



Easter Sunday

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WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship God, and begin our Lenten journey with confession, ashes and the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to Pastor Grant (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW). The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. As host of the meal, Jesus extends a wide welcome for all to participate. Distribution information is found on page 12. If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

To find the **RESTROOMS**, leave the sanctuary by the double doors closest to the pulpit, turn left and go down the stairs, then look to the left of the nursery.

TITHES & OFFERINGS Instead of 'passing the plate,' Saint James receives offerings in the stationary offering plates near each sanctuary entrance. Offerings are also received via online giving at stjamesgp.org, and via Zelle app. Thank you for giving generously to support the ministry of this church and sharing in the proclamation of the presence of our Risen Lord Jesus.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE My Spirit Be Joyful (from Cantata No. 146)

J.S. Bach

GATHERING

STAND

*The ELW
(Evangelical
Lutheran Worship)
is the red worship
book in the pew
rack. In the ELW,
find hymns not
printed in the
bulletin and
harmony to those
printed.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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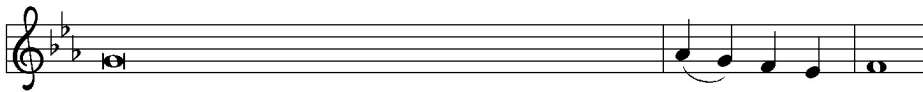
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



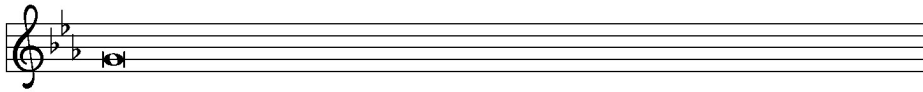
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



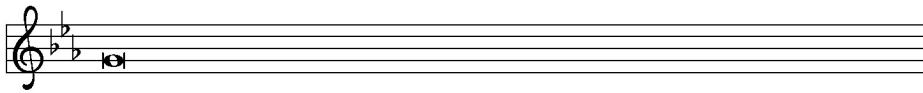
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Notice the use of the word 'us.' This indicates that the Kyrie is a corporate (common to everyone) prayer in which together we pray for God's mercy and peace to be upon us and all people: our community, the Church, and the world.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Drawn from the hymns in the book of Revelation, the words of this hymn of praise joins Passover and Easter with a glimpse of the kingdom now, and reign of God yet to come.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



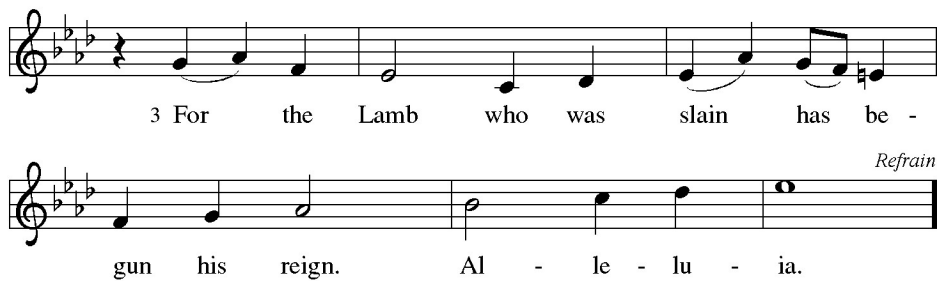
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

SIT

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter 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.”

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 out to all people.

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118

This Is the Day

John A. Behnke

*The choir sings
the Refrain,
the congregation
repeats it.*

*The choir sings
the verses,
ALL sing the Refrain.*



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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endureth for evermore. **Refrain**

I called upon the Lord in distress;
He answered me and set me free. **Refrain**

The Lord is my strength and my song
and my salvation. **Refrain**

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from Colossians.

*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.*

¹Now 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND & SING



Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the feast. (1 Cor. 5)

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When 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

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

tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The acclamation
is sung as the
procession returns
to the chancel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing

ELW 385:1-2

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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**2. The Lord of life is ris'n today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SIT **HOMILY**

STAND **HYMN OF THE DAY** *At the Lamb's High Feast* **ELW 362:1-6**

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with Christ to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all evil works, and promise to serve God faithfully.

