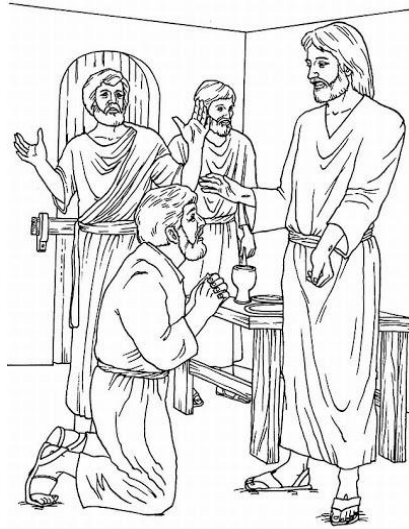


# Grow....Go....Gather

April 19, 2020



## ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

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# Welcome

## The Opening Hymn: LSB 463, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Responsive Prayer 1 (LSB 282)

### Opening Versicles

- P** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,  
**C** have mercy and hear us.

### The Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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.**

## **A Hymn of Praise:**

“Come, People of the Risen King” (Getty/Townend)

### **Verse 1**

Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

### **Chorus**

***Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart, one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice***

### **Verse 2**

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace **(Chorus)**

### **Verse 3**

Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all **(Chorus)**

## The Scripture Readings

### **The First Reading:** Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## A Hymn: LSB 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay,  
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



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:** John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may

believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon Hymn: LSB 470 (verses 5-9)**  
"O Sons and Daughters of the King"



5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had  
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -  
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the  
8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose  
9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and



seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt-ed the dis - ci - ples' word.  
on My hands, My feet; Not faith-less but be - liev - ing be."  
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
faith has con-stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.  
ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic - es raise.



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

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**The Sermon**




**The Offering**



## A Hymn: LSB 464,

### “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

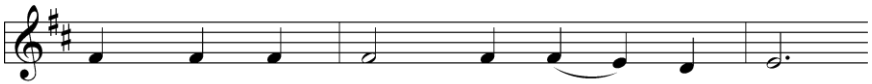
*Refrain*



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



- 1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;
- 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
- 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;  
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
The bars from heav’n’s high por - tals fell.  
From death’s dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Responsive Prayer (LSB 283)

- P** I cry to You, O Lord;
- C** in the morning my prayer comes before You.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
- C** and with Your glory all the day.
- P** Every day I will bless You
- C** and praise Your name forever and ever.
- P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

**C** O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

**P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**C** and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**P** He redeems your life from the pit

**C** and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** let my cry come to You.

## The General Prayers of the Church

### The Morning Prayer (LBS 283)

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

### Closing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: LSB 633,**  
**“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**  
**(Verses 1, 5-8)**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce  
 6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no  
 7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
 △ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 pow'rs be - neath You lie; You have con - quered in the fight,  
 more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,  
 lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP** (April 11, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$6,705.00
Future Building Expansion	100.00
Roof Repair Fund	95.00
Plate Collection	1,150.00
ISJ Academy	300.00
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Total:	\$8,350.00

**NOTE:**  
All April events and meetings  
at church  
have been cancelled.

