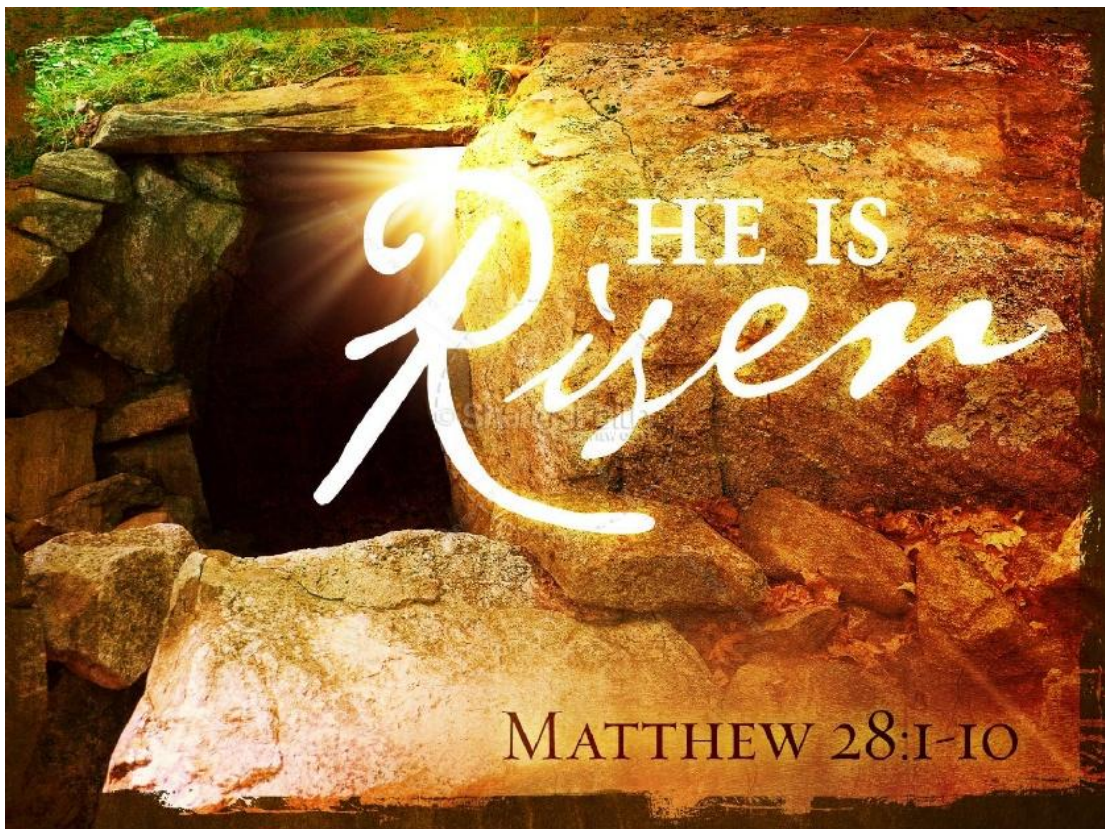


The Resurrection of Our LORD—Easter Day



Saint John Lutheran Church
April 5, 2026

Welcome!

"How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1).

We are thankful that you are joining in the worship with the people of God this day. We are glad to assist you at any time.

To better your experience while at St. John:

- Please check that cell phones are silent.
- Restrooms are located on the right in the lobby and down the bell tower hallway to the right towards the fellowship hall.
- Prayer requests may be written on the white cards in the pew rack and given to an usher or the Pastor before worship begins, or as you leave.
- A nursery is available to parents as needed, past the double wooden doors on the left.
- Activity bags to help keep young children occupied during the message are provided in the back right corner of the sanctuary.
- If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book located in the lobby near the Sanctuary.

Notice to Worshipers: Today's service is livestreamed and recorded. It is available for public viewing and playback at www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com by clicking on the 'Watch Live' button.

About the Offering

An offering is gathered at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Here the people of God bring their tithes and sacrificial offerings as an expression of their discipleship, and for the continuation of Jesus' mission work, both in this community and to the ends of the earth. Guests are not expected to bring financial gifts but are welcome to join the congregation in offering their prayers and praises.

About Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. In this, we remember that the Divine is united with the created as one in the person of Jesus.

This altar is the Lord's table. Here all are welcome who acknowledge their need for a Savior and look to Jesus. We believe what he simply says about the bread – "This is my body, given for you." – and about the wine – "This is my blood, shed for you." Thus, the Lord Jesus is truly present for his redeemed people in this holy meal. In this we retain the divine mystery in the midst of his ordinary creation.

Young children are welcome to this altar to receive a blessing, as are those who have not been instructed in the Christian faith. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest or by simply asking for a blessing.

The individual communion cups in the center of the tray have white grape juice for those who desire it. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

We are imperfect people, and we live in an imperfect world. We are all in this together. So when we believe or act wrongly towards someone, or when we feel that another has wronged us, we commit ourselves to the humble teaching and forgiving pattern of Jesus in Matthew 18.

The Resurrection of Our LORD—Easter Day

+ GATHERING +

Call to Worship
Prelude

Choir
Choir

Prayer As We Begin — *Please stand.*

C Heavenly Father, as we come before you this morning in Jesus' name, we pray all that we say and do in our worship will give you glory. Help us, Lord, to focus our thoughts on you, so your Word will find fertile ground in our minds and hearts. May the worship service today accomplish in us the purpose you desire. Amen.

The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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



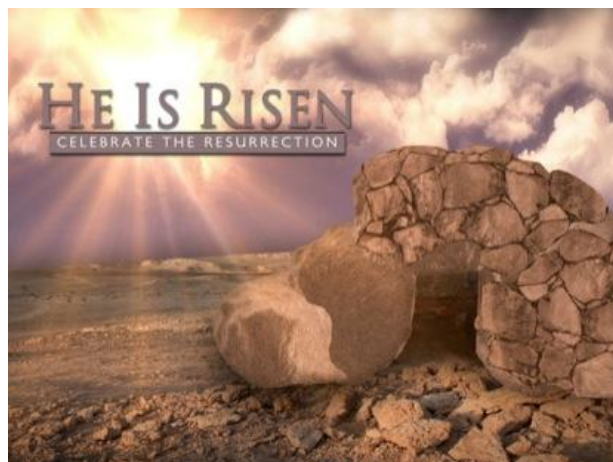
clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



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!
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Apostles' Creed

P This is the faith into which we have been baptized and by which we live:

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P We pray together...

C Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ WORD +

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10

¹Preserve me, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

³As for the saints in the land,

**they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

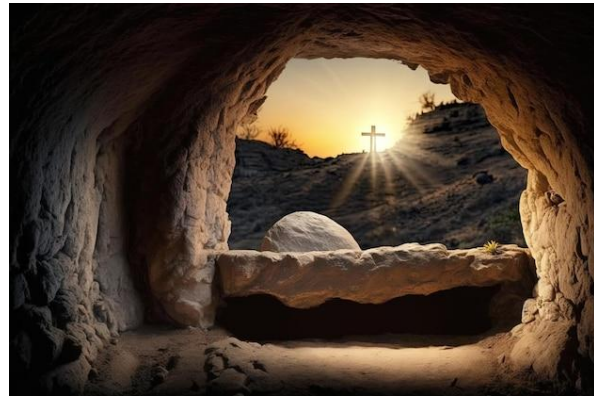
³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem— Joyful He Is Risen



2nd Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God

Alleluia and Verse



¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message



475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



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!

The Message ~ Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~ Acts 10:34-35

~ Takeaways that God has put on my heart. ~

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their takeaways from the message.

The Prayers of the Church

The Preface and Hymn of Praise

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the LORD.

