

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA**



**Easter Day
The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 17, 2022**

PRELUDE

PROCESSION ~ *Hail Thee Festival Day*

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Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;
 day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

WELCOME

Lent's 40 days and 40 nights bring us to Easter's delight. Welcome! We gather on this beautiful Easter Sunday blessed by the Creator's display of greenery, flowers and the message of new life and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*ALLELUIA

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad it it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

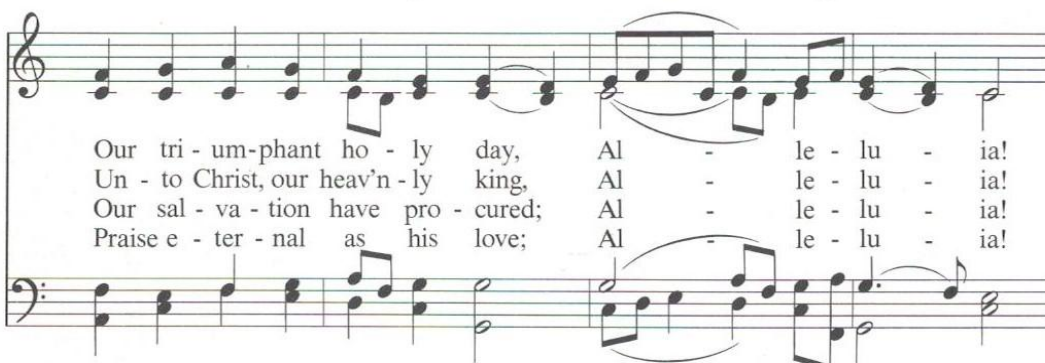
C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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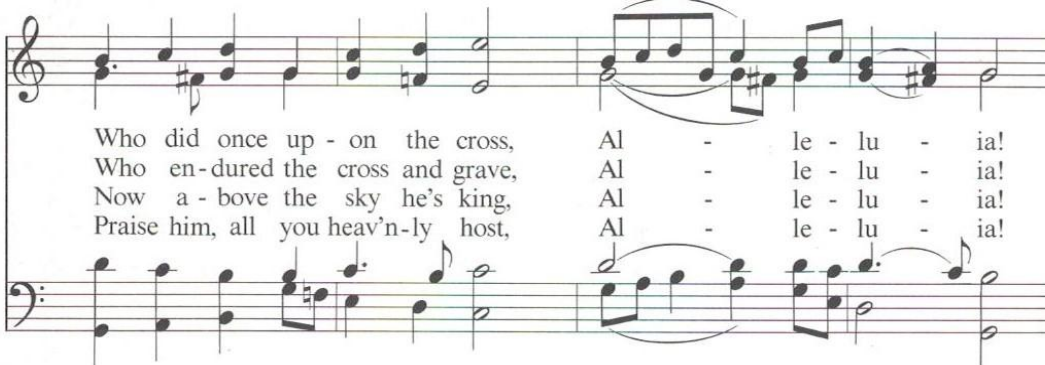
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



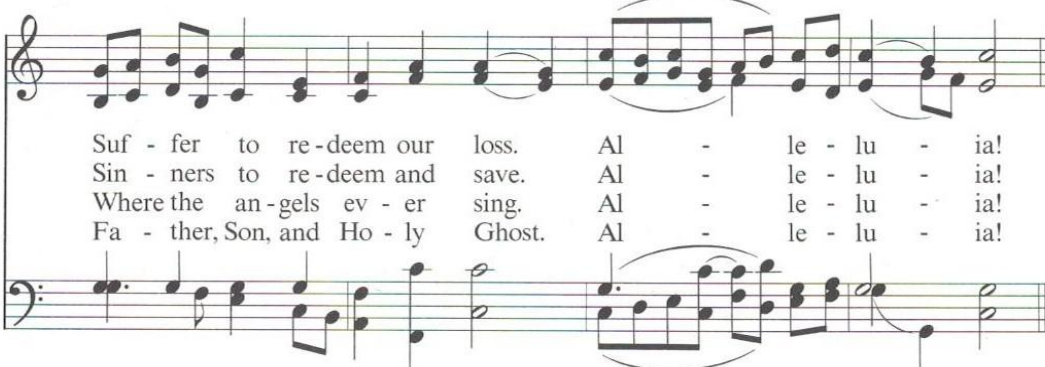
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr.
 Lyra Davidica, London, 1708, sts. 1-3
 Tune: Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

P Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy. 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. Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

