



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE

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.

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

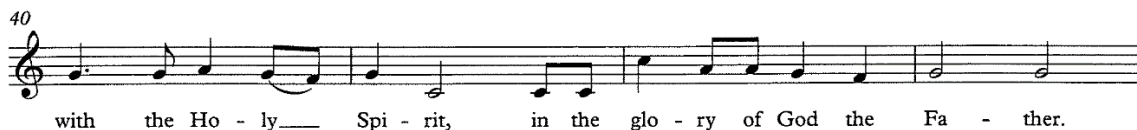
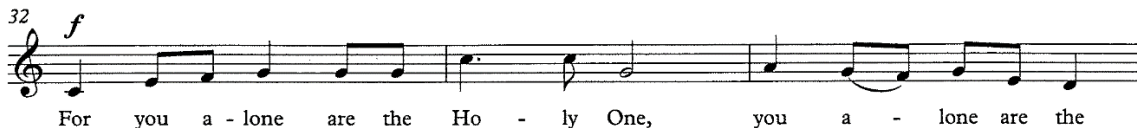
5 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath, revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

WHEN they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.”³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM

PSALM 150

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; *

praise him in the firmament of his power.

² **Praise him for his mighty acts; ***

praise him for his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the blast of the ram’s-horn; *

praise him with lyre and harp.

⁴ **Praise him with timbrel and dance; ***

praise him with string instruments and organs.

⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; *

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath ***

praise the Lord.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

REVELATION 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation

JOHN to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE

PUER NOBIS

That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

WHEN it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in

the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SEQUENCE

PUER NOBIS

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To you, once dead, but now alive!

To God the Father equal praise,
And God the Spirit, now we raise!

We sit.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDERSON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O sons and daughters, let us sing

HYMN 386

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Dunlap's Creek

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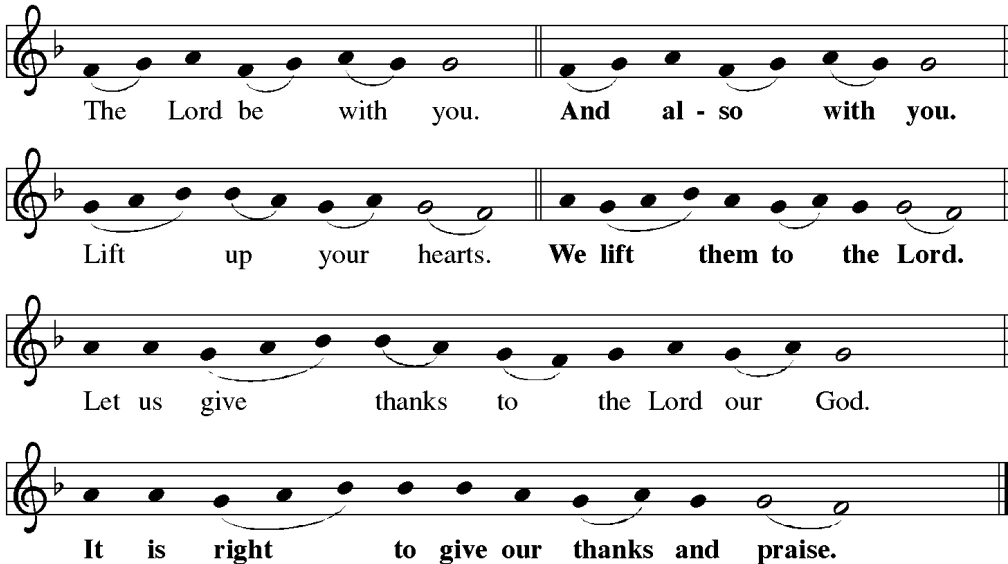
We stand.