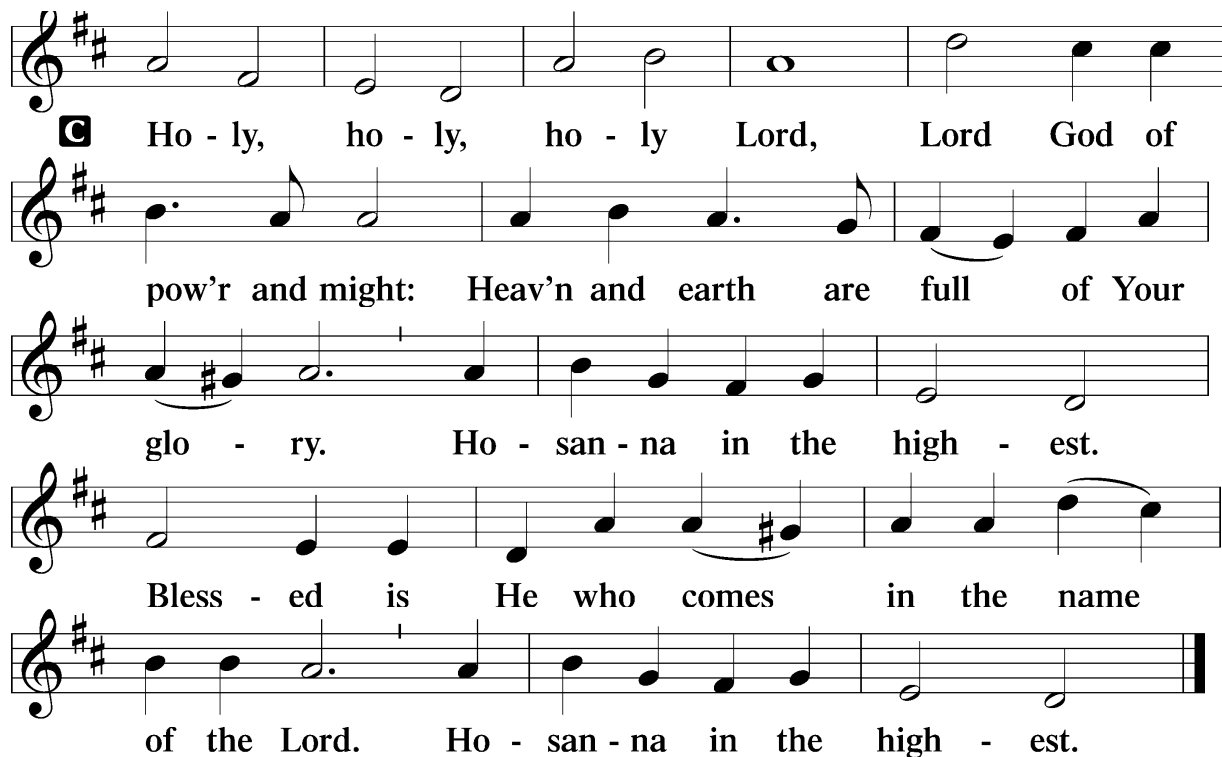
P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Our Father

