

April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter
Supply Pastor: The Rev. Sandra Ellis-Killian
Theme: We Are Witnesses

+ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD +

WELCOME

PRELUDE In Thee is Gladness – J.S. Bach

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LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love!

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the light of the empty tomb, we come before God, trusting in God's forgiveness, no matter what we offer up in this time of confession. Let us pray:

Creator God,

we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times, we doubt your existence because of all we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name do not walk in Your ways. Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.

The psalmist says, *"I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:13-14)*

Know that you do not wait alone. God has given us one another for this journey of faith, to help one another. Know that you do not wait alone, for Christ is with us. In all the ways we fall short, God wipes the slate clean and today is a fresh start. May we live in the light of that good news!

Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN ELW 369 Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, first born of the dead and wellspring of eternal life,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We hear your calling, Lord; how can we keep from singing? How can we keep our lips
from proclaiming the good news, that Jesus Christ is risen, bringing healing and forgiveness to
all? From the life in his blood he has freed us, making us a royal priesthood. Whether we have
seen or believe without seeing, we have found life in his name. In Christ's name, we give thanks
and praise. **Amen!**

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 635 We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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NICENE CREED

Together with people of every time and place, we join our voices in declaring our faith with the words of the creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

+ WE ARE SENT OUT IN GOD'S NAME +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard.

Share God's love with those you meet.

Bring hope to those who are in despair.

Live lives of gratitude and praise.

And may the love of God,

the peace of Jesus Christ,

and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit

be within you and among you until we meet again.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 376 Thine is the Glory

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.

Thine is the glory,

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

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

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

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
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DISMISSAL

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Easter Hymn - William Billings
arr. Jon Spong

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, Ann Brown Hager, David Mounts, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Leah Crater, Steve Keyser, Sydney Crossin, Kathy Reese, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Tal Umstead, Dorothy Rudolph, Andrew Robison, Jeff Hart, Margaret Simon, Hailey Mientus, the Mientus family, Jeff Jadick, Loretta Diehl, Judy Ockenlaender, Heidi Guess, Ed Brown, Bruce Aldinger, Judith Hercek, Kassondra Sowden and Gail Kemmerer.

Mark your Calendar

Monday, Apr 25	7:30pm Exec Meeting
Wednesday, Apr 27	7pm Confirmation Learning
Friday, Apr 29	2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, Apr 30	SEPA Synod Assembly
Sunday, May 1	8:30-9:15 Sunday School incl. Connections & High School Youth 9:30am Senior Citizen Sunday 11am-1pm Bowling @ Earl Bowl

YPO Hang Out on Sunday, April 24—get ready for a Corn Hole Tournament and some Waffles and Ice Cream.

St. John's is going bowling again! Sunday, May 1st 11 am to 1 pm

Earl Bowl, Morwood Road, Telford \$10 per person (includes two hours of bowling and shoes)
Pizza can be pre-ordered - simply indicate on the RSVP! Link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084fa8ad2caafd0-stjohns1>

Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday April 29th 2-7pm at St. John's. Sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org.

Heavenly Helper Hoagies—Next orders are due Sunday, May 15th—contact Elaine Keller or sign up on the sheet outside PB's office to get your delicious hoagie while supporting the Heavenly Helpers on their next mission trip.

Coffee Bar Help—Help keep the fellowship going by supporting the coffee bar at St. John's. There are slots to sign up to bring treats and help with making the coffee. Please bring treats to church by 8:30am on Sunday so they can be set out for the enjoyment of all. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EACAD2FAA8-coffee>