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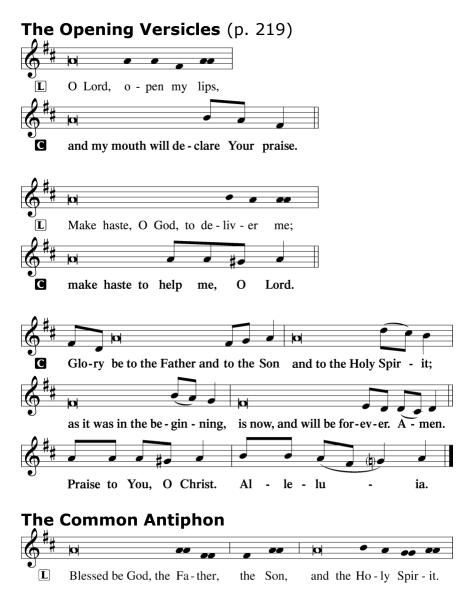
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#### The Second Sunday of Easter

#### The Order of Service (Matins, p. 219)

# The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship, and the Welcome

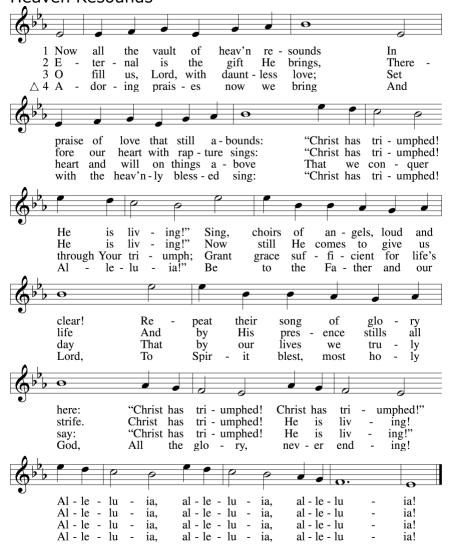




#### **The Venite** (p. 220)

the Lord, to God . great. made it. 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . . . . . . . . to the Son 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va tion. 2 and a great . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . king a - bove all gods. 3 and His hand ..... formed the dry\_ land. 5 and to the . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ho it; ly Spir -O 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv ing, 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . . . in His hand; **3** O come, let us worship and . . . . . . . . . bow\_ down. God, our 5 as it was in the be gin ning, \_ O 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . . . . . . Him with songs of praise. 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . . . . His\_\_\_\_\_ al so. 3 let us kneel before the ..... Lord, our mak er. -4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep\_\_\_\_ of His hand. 5 is now, and will be for ev - er. A men. Ο --O L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it. С 0 come, let us wor - ship Him.

# The Office Hymn: LSB 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



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#### The First Lesson: Acts 5:12-32

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God

The Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

# L: O Lord, have mercy on us.C: Thanks be to God

**A Song**: LSB 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (All: 1-2, 7-9; Women: 3, 5; Men: 4, 6)

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Women	5	When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!					
Men	6	"My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!					
ALL	7	No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!					
ALL	8	How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!					
ALL	9	On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!					

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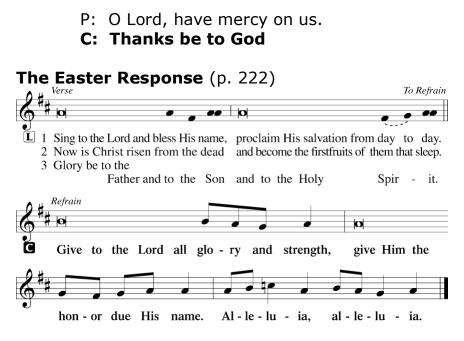
#### The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



**The Sermon Hymn:** "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" (Getty)

#### Verse 1

How can it be the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death Sing sing hallelujah

#### Verse 2

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes Alive He stands their Friend and King Christ Christ He is risen

#### Chorus

Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah Join the chorus sing with the redeemed Christ is risen He is risen indeed

#### Verse 3

Where doubt and darkness once had been They saw Him and their hearts believed But blessed are those who have not seen Yet sing hallelujah

#### Verse 4

Once bound by fear now bold in faith They preached the truth and power of grace And pouring out their lives they gained Life life everlasting **(Chorus)** 

#### Verse 5

The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness **(Chorus 2Xs)** 

#### Ending

He's alive He's alive Heaven's gates are opened wide He's alive He's alive Now in heaven glorified **(2Xs)** 

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## The Sermon

**The Offering** (During the offering we will sing: "Living Hope," by Phil Wickham)

#### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such boundless grace The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope **(2 Xs)** 

### Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory (Chorus 2 Xs)

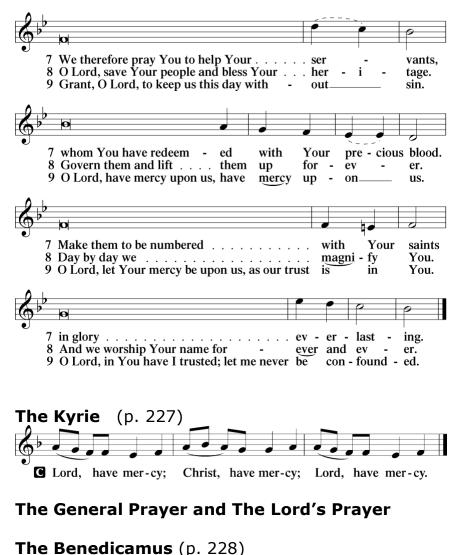
## Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

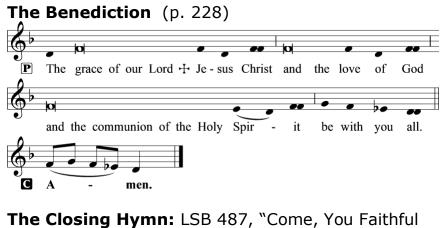
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#### The Te Deum (p. 223-225)

**C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of ..... Sab - a oth: You. 0 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last ing. 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You: o 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in. 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . . praise\_\_\_\_ You. 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son: Christ: 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry: 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise\_\_\_ You. 3 also the Holy . . . . . . . . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort er. 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of Fa the ther. 5 When You took upon Yourself to de liv man, er of God 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of vir gin. а 6 in the glory . . . . . . . . . . . . of the Fa ther. O of death. will come 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev ers. our\_ judge.







Raise the Strain" Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness! 1 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His 2 pris - on With the day of splen-dor, Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing the queen of sea-sons, bright 3 Now to - day a-mong His 4 For own our King im - mor - tal, 5 Al le - lu - ia! Now we cry То God has brought His from sad - ness, Is - ra - el In joy to And from three days' sleep in death As has ris - en; а sun With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy ren - der; to His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass es hu - man know - ing. Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal. Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh ters. the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, All is fly ing Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec tion ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por Nei - tal you faith - ful, raise the strain Of Come, tri - um - phant glad - ness! them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters. Led From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing. sus' Wel - come in un-wea-ried strain Je res - ur - rec - tion! Nor the watch-ers nor Hold Him a mor - tal. the seal as joy from sad - ness! God has brought His Is - ra - el In to

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Events of the Week: April 24 – May 1

- **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2<sup>nd</sup>
  **Coffee Hour** following the service (Butler Cinnamon Roll Sunday)
   **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study
   **10:45 a.m.** Knit/Crochet in Love
   **2:00 p.m.** LFL Presentation at Our Savior
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- Wed:10:00 a.m.Bible Study w/ DarrellFriday:Pastor's day off
- Saturday: 8:45 a.m. LWML Spring Zone Rally 1-4 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale Drop Off Day
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at St James & FBL.

KIDZ TIME during the sermon, Pre-2<sup>nd</sup>

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: John Weiss Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski Lector: Nancy Spears Organist/pianist: Beth McKay Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John Weiss, Marjie Weiss

Those who serve next Sunday: May 1 Deacons: TBD Ushers: TBD Lector: Rick Schantz

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler

May Altar Guild: Irene Talen

FINANCIAL DISCIPLES	HIP: Ap	oril 17, 2022
General Fund		\$8,842.00
Plate Collections		175.00
ISJ Academy		50.00
	Total:	\$9,067.00
On-line giving		150.00
	Total:	\$9,217.00

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a **new VBS concept** this year. Our goal is to have a 1 or 2 night family oriented event with multiple stations for children and families to interact and receive the Word of God in a casual setting. If you would be interested in volunteering for any part of this, please attend the **Summer Outreach Event organizational meeting** on **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at **6:30 p.m.** 

Any questions? Ask Cindy McAuliffe, Nancy Spears or Pastor Schaeffer.