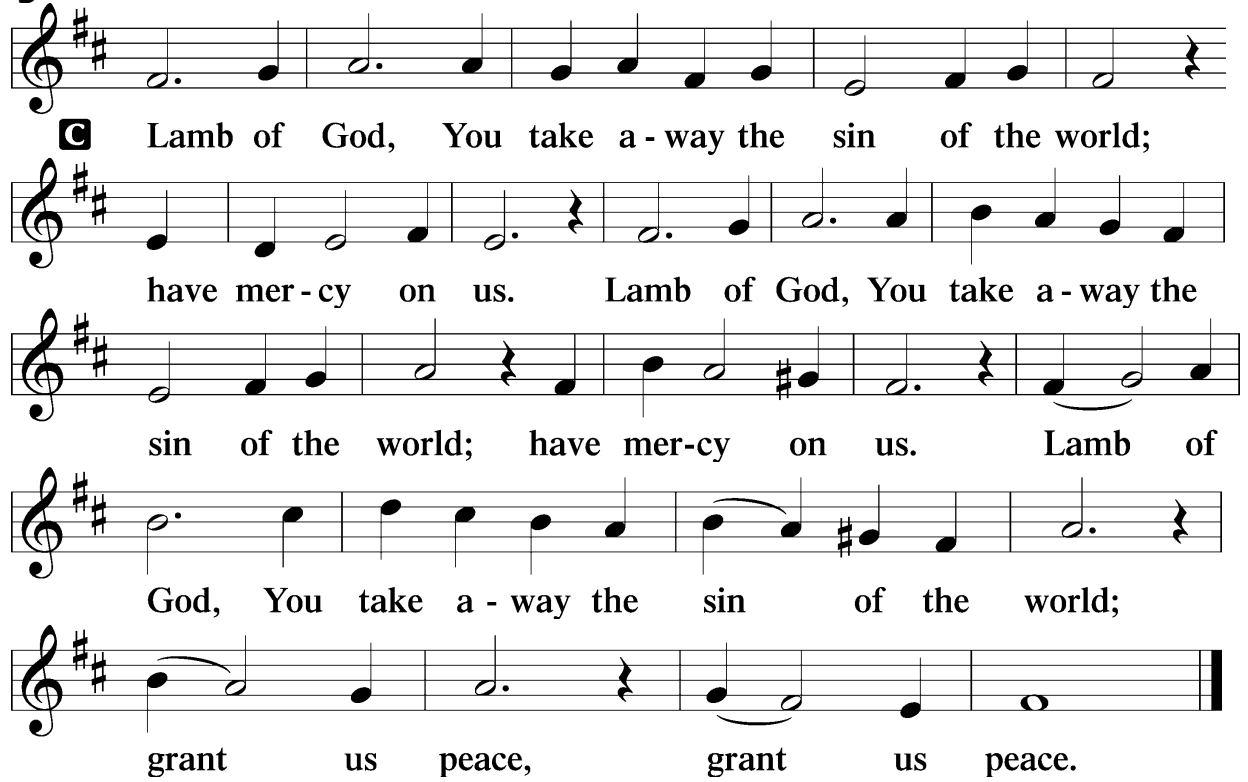
C Our Father who art in heaven,

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 Words of Institution

The Agnus Dei

LSB 180



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

+ MEAL +

This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. In this meal we truly receive the body and blood of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a great and divine mystery! Here we are joined with God and all the saints, and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Young children and those who would prefer to receive a blessing are welcome to come forward.

Alcohol Removed Communion Wine — The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contain denatured wine, which contains less than ½% alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.





Distribution Hymns

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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!

478 The Day of Resurrection



- 1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

+ SENDING +

Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing

L Let us bless the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

L We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

**May the God of HOPE
fill you with all JOY and PEACE
as you TRUST in him,
so that YOU may overflow with HOPE
by the POWER of the Holy Spirit.**

L The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

Please remain standing as you are able.

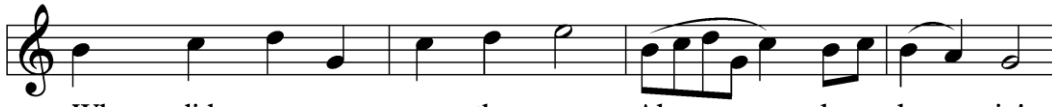
457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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 en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



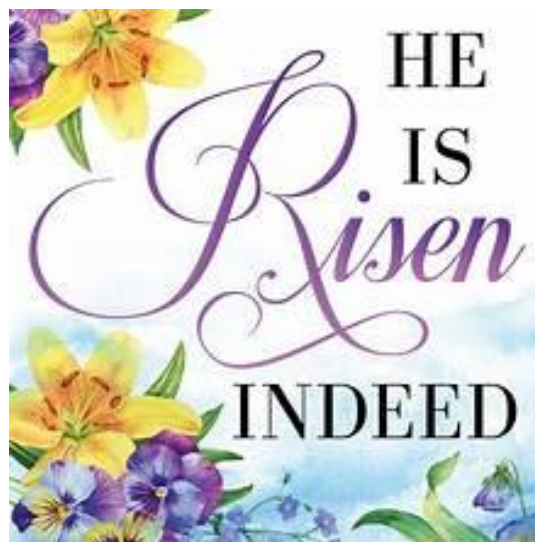
Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



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 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!



Take the word of God with you as you go.

