



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 11, 2021

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In Person/Parking Lot Worship 9:00 am

Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m.

April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Ester

In the church parking lot, please turn your car
radio to 101.7 FM to listen to our worship service at 9 AM.

This signal is only 1500 feet.

You can also join us on Zoom for worship at 10:30 AM.

Welcome to Worship. The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Gathering Hymn

"Christ is risen! Alleluia"

ELW 382

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have
ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Thanksgiving For Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Canticle of Praise

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God,

and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts.

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1--2:2

A reading from 1 John.

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his

hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”

ELW 375

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

Refrain/Estribillo



¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro.	La pie - dra, un
1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side.	Mar - vel, the
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing;	Christ stands be -
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning;	sud - den - ly
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?	"I'll not be -



án - gel re - mo - vió;	les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -
stone is rolled a - way!	Hear from the an - gel, "He is
fore your ver - y eyes.	Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
Christ your Lord ap - pears.	"Look, it is I, your wound - ed
lieve un - less I see."	Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry

Refrain/Estribillo



ta - do."	Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.
ris - en."	Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
ci - ples;	bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Sav - ior.	Peace be with you, and do not fear."
Lord's day:	"Touch me and see; have faith in me."

2 La Magdalena fue a llorarlo
y Cristo se le apareció;
le pidió ir a sus hermanos
con un encargo que le dio. Estribillo

3 A los discípulos, de tarde,
Cristo también se presentó.
Les enseñó las cinco heridas;
dando la paz los saludó. Estribillo

4 Tomás no estaba en ese encuentro;
y ver, pidió, para creer.
Cristo volvió, le dijo: "Mira,
palpa mi herida y ten fe." Estribillo

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Praying this week's prayer requests

Prayer requests can be emailed to stacylauer@gmail.com, texted to 419-680-0358, or mailed to the church.

Prayers of Intercession

Response: Let us pray. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

We give back to God what God first gives us. Offering can be mailed in to the church at 106 Scheid Road, Sandusky OH 44870, by texting give to 614-389-9681, given on our church website, on your way out of the parking lot or in the plate on your way out of the sanctuary.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,

O God of the universe; just and true are your ways,

O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of God.

All praise and thanks to you, holy God!

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

2 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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2021: The Year of Generosity Memory Verse

Matthew 6:21 **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”.**

Thank you to Marcia Giordino for leading our worship songs today.

Council prayers: We ask the members of St. John's to pray this month for the continued decline of Covid and the increase of available vaccine for inoculations.

Reservations and Volunteers:

Worship in the sanctuary means that we will have reservations each week, so please email or call Sandy Thompson if you want to worship in the sanctuary. We request that these are submitted EACH WEEK by Wednesday evening so that we can make sure we have enough space for everyone. Yes, it may be a hassle to call each week, but we want to make this fair for everyone and we have a small space.

We will also need three volunteers every Sunday! If you are willing to volunteer, please let me know. Being a volunteer also assures you have a space reserved in the sanctuary. We also need a cantor to assist with our music. This is someone who will sing along with Morgan playing, but will stand in the Upper Room. Would you be willing to sing?

April Birthdays

Apr. 1—Renee' Barkhimer
15—John Giordano
17—Tavilynn Dillender
24—Allison Young,
Kimberly Luman
25—Laura Knott
Jerrie Krawetzki

27—Paxton Luman
30—Tara Tommas
Christie Deehr

April Anniversaries

14 - Marcia and John Giordano
22 - Don and Vicki Johnson

St John's Lutheran Evangelical Church of Union Corners
2021 Month and YTD summary of Ordinary Income/(loss)
as compared to 2021 budget

	Offerings	Expenses	Ordinary Income/(loss)
MONTH			
Actual March 2021	\$ 13,682	\$ 11,647	\$ 2,035
Budget March 2021	\$ 13,740	\$ 13,740	\$ -
YEAR TO DATE			
Actual March 2021 YTD	\$ 34,054	\$ 37,768	\$ (3,714)
Budget March YTD 2021	\$ 41,220	\$ 41,220	\$ -