

**ST. JOHANNES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

CHARLESTON, SC

*Alleluia*

He is

*Risen*

**EASTER  
APRIL 4, 2021  
11:00 A.M.**

## **WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP TODAY!**

### **✝ WE ARE THRILLED THAT YOU ARE HERE TODAY.**

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment and fill out the information sheet located on the back of the pews, so we can welcome you properly. 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 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.

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

(ELW—Setting 4)

*The congregation's responses are printed in boldface.*

*\*Indicates to please stand.*

**PRELUDE** *Sinfonia in D Major*

*Henry Purcell*

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** [*Please stand as you are able.*]

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

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

*Silence for self-reflection.*

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN #365:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!<br>our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!         | 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br>unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!<br>who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br>sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! |
| 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!<br>our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!<br>where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!<br>praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!          |

**\*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.**



\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**[Please be seated.]**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Lector says: A reading from Acts

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD| is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Lector says: A reading from First Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

**SECOND READING:** *continued*

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** *Very Early in the Morning Angels Rolled the Stone Away*

*Music by Sean Holleran dedicated to St. Johannes Lutheran Church, Easter 2021*

**\*THE GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8** *[Please stand, as you are able.]*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to you , O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*[Please be seated.]*

**SERMON:**

*Pastor Rich Donoghue*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #363:** *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*[Please stand, as you are able.]*

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| 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain<br>of triumphant gladness!<br>God has brought forth Israel<br>into joy from sadness,<br>loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke<br>Jacob's sons and daughters;<br>led them with unmoistened foot<br>through the Red Sea waters. | 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:<br>Christ has burst his prison,<br>and from three days' sleep in death<br>as a sun has risen.<br>All the winter of our sins,<br>long and dark, is flying<br>from the Light to whom we give<br>laud and praise undying. | 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright<br>with the day of splendor,<br>with the royal feast of feasts<br>comes its joy to render;<br>comes to glad Jerusalem,<br>who with true affection<br>welcomes in unwearied strain<br>Jesus' resurrection! |
| 4 Neither could the gates of death,<br>nor the tomb's dark portal,<br>nor the watchers, nor the seal<br>hold you as a mortal:<br>but today, among your own,<br>you appear, bestowing<br>your deep peace, which evermore<br>passes human knowing.                 | 5 Alleluia! now we cry<br>to our Lord immortal,<br>who triumphant burst the bars<br>of the tomb's dark portal;<br>Alleluia! with the Son<br>God the Father praising;<br>Alleluia! yet again<br>to the Spirit raising.                                    |  |

## \*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.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve *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.** Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with (*Benedict the African and*) all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" 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. **Amen.**



**\*THE PEACE**

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

✠ **MEAL** ✠

**OFFERTORY** *Air and Voluntary for Oboe*

*GF Handel*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** *[Please stand, as you are able.]*

A: Let us pray.

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.**

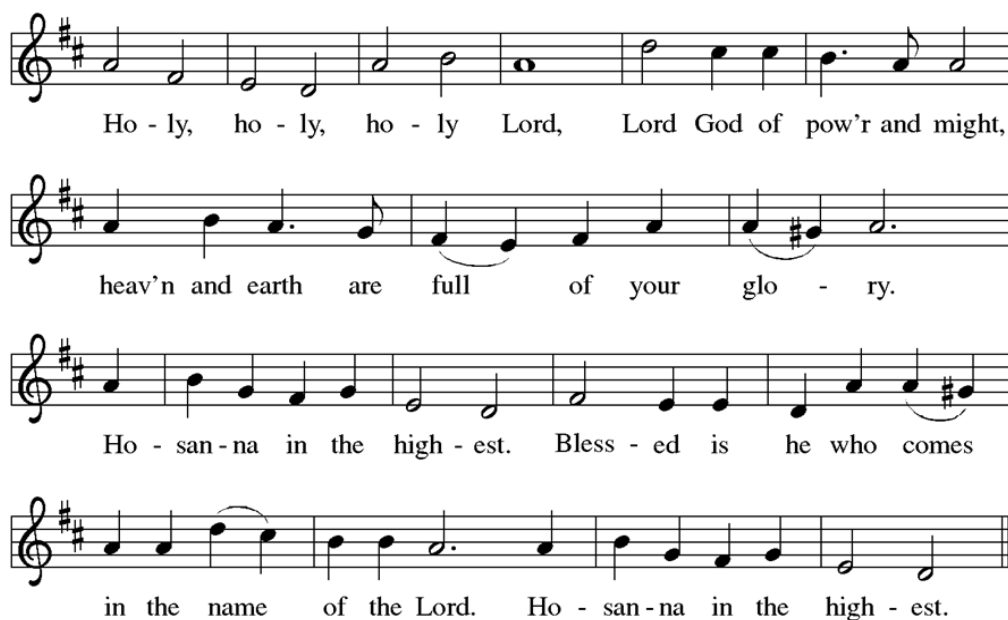
**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** *The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.**

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breath new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **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.**

*[Please be seated.]*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

## **DISTRIBUTION OF 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.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**    *Bread of Life from Heaven*  
*I Am the Bread of Life*

*[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. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN #369:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

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| 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!<br>Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!<br>offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!<br>at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia! | 2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!<br>sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! |
| 3. Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!<br>God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!<br>when contending death and life, Alleluia!<br>met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!  | 4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!<br>all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!     |

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**    *Fugue in F Major*

*J. S. Bach*

**SERVING TODAY**

**Worship Assistant:** Kay Winnett

**Ushers:** Pedro Rivas and Lloyd Waitschies

The Easter flowers are given by Kay Winnett in memory of Michael Winnett

The wreaths on the gate and the Easter Cross is decorated in memory of Dr. & Mrs. I.E. Long, Sr. by the family.

**NEXT WEEK**

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

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Sick and/or Recovering:** 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,

**ANNUAL MEETING**

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

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