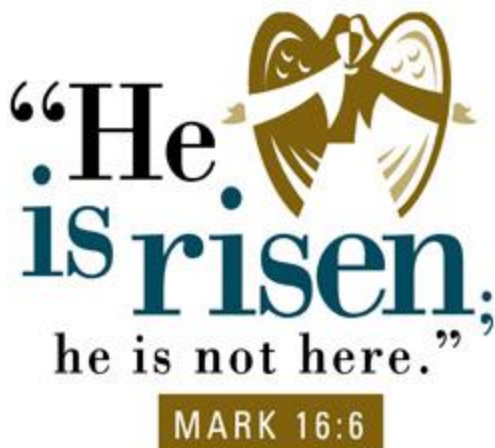


“By My Works I Will Show You My Faith”

James 2:18

April 12, 2020



**ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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EASTER: Joy from the Passion of Christ

Our Journey to the Tomb: A Time of Resurrection

P: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?

C: Because we have nowhere else to go. Jesus told us that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

P: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?

C: Because we live in a world that still suffers from wars, hunger, pandemics, cruelty, and bloodshed. Because families are torn apart by selfishness, greed, and death. Because individual lives deny, ignore, or even mock God.

P: People of God, come to Jesus' tomb! Seek the miracle of new life! People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?

C: Because we remember His words of resurrection and life and hope and victory.

P: People of God, do not live in death. Do not let sin be your master. Jesus Christ has risen to forgive you. He has risen to save you. He has risen to give you life. Listen to this Good News:

The Easter Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the

week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

P: People of God, Jesus is not here. He is risen!

C: Yes, the tomb is empty. He is risen!

P: He is risen!

C: And He is among us!

P: Alleluia!

C: Alleluia!

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!



The Hymn of Resurrection: LSB 457 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



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 endured, 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 ye 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!

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Invocation *LSB 151*

P In the name of the Father and of the
 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

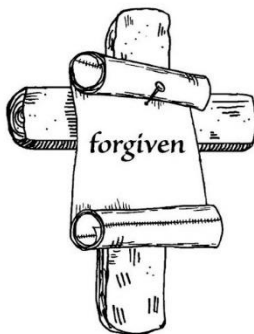
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution *LSB 151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**



A Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast of Victory"

Refrain

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

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

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

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

The Prayer of the Day

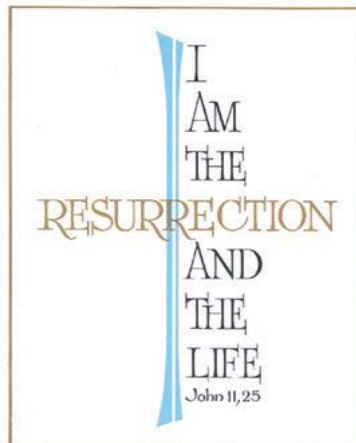
The First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is

right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



A Hymn: LSB 461, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: LSB 465, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
 the twenty-eighth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed (p. 159)

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose
again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the**

Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 482, "This Joyful Eastertide"

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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**The Sermon: John 20:11-18,
"The Fruit of the Spirit is Joy."**

The Easter Offering

The Responsive Easter Prayer of Joy in the Resurrected Lord

P: On this happy Day of Resurrection, give us joy, O Lord, that we may rejoice before You as with joy at an abundant harvest."

C: Give to us joy, O Lord, joy like that of finding a "treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field;"

P: Give to us joy, O Lord, that we may look to "Jesus the Source and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

C: Give us that joy, O Risen Lord!

P: Give to us the joy of Peter and John, who saw and believed that Jesus was truly risen from the dead;

C: And the joy of Mary Magdalene, whose tears of sorrow were turned to tears of joy at the sound of her name from the Masters' lips.

P: Give to us joy, Lord, all the days of our life – the joy of forgiveness, life and salvation;

C: And the Spirit's gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control;

**ALL: The gift of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, Conqueror of sin and death, Savior, Lord of all, who gives us all joy forever and ever.
Amen.**

(Is. 9:3b; 51:11; Matt. 13:44; Luke 15:7; Heb. 12:2)

The Easter Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn: LSB 480, "He's Risen, He's Risen"



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (April 5, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$7,270.00
Reimbursements	104.00
Future Building Expansion	175.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	1,487.00
Refund – Katie Conf.	199.00
Evangelism	10.00
<u>Tessaro Ministry – Nigeria</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total: \$9,390.00	

NOTE:

All April events and meetings
at church
have been cancelled.