
given by David Hendrickson

HIS SISTER ASHLEY & NEPHEWS JULIAN & MICHAEL BENUSA  
given by Zachary Jordan

NANCY ROWE  
given by David Hendrickson

ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN, HANDBELL CHOIR & PARISH CHOIR  
given by Nathan Lively-Greyling

REV. MARTHA MCCREIGHT, PASTOR HANSEN, EDWARD & INGE  
given by David Hendrickson

OMA MARGOT BARKE AND OMA HEIDI GRUBER  
given by The Weinseiss Family

PASTOR DENNIS ALBRECHT,  
JOAN, PAUL & ROBERT HENDRICKSON  
given by David Hendrickson

HER CHILDREN  
given by Nancy Rowe

THEIR DAUGHTERS, CAROLINE & LAUREN ENO  
given by Irene Hendricks & Steve Eno

JULIE, CRAIG, DASHIELL, PIERCE, ELLIE & JACKSON WHITTING  
TAMMIS REHILL LAZARUS  
COURTNEY & TOM ARNING  
given by David Hendrickson

IN THANKS FOR THE MINISTRY OF PASTOR MARTHA  
given by Irene Hendricks & Steve Eno

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## Christmas Eve Services, December 24

Family Holy Communion 5pm

Candlelight Holy Communion with choir | 9:30pm

## Christmas Day, December 25

In the Chapel

Holy Communion | 10am

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### -AROUND THE PARISH-

If you're **interested in joining St. John's**, reaching out to the church office is a great first step. The church office can provide information on membership, upcoming events, and the various ministries and programs you can get involved with. Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, find a spiritual community, or volunteer, the church office is there to support and guide you. Don't hesitate to contact them with questions or to schedule a visit to learn more about what St. John's offers.

#### ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, READERS, USHERS, COFFEE HOUR, AND LFP SIGN-UP



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#### PRAYER LIST



Beryl, Charlotte, Diane, Robert, Valerie, Gary, Br. Ian, Pr Harv Weitzel, Trish, Pam, Robert, Charlotte, Paul, Becky, Margaret, Jack

If you have someone to add to the prayer list, please email the parish office. Contact Pr Martha for pastoral needs at 406-565-3592.

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# Choral EVENSONG

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | 4 PM

My Master from a Garden Rose | Eleanor Daley  
Canticles in B-flat | Stanford  
Responses | Sarah MacDonald  
Psalm 30 | Sarah MacDonald & Margaret Burk  
The Lord is my shepherd | Diane Bish



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