

Mary Magdelene went to the disciples
with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

John 20:18

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About the Service

The festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord is the premier celebration of the Christian Year and of Christian faith and life. Here is the Father's guarantee of the Savior's vicarious atonement on our behalf; here is the key to the Spirit's enlivening and strengthening of faith.

The *alleluias*, symbolically removed from worship on the day of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, return in glorious splendor. Again and again, believers shout "Alleluia!" with exuberant joy at the news that Christ is arisen. Musical instruments are no longer muted, and the color of purity and victory adorns the chancel.

May the good news that Jesus is risen fill your hearts with Easter joy today and forever! Our Lord's triumphant resurrection marks the end of his suffering and struggles, and the beginning of a new life for all believers!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

BELLS

EASTER GREETING

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this joyous morning, we celebrate that our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life. We join with all of God's people in recalling and celebrating his victory over death, and our deliverance from the bondage of sin and darkness to everlasting light.

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Alleluia!

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the certain hope of sharing in his eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Men: 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!
Women: who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
All: 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!
Men: 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!

PLEASE STAND

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?

C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

M: In humble repentance, let us confess our sins before our God, who searches the heart.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord is risen; let us worship him!

Choir will sing stanza 3.

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 - thy 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: *v. 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!

PRAYER

M: Lord God, you made the dawn of this most holy day to shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

CW 466

arr. Hal H. Hopson

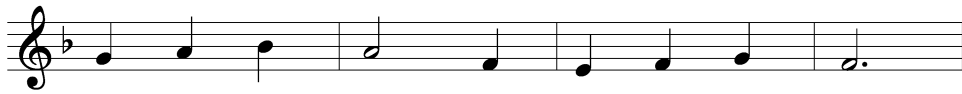
Choir:

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy; death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy; death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare, only the grave cloths are lying there.”
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy; death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

Congregation:

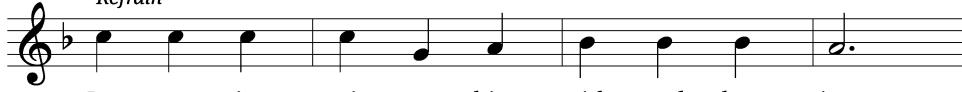


4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave;
he has a - ris - en this world to save.
Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done.

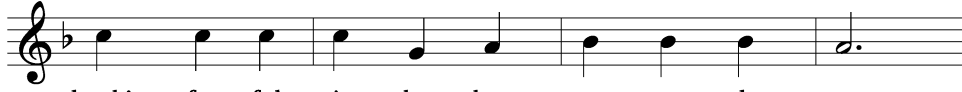


E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

²“The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a]; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

⁴Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

⁵The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy.

⁷“In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

⁸By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’

¹⁰But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

PSALM 118

This Is The Day The Lord Has Made

Marty Haugen

Refrain: Congregation



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Choir: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever;
Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."

Refrain: Congregation

Choir: The hand of the Lord has struck with power, his right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.

Refrain: Congregation

Choir: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Refrain: Congregation

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

PLEASE STAND

REFRAIN: Choir**REFRAIN: Congregation**

Choir Christ is living! He is risen! Death, where is your sting?

REFRAIN: Congregation**GOSPEL & SERMON TEXT****John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

CW 441

ALL 1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

ALL 2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

Choir 3. He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

Women 4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

- Choir 5. *He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.*
- Men 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- ALL 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 my safely there.**
- ALL 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!"**

SERMON The Great Four Hundred Yard Races of Resurrection Sunday A.D. 33

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

M: The Apostle Paul writes concerning the resurrection of Christ, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." *1 Corinthians 15:17b*

Let us then confess our faith in Jesus Christ, who "has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." *1 Corinthians 15:20*

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, he has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, all this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.
This is most certainly true.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

PLEASE STAND

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise you on this day for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By his dying he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

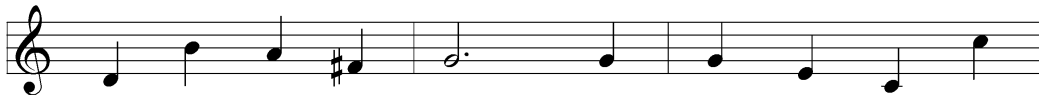
Tune: *Lancashire*



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now



sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens -
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in sin
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple to
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death



es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
 de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the crown
 con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



and brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
 and there - fore death had brought us in - to bond - age
 from death's pale brow for - ev - er. Stripped of pow'r, no
 the reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 from of old and ev - er grew more strong and bold
 more it reigns; an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
 plain - ly saith that death is swal - lowed up by death;



loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 and held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
 its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dis-graced, it lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!



