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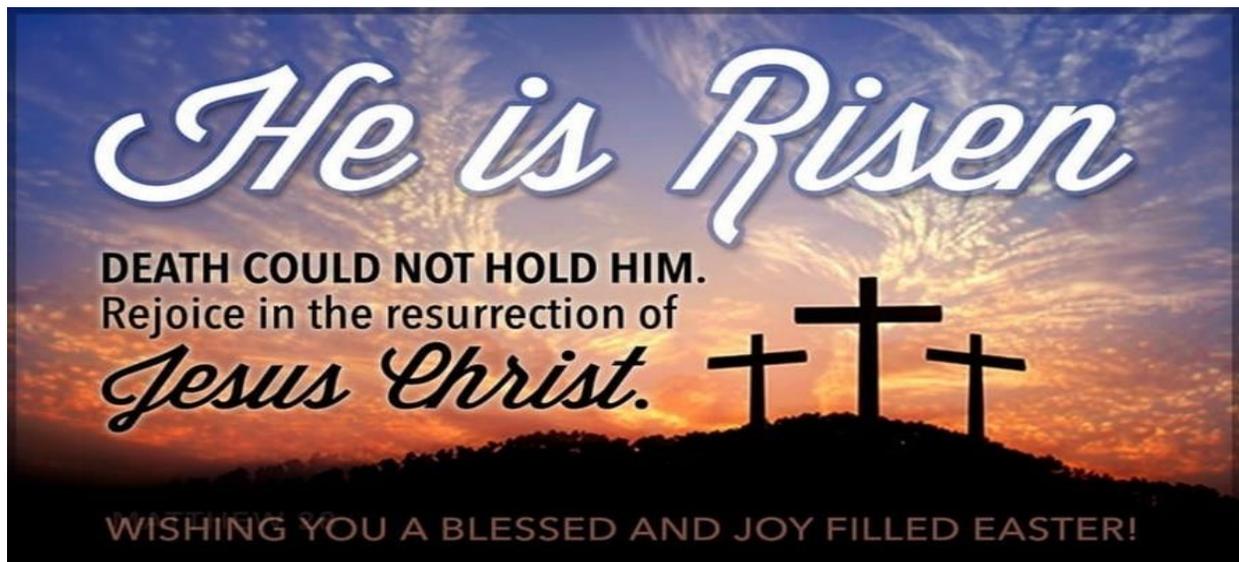
Lutheran Church

1741 S State Street
Greenfield Indiana 46140

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To bring people to Christ,
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Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

The Resurrection
Of Our Lord



Meditation:

Easter is a new beginning, something that all of us need. Today's service focuses on the new beginning Jesus offers us in Easter. The resurrection reminds us all the Christ came back for us and will do so again. The chains of death are broken and it has lost its sting as death is not the end for us. Death comes to us all, but now, for the follower of Jesus, death is a toothless lion. Join as we celebrate Christ defeat of death and invitation to eternal life.

*A warm welcome to all! Let us join together with joyful hearts as we
worship today.*

*Extend the hand of friendship to those around you as we give thanks for the
blessings of friends and family.*

May God be with you today and throughout the week.



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

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*Doug Gast, Interim Pastor
Joe Faith, Music Director*

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!

- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.

- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

Service of Holy Communion
April 17, 2022
9:30A.M.

Prelude

Joe Faith

Easter Proclamation

P: In the name of God our Father, Who gave his Son for us

C: In the name of God the Son, Who conquered death by death

P: In the name of God our Holy Spirit, Who leads the Church

C: We gather to worship with joyful hearts

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

VIDEO – HE IS ALIVE

Please Stand

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 you 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!

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: This is the feast of victory for our God! Let us confess our sinfulness, and profess the power of the risen Lord to bring forgiveness: Father, we confess to You our sinfulness.

C: Forgive us lord, and empower us to live as those who walk in newness of life.

P: The journey of faith can be difficult, and the adventure of discipleship tiring

C: Forgive us Lord, the times we have chosen not to follow You.

P: We lose sight of the victory You have given us, Lord

C: Forgive us for the times we live as those who are defeated.

P: Jesus died.

C: Our sins are forgiven.

P: Jesus rose again.

C: We are redeemed. This is the feast of victory for our God!

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all!

C: And also with you!

P: Greet those around you with an Easter greeting and the peace of Christ.

(Please be seated)

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry in Music *“Because He Lives”* Duet by Joe Faith and Monica Cantrell

THE READING

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (pg. 991 in pew Bible)

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”^[a]

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

THE “GOSPEL ACCLAMATION”

*He is Lord. He is Lord!
He has risen from the dead, and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

(pg. 933 in pew Bible)

20 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Doug Gast

SERMON HYMN

“Resurrection Hymn”

Words on screen

Verse 1

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 2

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 3

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Pastor Doug Gast

Please Stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

C: We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
Who sent His son as our Savior to rise on Easter Morning.
We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, and died on Good Friday.
He rose on Easter Morning to free us from the curse of sin,
the sting of death, and the power of the Devil.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who has brought us to faith in the Christ of Easter,
and by whose continual work in our hearts,
is leading us to be steadfast and unmovable,
always abounding in the work of our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

“Easter Alleluia”

Choir

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship as we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

OFFERING RESPONSE

“I Know My Redeemer Lives” vs 1 & 8

Hymn 619 ELW

*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!*

*He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God, accept and bless these gifts, that they might become tangible signs that you are near to us and among us in everyday life. We are those who are touched by these gifts every time we share in the mission and ministry of this congregation. Make our hearts beat for all that matters to you as we do the work of your Kingdom, transforming this world in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

P: We profess the mystery of the faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is present. Christ will come again.

P: The stone is rolled away. Death could not hold Him.

C: We are raised with Jesus. And we raise our voices in praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

P: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Congregation sings:)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will direct those receiving the Sacrament down the center aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the pre-filled trays. Common cup is also available. If you wish to kneel at the communion rail as you receive the Sacrament, please feel free to do so. Please dispose of your cup in the basket near the side aisle.

Please Stand

LAMB OF GOD

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION HYMN

“King of Kings (Hallelujah, for the Lord the Almighty Reigns)”

Words on Screen

Hal-le - lu - ia for the Lord, our God, the Al-migh - ty reigns. Hal-le-
F Am B^b C F F

5 lu - ia for the Lord, our God, the Al-migh - ty reigns. He is King of ____
B^b F C F F

10 kings ____ and He is Lord ____ of ____ lords. He is King of ____
B^b F C F

14 kings ____ and He is Lord ____ of ____ lords

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we praise You for Your gifts to us. You have called us to follow Your Son, and have brought us to rejoice in the wonder of the empty tomb. In Jesus Christ, we have new life.

C: **Strengthen us, we pray, that we who have celebrated Jesus' resurrection, might be raised to live in freedom and joy and victory. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

P: Go and live in God's promise of Easter. Go and love one another in the name of the risen One, Jesus Christ. Go and serve through the power of the Holy Spirit. He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 Where thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

In reverence of Christ, we invite you to follow the cross as it is carried out. You may use your hymnal to sing as you turn.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Pastor Doug Gast for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, April 17th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast	Next Week, April 24th	9:30 a.m. Ben Black
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries	Assisting Minister	John Browder
Lector	Christian Gries	Lector	June Gries
Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey	Ushers	Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld
Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw	Greeters	Liz Clark Terry Clark
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Darrel Turner	Acolyte	Luke Soberalski
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	June Gries	Bread Baker	June Gries
Children's Sermon	Pastor Doug	Children's Sermon	Ben Black
Counters (Monday) Wk2	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday) Wk3	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory