

Grow....Go....Gather

April 26, 2020



ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

2040 Oakwood Avenue N.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

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TODAY: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live) and at
11:00 a.m. Bible study w/ Pastor (Facebook Live)

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Sermons, newsletters & highlights are on line.

Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 482, "This Joyful Eastertide"

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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The Opening Verses

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Be quick, O Lord, to deliver me;

C: Be quick to help me, O Lord.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 116:1–14

P: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**C: Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

C: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

C: I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";

P: I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

C: What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

C: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Hymn of Praise: 10,000 Reasons (Myrin/Redman)

Chorus

***Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **(chorus)**

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **(chorus)**

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **(chorus)**

Ending

***Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name***

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The Readings

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and

gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word

before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

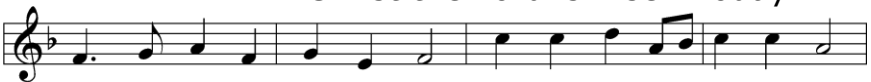
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Easter Verse (p. 222)

- P** Sing to the Lord and bless His name,
proclaim His salvation from day to day.
- C** **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.
Alleluia, alleluia.**
- P** Now is Christ risen from the dead and
become the first-fruits of them that sleep.
- C** **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.
Alleluia, alleluia.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 469,

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

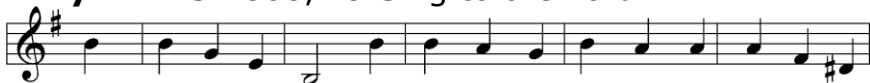
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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The Sermon

The Offering

A Hymn: LSB 808, "O Sing to the Lord"



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
 3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
 4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
 Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
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 Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 blow all the trum - pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
 gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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The Prayers and Lord's Prayer

The Closing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
 God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen!

The Closing Hymn: LSB 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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (April 18, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$3,310.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
<u>Plate Collection</u>	<u>380.00</u>
Total: \$3,765.00	

NOTE:

All April events and meetings
at church
have been cancelled.