5 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free -
 6 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord
 7 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the bread



ly gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree—
 in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all,
 of heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way



so strong his love— to save us. See, his blood now
 the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to
 the old and e - vil leav - en. Christ a - lone our



marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,
 us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;
 souls will feed; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 the night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith lives up - on no oth - er! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER

M: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of his coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

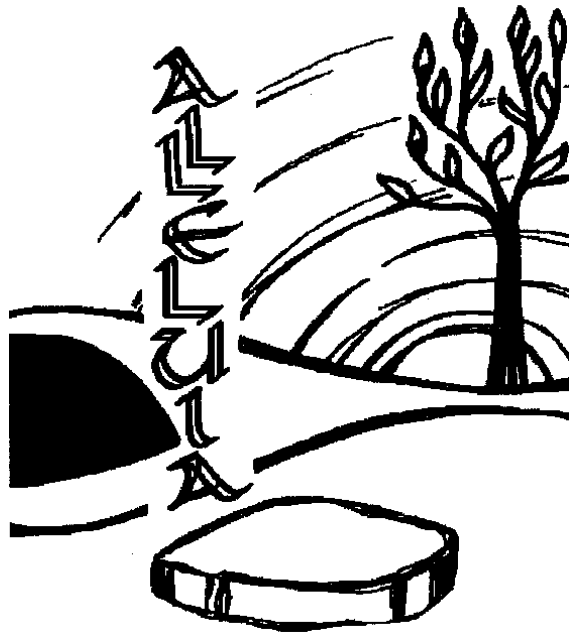
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.





1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well noth - ing me from
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,
 Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,
 him shall sev - er. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
 life im - mor - tal; this shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
 live and reign with him in heav - en. God is
 praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 when I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be a sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 am	Worship
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday	7 pm	Examination Service
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Psalms
	7 pm	Bible Class: Ruth
Friday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
Saturday	8 am	Board of Properties Meeting
Sunday, Apr. 27	8, 9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: 1 Samuel w/ Prof. Dolan
	11 am	Confirmation Service
Monday, Apr. 28	6:30 pm	Worship Meeting
Wednesday, Apr. 30	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, May, 1	7 pm	Bible Class: Ruth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 609

Fruits of Faith:

\$15,754 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$266,969 / YTD: \$277,814
\$1,929 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$28,649 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$1,317 MVL ~ YTD: \$17,358 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$670 K-12 Education Assistance
\$200 Designated Memorials
\$685 Food and Fellowship
\$498 Altar and Flowers
\$80 Building Fund
\$3.50 Miscellaneous Income
\$100 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund
\$395 Undesignated Memorials
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Iris Boxes ~ The Iris Box Project is a continuing ministry at St. John's. Almost 100 boxes have been distributed since the ministry began. We need to replenish the supply and could use your help, whether it's with your time, talents, or treasures. If you would like to support the Iris Box Project, you may donate the amount for a box (approx. \$40/box) or any amount. You may include it in your offering envelope with "Iris Box Project" on the envelope. If you knit or crochet and would like to help by making small blankets, please contact Kelly by phone/text or email listed below. Yarn and specifications will be provided to you.

If you are willing to donate your time by assembling boxes or other tasks, also please contact Kelly. The Iris Box is designed to be given to families who lost their baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. The items included in the box are intended as a source of comfort and a symbol of our love and care. Members are welcomed and encouraged to pick up a box from the church office for any family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085), Catherine St. John (248-346-0402) or Sarah Strackbein (612-361-0425) email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Church Softball League in New Ulm ~ Our St. John's slow pitch softball team needs players!! The season runs from early June through late July. Anyone age 13 and up are welcome to join the team! For more information please fill out the interest survey: bit.ly/SJChurchSoftball or scan the QR code:



Voters' Meeting ~ Mark your calendars and bring your best motions—our next Voters Meeting is swooping in on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall! We will be using a consent agenda format to streamline the process and focus on key discussions. Copies of the printed materials are available on the table in the narthex adjacent the mailboxes. Please take the time to review them in advance, as all items on the consent agenda will be approved collectively unless a request is made to discuss them individually. All members are welcome.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Raider Band will present its Spring Concert on May 1 at 7:00 in the school gymnasium. We are *Band, Raider Band 007* and *Band, Junior Band 008*, presenting a concert of spy music and other pieces including the James Bond Theme and Mission Impossible Theme. Join us for an evening of spy fun!

