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1st Sunday of Easter

Welcome as we thank and worship God for his wonderful works and listen for his word to us today. We welcome all of you to the House of the Lord this day. May you be inspired by His Word. May you rejoice in singing His praises. May you generously offer your prayers and gifts as we worship together to the Glory of His Name.

The Lord's Supper is the participation in the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, whose blessings are received through faith. This is a meal for those who comprehend the mystery of the Supper through instruction in God's Word and who can then publicly confess their unity of faith with us at the altar. If you are not a member of one of our sister congregations, please speak with Pastor during the week before communing. We truly want you to receive the Sacrament to your benefit and God's glory!

He Has Risen; He Is Not Here

As We Gather

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of "first importance." If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event

but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus' resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

PREPARATION

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Entrance Rite

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:

C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:

C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:

C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who

commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:

C have mercy on us.

P By Your suffering and dying:

C deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.

P By Your glorious resurrection:

C deliver us from this body of death.

P By the majesty of Your risen body:

C deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.

P Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.

C Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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!

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

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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: *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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

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

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

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And 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.

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

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent; Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to
the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the faith through the Means of Grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Give courage and discernment to the missionaries far and near and to those planting new congregations that they abound in the hope of the resurrection and that those who hear this Gospel be granted the Holy Spirit and faith.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. [Hear us especially for names and those named in our hearts.]
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

- P Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love, *[especially . . .]*, and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

SACRAMENT

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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☐ 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.

Distribution

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

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.**

Benediction

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:

2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:

△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;

See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;

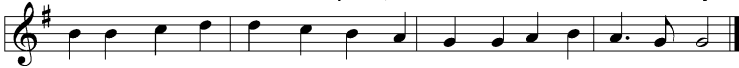
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—

Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,

Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Sick & Shut-in



Please remember our shut-ins throughout the year
with a card, note of cheer, or prayers.

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Announcements

Elder: Jim Cesar
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Communion Set-Up: Jim & Irene Cesar

Publications: Please take advantage of the various publications on the fellowship hall table: The Lutheran Witness, Christian News, Thrivent Magazine, LWML Women's Quarterly, just to name a few. Enrich your lives with this reading material!

Fellowship: Is Back! Because of the later service (10:30), we will have coffee, juice, etc. from 9:45 to 10:15 before church. We will try this until Memorial Day and then evaluate the participation. This will include Easter Sunday.

Adult Bible Study: Bible study has resumed and is being held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Books for Bible study are \$18. If someone does not want to purchase a book, they are more than welcome to attend!

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Jacob Bacon, Lisa (daughter of Dan & Dee Erdlandson), Harland Newby and family, Cindy Roesener, Kathy Schulist, Brian Bertotto, Pat Wetmore, Becky H., Amy Shaw, Amy Olson (daughter-in-law of Rita Walkowicz) and Judy Crawford.

For Prayer Requests: If you have a request for the prayer chain team please e-mail Cathlene Clark or call

her cell phone. She may be reached at 715-630-0312 or cathlene@uniontel.net.

Expense Reimbursement Voucher- Did you make a purchase that St. John's needs to reimburse? Please use the Expense Reimbursement Voucher located in mesh file outside of the church office. Put completed form along with your receipt in the envelope provided. Place in designated file folder for Treasurer.

A note from the Elders: The Elders would like to announce a couple changes/additions to upcoming church services.

1. In order to reach out to some members, the 3rd Tuesday of each month, communion will be offered by Pastor Ader in the Narthex, one family in the church at a time. This will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m on April 20th.

As you drive up, park under bell tower entrance, exit vehicle, enter narthex to receive communion, then exit to your vehicle. If there is a vehicle parked under tower already, please wait in your vehicle until that family drives away and then proceed forward one family at a time out of their vehicle.

With God's presence in our lives, may we continue to live and work together to get through this global pandemic time and with us at St. Johns as we follow his guidance in the pastoral call process.

Thank you from all the Elders.

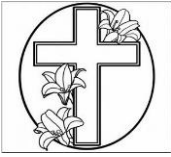
Donations Needed: Items needed! Joseph's Hope Pantry needs toiletries for men and women. Toiletries

may be placed in the food box in the narthex and will be taken to the Plainfield site as the box becomes full. Joseph's Hope serves many needy families in the Almond/Plainfield/Hancock/Bancroft area.



Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League

began collecting used postage stamps in 1993 when The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod office in St. Louis, Missouri, ended this project. Our North Wisconsin District has worked with many people over the years to sell our stamps. Our stamps were sold five different times in 1994 and the total amount sold to help support our missions was \$345.49. The year-to-date total now is \$13,897.66. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Please continue to collect your stamps. Trim the stamps leaving a quarter inch around the stamp. The perforation on the stamp must be intact, if the perforation is missing the stamps cannot be sold. What a blessing to have the opportunity to collect our stamps and help those in need. There is a stamp collection basket on the back table in fellowship hall. Please help St. John's Ladies' Aid and NWD LWML continue in their mission to serve the Lord with gladness.



Thank you to all who provided plants

to beautify our church altar on Resurrection Sunday

Pastor Kevin Ader	In Memory of Frank and Carla Ader
Bertotto Family	In Loving Memory of Edward Bertotto
Bill, Cindy, and Mackenzie	Ours Moms/Grandmas, Janice Newby, Carol Brandl
The Cesar's	To the Glory of God
Betty Daberkow	To the Glory of God
Diane Fabich	In Memory of the Alverson Family
Patricia Footit	In Memory of the Footit Family
Dusty Huntington	To the Glory of God
Jim and Lynne Johnson	To the Glory of God
St. John's Ladies Aid	To the Glory of God
Dave Marr	To the Glory of God
Janice Marr	To the Glory of God
Susan Martinson	To the Glory of God
Carol Melk	To the Glory of God
Al Pagel	To the Glory of God
Sandie Poock and Family	In Memory of Ed Poock, Baby Poock, Parents and Grandparents
Ed and Dianne Schultz	Eunice Schultz and those who have Gone before
Warzynski Family	To the Glory of God

If anyone has updates to any of the above individuals, please let an Elder know or email stjohnsalmond@gmail.com.

Announcements for next Sunday's bulletin should be written out and placed in the church office mailbox or email by 5pm Wednesday