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

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Org. 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

p

Org. 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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

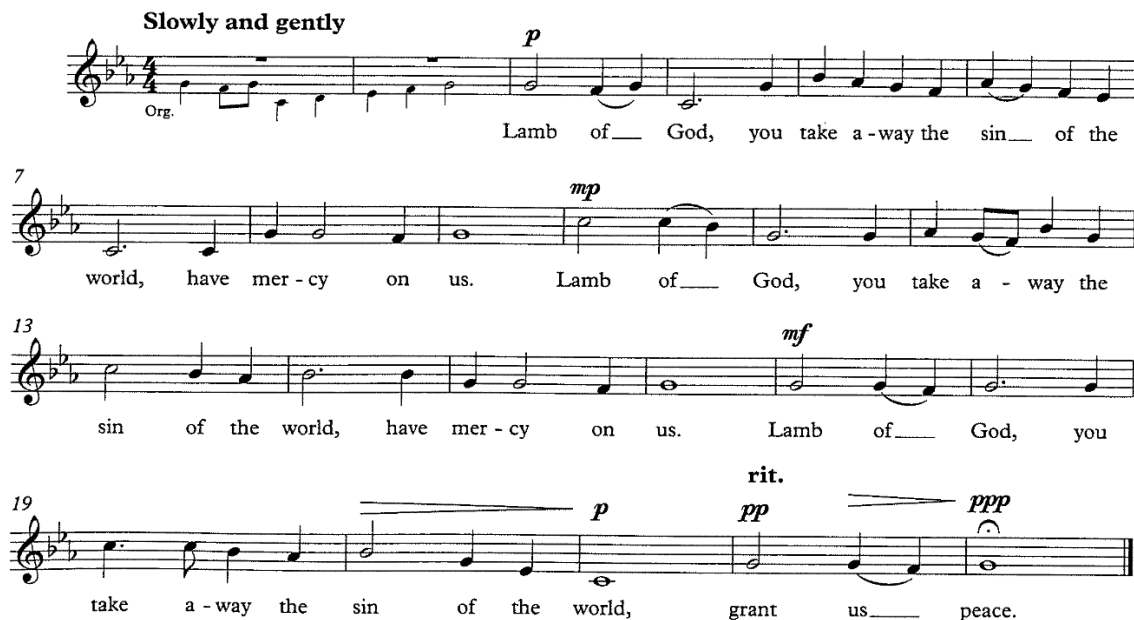
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Slowly and gently



Org. *p* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

mp world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

mf sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

rit. *pp* take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace. *ppp*

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

VOLUNTARY

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

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 That Easter day with joy was bright

HYMN 384

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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St. Martin's Mass, David Bednall, Oxford Music Press

Lord's Prayer, Traditional Afrikaans, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant The Rev. Marjo Anderson

Organist Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling

Worship Assistant

Reader Jen Leffers

Communion Assistant Jen Leffers

Acolytes Max Leffers

Usher Sam Leffers

Altar Committee Sheila Koch

Counters J. Geils, Janet Halpin, Charlie Enright

Little Free Pantry

Coffee Hour

This week we pray for . . . Pastor Denis and Carol Albrecht, Andrew, Beryl, Collette, Diane, Don, Jeanette, Jack, Marie, Nicolette, and Sandra

If you have pastoral needs, please reach out to Pastor Martha by email MMcCreight@sjlcstamford.com or on her cell phone (406)565-3592.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 28:

10:00 am Quilting Group Welcome Room

Tuesday, April 29

5:15 pm Choristers Choir Room

6:15 Executive Meeting Sweden Room

7:00 pm Sneak Peak via Zoom

7:00 pm Council Meeting Sweden Room

Wednesday, April 30

4:30pm Confirmation Sweden Room

6:00 pm Handbells | 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 2

5:30 pm Quilting Welcome Room

Sunday, May 4

8:30 & 10:30 am Worship

9:30 am Sunday School Luther Hall

Looking Ahead . . .

May 4	5:00 pm Evensong
May 11	9:30 am Last Day of Sunday School
May 25	9:30 am Summer Worship Schedule Begins
June 1	5:00 pm Fourth Annual Pride Evensong
June 8	9:30 am Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday
June 19	Movie Night Outside 6:30 pm Social 8:30 pm Movie Begins
June 30	Mass on the Grass
July 28	Mass on the Grass
August 7 - 11	Choir trip to Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, VA
August 25	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of Backpacks
September 7	Rally Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am God's Work Our Hands Service Project 11:30 am Church Picnic
September 14	Return to 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship

MISSION STATEMENT

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

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



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



Choral EVENSONG

SUNDAY, MAY 4 | 5PM

My Master from a Garden Rose | Eleanor Daley

Canticles in E | Watson

Responses | Clucas

Psalm 30 | Sarah MacDonald & Margaret Burk

The Lord is my shepherd | Diane Bish



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