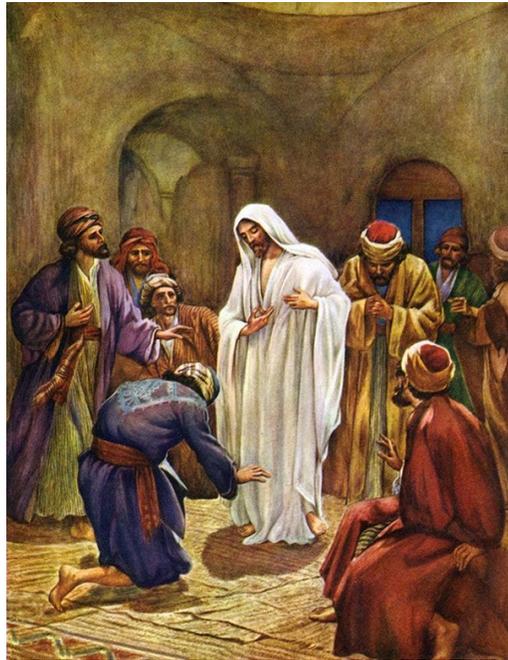


ST. JOHANNES LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHARLESTON, SC



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

We strive to provide meaningful worship, sacred music, commitment to tolerance, open-mindedness, and inclusive love so that people who come through our doors may discover the spirit and compassion of God in the heart of the Holy City.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP TODAY!

✝ WE ARE THRILLED THAT YOU ARE HERE TODAY.

All worshippers, please take a moment and fill out the information sheet located on the the pews. We also welcome any prayer requests, there is a place to put this on the attendance forms as well. If you are looking for a church home, please contact the church office at 843-722-8906.

✝ ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

We welcome all people to our worship here at St. Johannes and all baptized are invited to join us for Holy Communion. It is not "our" table, it is the **Lord's Table**, and you are invited to join us for this special meal. Children who commune should be assisted by an adult near them. Those who are unable to partake of wheaten bread or wine are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone.

✝ THE WATER IN THE FONT

The water in the font reminds us of our baptism into Christ.

✝ RESTROOMS AND QUIET ROOM

These facilities are located in the Parish Building behind the sanctuary. For security reasons, the building may be locked, but a key is in the narthex to unlock the building. The key is hanging by the thermostat. [**Directions to the restroom**: exit the church, turn to the right, and go down the handicap ramp toward the rear of the church. Go up the ramp, and enter the door to the left into the parish building. As you enter, the Quiet Room/Nursery is to the left, and restrooms are to the right. Directional signs are posted for the restrooms. A changing table is located in the women's restroom.]

✝ ABOUT THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the US, with more than 3.5 million members in 65 synods and nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's Work, Our Hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

The congregation's responses are printed in boldface.

**Indicates to please stand.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*The congregation is asked to maintain a reverent quiet during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.
Kindly silence cell phones and electronic devices.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS [*Please stand, as you are able.*]

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Please remain standing, or kneel, as you are able.]

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***ABSOLUTION**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

[Please stand, as you are able.]

***ENTRANCE HYMN #382:** *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (continued on next page)*

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| 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. <i>Refrain</i> | 2 Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. <i>Refrain</i> |
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Refrain Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead

ENTRANCE HYMN #382: *Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

4 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*

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

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Cantor only)

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

[Please be seated.]

✠ WORD ✠

Old and New Testament scriptures are proclaimed.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Lector: A reading from Acts

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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
²It 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 READING: 1 John 1-2:2

Lector says: A reading from First John

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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand, as you are able.]

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter: C: **Glory to you , O 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.**

[Please be seated.]

SERMON

Pastor Rich Donoghue

Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.

***HYMN OF THE DAY #375: Alleluia! Christ is Arisen**

Refrain Alleluia! Christ is arisen.
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

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| <p>1 Run, faithful women, to the grave-side.
Marvel, the stone is rolled away!
Hear from the angel, "He is risen."
Christ goes before you all the way. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>2 Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;
Christ stands before your very eyes.
Quickly return to the disciples;
bear the good news: "He is alive." <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>3 Gather, disciples, in the evening:
suddenly Christ your Lord appears.
"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.
Peace be with you, and do not fear." <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>4 Thomas, where were you on that evening?
"I'll not believe unless I see."
Christ comes again, and ev'ry Lord's day:
"Touch me and see; have faith in me." <i>Refrain</i></p> |

*NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the Living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *[Please stand or kneel, as you are able.]*

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others *especially* **Julie Riel, Bob Oswald, Judy Long, Linda Mizzell, Gerry Naumann, Betty Addison, Victor Thompson, Sharon Masso, Monte Mims, Tammy Tanner, Marcy Floyd, Connie Morgan, Charles Long III, Anne Foster, Marie Mood, Barbara Lyerly, Mary Sweat, Elmore Marlow, Ted Bowers, Bill Cornwell, Marilyn Stehmeier, Bryan Steele, and those we name aloud and in our hearts.** . Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (*name*). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *continued*

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy (*especially*). Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

[Please be seated after the peace.]

✠ MEAL ✠

The elements of bread and wine are blessed and prepared for the people of God.

*OFFERTORY HYMN *Our Lord Christ Has Risen, the Tempter is Foiled*

by William Plunket

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. C: **Amen**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING *The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

P: The Lord be with you. 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 our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

The minister continues with the preface appointed for the day.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Cantor Only

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen

***THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please be seated]

HOLY COMMUNION

Please bring your cup with you. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms. After communing, place the cup in the receptacle by the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD (*Cantor only*)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Please come by center aisle and leave by side aisle. People with mobility problems will commune after your side has communed, or pastor will come to your pew.

[When all persons have communed, we stand.]

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE.

***BLESSING**

P: 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.
C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN #376:** *Thine Is the Glory*

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

Refrain

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

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***SENDING HYMN #376:** *Continued*

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| 2 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! <i>Refrain</i> | 3 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. <i>Refrain</i> | <i>Refrain</i>
Thine is the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won! |
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***DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ushers will dismiss by rows beginning with the back rows.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Robbin Mosier

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Pooh Kanapaux and Andy Hogue given by
Lloyd and Mary Lou Waitshcies.

NEXT WEEK

10:00 a.m. - The Service with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick and/or Recovering: Julie Riel, Bob Oswald, Gerry Naumann, Betty Addison, Victor Thompson, Sharon Masso, Monte Mims, Tammy Tanner, Marcy Floyd, Connie Morgan, Charles Long III, Anne Foster, Marie Mood, Barbara Lyerly, Mary Sweat, Elmore Marlow, Ted Bowers, Bill Cornwell, Marilyn Stehmeier, and Bryan Steele

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, April 25** immediately following the service.

CONGREGATION FORUM MEETINGS

There will be two forums – one on **April 23rd from 6 pm. - 8 pm. and one on April 24th from 11 am. - 1 pm. in Gatch Hall.** Presentations will be made by the Rev. James Henricks, Conflict Resolution consultant and representatives of the Listening Team and Church Council. For any questions, please contact the church office.

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