Take Home Announcements — Sunday, April 5, 2026

Serving the Lord Today

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Organist: Yinghan Zhang

Altar Guild Team: Christina & Ted Clark

Acolyte: Myla

Birthday

Donna Blair April 7

Baptism

Wayland Johnson April 1

Pat Potesta April 2

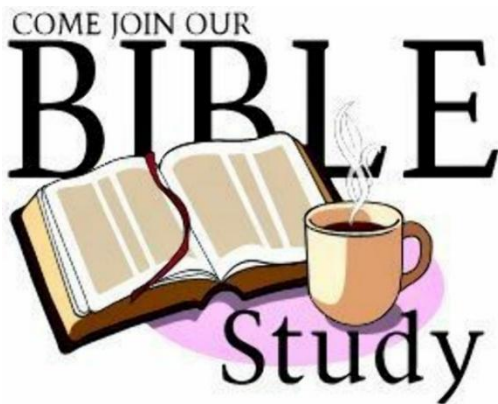
Joyce Call April 7

Anniversaries

Maggie & Lee McMichael April 9

Altar Flowers Dorris Schneider, All the good things the LORD has done for her and the family.

Eternal Candle Lillian Smith, To the Glory of God



Avenue Bible Study

Wed, April 8th & 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

April 16th

Adult Confirmation Class

Wed, April 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Woman's Bible Study

April 9th at 4:30 p.m.



**Kaffee Klatsch will be
Monday, April 6 at 1:30 pm**



The LWML will be collecting "Gifts From the Heart" gift cards for the LWML Gulf States District Convention on April 24-26, 2026 in Gulfport. Camp Dixie in Foley Alabama has been selected as the recipient of these gifts. Gift cards and/or amount will be welcomed - such as. Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Walmart, etc. This camp has been a favorite for Youth Groups and Retreats for many years. Any questions, see Shirley.

"MITES" will be collected Easter Sunday, April 5, 2025.



**April 19th
Oktoberfest Meeting
(Immediately following church)**



**April 23rd
Tentatively: 4:00-5:30 PM
Spay-ghetti Dinner
Take-Out/Sit down Fundraiser
at St. John's Lutheran Church!
Benefits Southern Pine Healthy Pet Clinics
Sign-up sheet for Sit down option for St. John
member. (More detail in the Narthex on the
bulletin board or refer to the April Newsletter)**



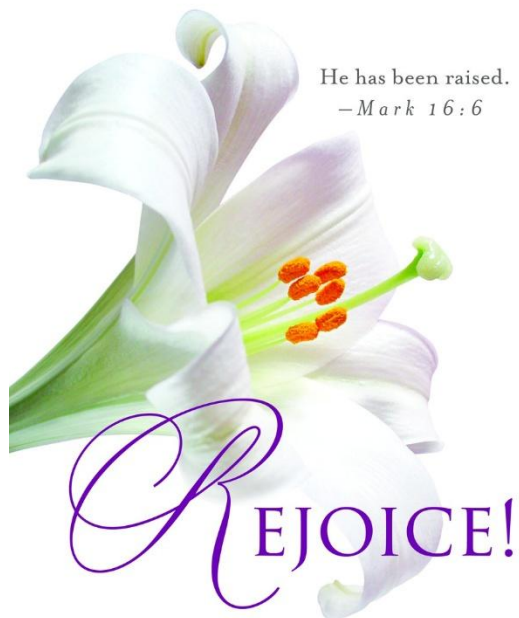


Lillies in honor of :

Our grandchildren & great grandchildren, Gary & Judy Woodham
Our family, Debbie & Kerry Geroux
Robert & Gertrude Martin, Eric & Jean Martin

Lillies given by & in memory of:

Jane & Wayland Johnson- W.A. Amason, Irene Amason, Katie Johnson, Wayland Johnson Sr.
Brenda Hesselgrave- Bill & Arlene Olsen
Anna Kitchens- in memory of her Father.
Judy Outland- James, Sherry, Mama, Margie, & son-in-law Norman.
Nancy Kaul- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Deneke
Shirley Thone- Elliana Jolie Nickens, Shirley's Great-Granddaughter.
Lillian Smith- Dennis Reed Smith, John & Mary Traugott, Wayne & Mary Smith
Eric & Jean Martin- Frank & Halicue Gambrell
Sheila Curry- Son, Terry Curry
Jerry & Debbie Frederic- Lisa Marie Frederick, Stacey Mae Garland & our parents
June Rees- Peter Vasselais