There is a special **Butler Cinnamon Roll Sunday** to help raise funds for the ISJ Academy fifth through seventh grade class to go to Camp Manitoulin.

Join us **TODAY** after worship and help a kid go to camp. Questions? Please contact Kelsey Butler.

LWML Knit/Crochet is TODAY after worship in the



classroom by the office. If you have never knitted or crocheted but are curious to see what it is about, stop in! We have needles and yarn you can use to get you started.



Friends in Faith is having a 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale Drop-Off Day at St. James Lutheran Church main entryway. Bring your clean and

gently used donations for the Sale to the church bell tower entrance from **1-4pm**, on **Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Members of Friends in Faith will be here to unload your car and take everything into the church for you!

Please note we are unable to accept mattresses, box springs, tube TVs, baby furniture and medical equipment.

**Volunteers** are needed to set up for the Sale on Sunday, May 1 – Tuesday, May 3. Contact Walt or Dale if you have any questions.

#### SALE DAYS AND TIMES:

May 5, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. May 6, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. May 7, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon



St. James' LWML is hosting the LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>! The speaker for this event will be Pastor David Fleming from

Our Savior Lutheran Church. Pastor Fleming will present an overview of DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel and will also lead a Bible study on "The Loneliness Epidemic: Helping Others and Ourselves". Pastor Fleming's presentation promises to be a time of encouragement as so many of us have experienced loneliness and we know others who are struggling. Come and hear from God's Word.

**Registration and a light breakfast** will begin at **8:45** and the program will wrap up by noon. Please, **sign up** by **TODAY** on the sheet by the office door.

# Walk for Good Food

The North End Wellness Coalition has invited our church to participate in the **45th Annual Walk for Good Food** (formerly known as the **Hunger Walk**). By donating to support Access of West Michigan, you can help create a good food system for everyone in our community.

There are **envelopes on the Narthex table** to make a donation. Once we have the donations, we will present them to NEWC at the kick-off event at **Briggs Park** on **May 1**.

Please make any **checks payable to Access of West Michigan.** Information on **electronic giving** is below. Thank You.

- 1) Go to <u>www.accessofwestmichigan.org</u>
- 2) Choose "EVENTS" then choose "Walk for Good Food"
- 3) Choose "Make a Donation"
- 4) Go to the lower right and look for "Fundraisers"
- 5) Enter "Dale Rosema" in the search box
- 6) You will see the St. James Lutheran Church Team
- 7) Then on the left is the Donate Box
- 8) You can donate through a bank account or by credit card

The Vine (A new Michigan District church start)

continues to work hard in Jesus' mission on the NW side of Grand Rapids. The Vine is hosting an outreach family experience in the Zinser School gymnasium, **Wednesday, May 18** from **5-8 p.m.** Not only has Zinser opened the gym to the Vine for free – but they have also offered to promote the Gospel sharing event with the families of the school. The Vine is looking for volunteers to help with the event. If anyone wants to volunteer for this event, please email <u>kaylynn@onthevinechurch.com</u>. And please, keep this outreach venture in your prayers.



**St. James needs a part-time church secretary**. After many years of faithful service, Karen is stepping away from the position of church secretary. Her last day is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in this part-time position, please ask Pastor Schaeffer for a Job Description.

ISJ will be holding the annual **Walk-a-thon/Trike-a-thon** on **Friday, May 13**. Students will be around the church collecting pledges. We also invite you to come and cheer on our students that afternoon as they complete their laps.

Our **14th annual golf outing** on Saturday, **June 4th** at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. Sign your team up today to enjoy a day of golf, food, prizes, and fun! There are different levels of sponsorship for one or both events ranging from \$100 to \$350.

Questions? Please contact the school office at 616-363-0505 or <u>isjoffice@mychristianschool.com</u>.

All proceeds from these events will be used for student resources at ISJ.

**Thank you** to **Sandra Schaeffer** who organized our Easter outreach event and to all who supported and/or participated in it! Praise be to our triumphant Savior for such a wonderful day and for the opportunity to share the joyful message of His victory over death!

If you would like to take part in a service opportunity, **Friends in Faith**, with funding from Thrivent Financial, is helping the North End Community Ministry provide an evening meal for the community on **May 17** from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. It is held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 224 Carrier St. NE. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Dale Rosema or Melissa Ensing.