Mission Trip ~ If you are interested in participating in a Mission Trip this summer, please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/spmt25. Please contact Staff Minister Kuschel with any questions.

St. Paul's School Dig in Gala ~ We are looking forward to celebrating the blessings of our school with the 6th Annual St. Paul's School Dig In Gala! The Gala will be held on Friday, May 9, at Turner Hall in New Ulm, with doors opening at 6:00pm. Individual and full-table tickets for the event are on sale NOW



at <https://buytickets.at/digingala2025/1638380> or in the school office. Ticket proceeds, as well as donations made during the silent and live auctions - and other fun activities - will go to Phase 4 of the School Mortgage Campaign, It's Time.

Encouraged dress for the event is business casual or dress with our Wild West theme for this year, if you wish. If you own a business that would like to be an event sponsor, please contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com.

Soccer Camp ~ Join John and Paul Ministries June 9-12, 2025, from 9-11:30 am at the MLC Soccer Fields as experienced leaders and coaches help children ages 4 - 4th grade improve their soccer skills through skill practice and scrimmages and learn the love of Jesus through daily devotions! \$30/child (\$20 additional children of the same family.) Register now at johnandpaulministries.com! *Registration deadline is May 18.* Questions? Reach out to camp coordinator Nick Schmoller at nick.schmoller@gmail.com.

Soccer Camp Help ~ Many hands help make an outreach event go smoothly, and with 100-150 kids participating in Summer Soccer Camp, please consider joining the Soccer Camp team! There are a variety of ways you can help, from first aid tent to snacks to coaching! Sign up now at johnandpaulministries.com! Questions? Reach out to Laura Martens (JPM event coordinator) at lmartens@splnewulm.org.

MLC Recital ~ After a long and winding college journey, *Don't Screw It Up* marks the final chapter of Abby Schmitz's time as a senior vocal performance major. Join us on May 3rd at 3:00pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ for a recital that is both a celebration and a farewell, featuring a thoughtfully curated program of musical theatre and classical repertoire that reflects years of growth, resilience, and passion. With humor, heart, and a touch of defiance, *Don't Screw It Up* captures what it means to reach the end of a hard-fought path and to sing your way out on your own terms.

MLC Faculty Organ Recital ~ Join MLC organ instructor, Kate Carlovsky, for her upcoming graduate recital on April 26 at 1:30pm in MLC's Chapel of the Christ. This program features a diverse set of organ works, including compositions by Bach, Buxtehude, Distler, Duruflé, and more.

CLE ~ The Christian Leadership Experience (CLE), hosted by The Antioch Foundation since 2015, is about building the next generation of leaders for the Church. From training our children to living our faith at work, from volunteering for a committee to participating musically at church, God places opportunities in front of each of us to lead in unique ways. With a broad range of keynotes and breakouts, the CLE has something for everyone, including an in-depth leadership track available on Friday. Networking opportunities abound, with a relaxing social event on Friday evening. We hope you will join us for this two-day event and experience Christian fellowship and opportunities to follow, serve, and lead!
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Visit www.christlead.com for more information and registration details.

Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) ~ will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday, May 3rd, at 10:00 am at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. A brief service will be held at Trinity Chapel by ELS President Rev. Glenn Obenberger and WELS Civilian Chaplain to the Military Rev. Paul Horn, followed by a ceremony at the ELS Military Monument. This ceremony will include presentations by past and present LMSG Directors, ELS Military Monument designer Jason Jaspersen, and will highlight the past and future work of LMSG in its mission to provide Christ-centered support to Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Lunch at the BLC Cafeteria follows. All are welcome. RSVP for lunch is requested by April 17th.
Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org for more information.

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