Kristi Fimiano	Breast cancer	Jane & Wayland's daughter	8/18/24
Sean Drummond	Affected by California fires	Son of Josie Nwachuku	1/17/25
Kiki	Stage 4 Cancer, Healing and Strength	Chloe Powell's friend	1/30/25
Jonathan Noffke	Type 4 Lymphoma	Will Noffke's brother	3/27/25
Joyce Coll	Healing	Member	9/14/25
Elaine Woodyard	Strength, comfort, and peace.	Chris Weiss's co-worker's wife.	10/5/25
Irene	Has Cancer.	Relative of Ellen Heck	11/2/25
Jennifer Alexander	Her health is in bad condition	Request from Diahn	11.23.25
Vanessa	Continue prayers	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Rhonda	Diagnosed with lupus and prayers for the new of possible breast cancer.	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Debbie	Prayers for treatable lung cancer	Requested by Dian	11.30.25
Percy Howard	Cancer	Requested by LaToursha	12.17.25
Marie	Broken Hip	Ellen's Sister-in-law	12.21.25
Debbie Lowery	Surgery for breast cancer	Requested by Wayland	12.30.25
Clyde Brisendine	Prayers for healing after amputation.	Requested by Mark Keyl	1.4.26
Barbara Kerner	Health concerns & healing		1.24.26
Julie Kringas	Cancer	Requested by Brenda Hesselgrave	1.24.26
Kendall	Heart surgery to check valve		1.18.25
Jill Martins	Waiting for heart transplant		1.18.25

Chris & Kristina Boleware	Prayers for circumstances would improve.	Requested by Pastor Beth	1.24.25
John Traugott	Healing from falling	Requested by Lillian	1.27.25
Enoch Johnson	Health Concerns	Requested by LaTorsha	1.28.26
Brian Dossett	Health Issues	Requested by Diane and Al Rymarz	2.1.26
Ginger Eberling	cancer		2.12.26
Debbie	Prayers that her hearing would return	Anna requesting for her sister.	2.15.26
Anna & Elijah	Prayers for a healthy pregnancy	Member	2.15.26
Haley	Health Issues	Member	2.18.26
Niles	Prayers concerning his hearing.	Member	2.18.26
Susan Thorton	Health issues		2.19.26
Kemp Landry	Medical Issues	Requested by Cindy Landry	2.22.26
Lucas	In the hospital with RSV		2.22.26
Judy Woodham	Recovering from surgery	Member	3,1,26
Susan Perkins	Healing from surgery	Member	3.1.26
Brian McKenzie	Medical issues	Judy McKenzie	3.4.26
Don Shields	Health issues	Member	3.4.26
Pat Davenport	Hurt wrists, recovery	Member	3.6.26
Van Lowry	In the hospital	Member	3.6.26
Kristy	Custody hearing		3.12.26
Sue	Peace with a move		3.12.26
John	God's giving Jon peace and direction.		3.8.26
Mrs. Peggy Ray	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.26
Mr. Herbert David	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.25

Pastor John Preston Smith	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.26
BJ	Health issues	Requested by Joan Shafer	3.15.26
Debbie	Recovery from Chemo	Requested by Joan Shafer	3.15.26
Angela	Stage 4 cancer	Requested by Sheralee	3.15.26
Dominique Fimiano	In critical condition	Requested by Jane & Wayland.	3.22.26
Maddie Lowry	Health issues		3.27.26
Wayland & Jane's family	Cancer	Requested by Jane	3.26.26
Prayers for those in authority & military	With the war and all going on in our country.	Prayer from Women's bible study	3.24.26
Chloe Powell & safe travel for her and our family.	Prayers the cyst will shrink		3.28.26
Regina Johnson	Recovering from surgery	Member	3.28.26
Amy Wallace's brother	Total shoulder replacement surgery		3.30.26
Rusty Weiss	Recovering from strokes	Chris Weiss	4.1.26
Nancy Jones	Health issues	Requested from Sheralee	4.3.26
Paul Collister	Health issues	Pastor & Beth	4.4.26



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After 1p.m. by appt.

Pastor's Office Hours: Tue-Thu: 9:00am – 1:00pm; after
1p.m. by appt. Also Fri – Sun by appointment.