People of God, do you renounce the forces of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teachings and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the LORD?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

*The responses for
this renewal
are the three
sections of the
Apostles Creed,
which is the
creed used at
Holy Baptism.*

*We celebrate that
we are baptized
children of God,
and in the
Baptismal Renewal,
we promise (to
God) that we will
live our lives in light
of the promises
that God has made
with us.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us new birth by water and the Holy spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins. May God + keep us faithful to our calling and bring us to eternal life, in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The sign of peace is
a greeting between
believers that
invites the peace of
God to dwell within
and between each
person. This means
that sharing the
peace is much more
than an act of
hospitality or hello.*

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

A sign of peace is shared throughout the assembly.

TABLE SETTING & PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Handbells *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Sandra Eithun

PRAYER

*The ushers bring
the gifts of bread
and wine forward
as the table setting
begins.*

MEAL

THE 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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for his kindness and love.

PREFACE

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

The Sanctus (sanctus, Latin, means holy) is a series of angelic acclamations which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26).

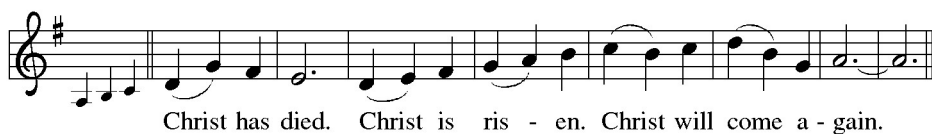
*In the Eucharistic
Prayer, the
church
gives thanks for
God's mighty
works in the past,
in creation and
redemption
through
Jesus Christ, and
thereby
proclaims its
faith in the
blessings that
come in the
future both in
this life and in
eternal life yet to
come.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come
and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.
In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

The Words of Institution

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



*Within the
gathered
assembly, at
Jesus' invitation,
we feast on his
body and blood.
Lutherans utilize
the term
'real presence'
to talk about our
Lord being truly
present with us
as we celebrate
this holy meal.*

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.
We remember the sacrifice of his life:
his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.
But chiefly this day we remember his rising from the tomb,
his ascension to the seat of power,
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.
We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,
when Christ will come again in beauty and power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we and all who share in this bread and cup, your body and
blood, may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours Almighty Father, now and forever.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating that a single note may span multiple syllables. The first 'A' is on a quarter note, the first 'men' is on a quarter note, the first 'a' is on a quarter note, the second 'men' is on a quarter note, the second 'a' is on a quarter note, and the third 'men' is on a quarter note. There are rests between the notes.

Lamm Gottes, du nimm hinweg die Sünde der Welt; hab Erbarmen mit uns. Lamm Gottes, du nimm hinweg die Sünde der Welt; hab Erbarmen mit uns. Lamm Gottes, du nimm hinweg die Sünde der Welt; gib uns Frieden, gib uns Frieden.

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

Welcome	Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that <u>all people are invited to participate in the sacrament</u> . Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing.
Benefit	What is the benefit of sharing in the meal? The words “given for you” and “shed for you” show us that the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. (Luther’s Small Catechism)
Distribution	<p>Come forward via the central aisle.</p> <p>Receive the host (bread/Jesus’ body) in the hand, then dip it into the cup with wine (Jesus’ blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden).</p> <p>A gluten free host is offered by saying “gluten free” to the pastor.</p> <p>Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.</p>

SIT **DISTRIBUTION**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CHOIR *King of Kings* Carl F. Mueller

HYMN *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* **ELW 619**

STAND **SENDING**

*In the sending
we make final
preparations to
go into the world
to live out our
faith, and
proclaim the
good news of our
Risen Lord.*

SENDING PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICTION

You have mourned for Christ's suffering;
now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection.
May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*The sign of the
cross is made in
remembrance of
Holy Baptism.*

HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* **ELW 362:7-8**

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The assembly is
invited to be
seated during
the Postlude for
silent prayer and
meditation
before going out
into the world
in joy.*

POSTLUDE

Rejoicing (from Royal Fireworks Music)

*Georg Friderich Handel/
arr. S. Drummond Wolff*

Alleluia! Alleluia!