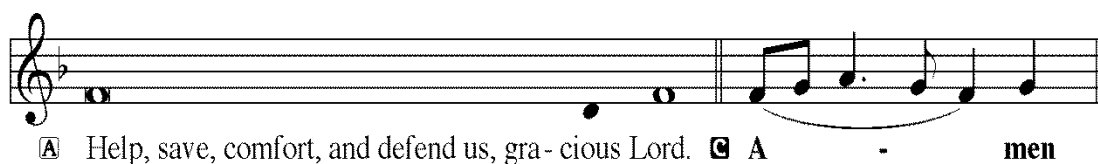
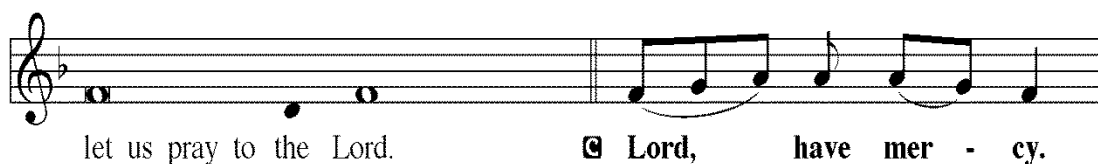
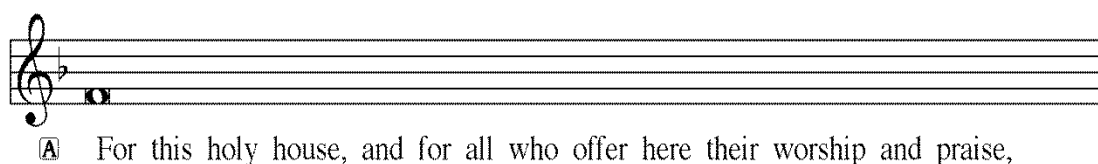
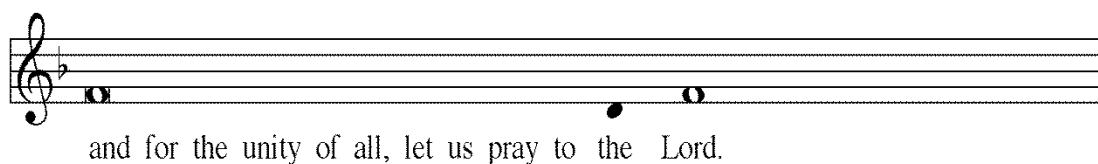
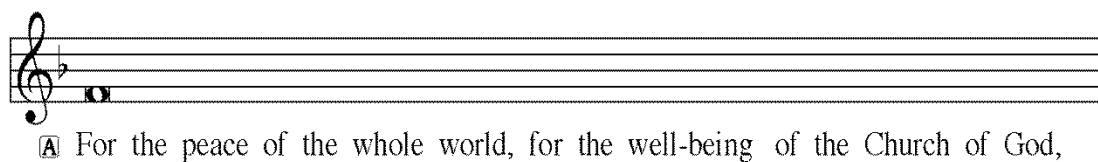
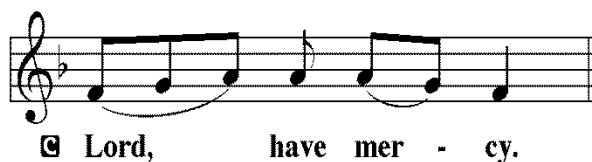
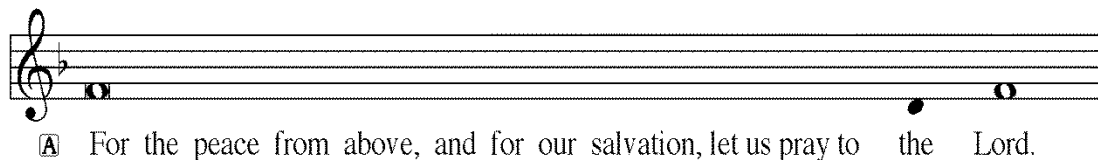
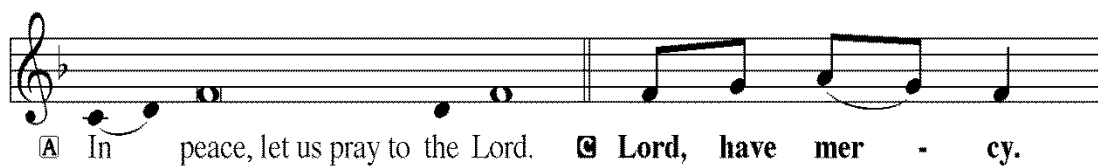
C **we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

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**

***HYMN of PRAISE** (organ will play a prelude)

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.
 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.
 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.

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

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**



 The Lord be with you.  And al-so with you.

P 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 65:17-25

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, congregation sings together 1x. As psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 10:34-43 (Celebrate page 1)

after the reading

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

MESSAGE

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and 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 of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

***THE PEACE** ~ Let us extend the Peace that Christ brings to us today with the greeting: 'Christ is Risen!' and responding 'Christ is Risen indeed!'

P The Peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

P Christ is Risen!

C Christ is Risen indeed!'

ALL: Hallelujah! Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ! Hallelujah!

Please extend the Peace to those in the sanctuary and beyond our walls with the words and response ~

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Risen

Lisa Griffith

OFFERING ~ (please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out, or if you are worshipping from the back parking lot you may leave them - in the box by the outside basement steps)

*OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given
us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your
gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

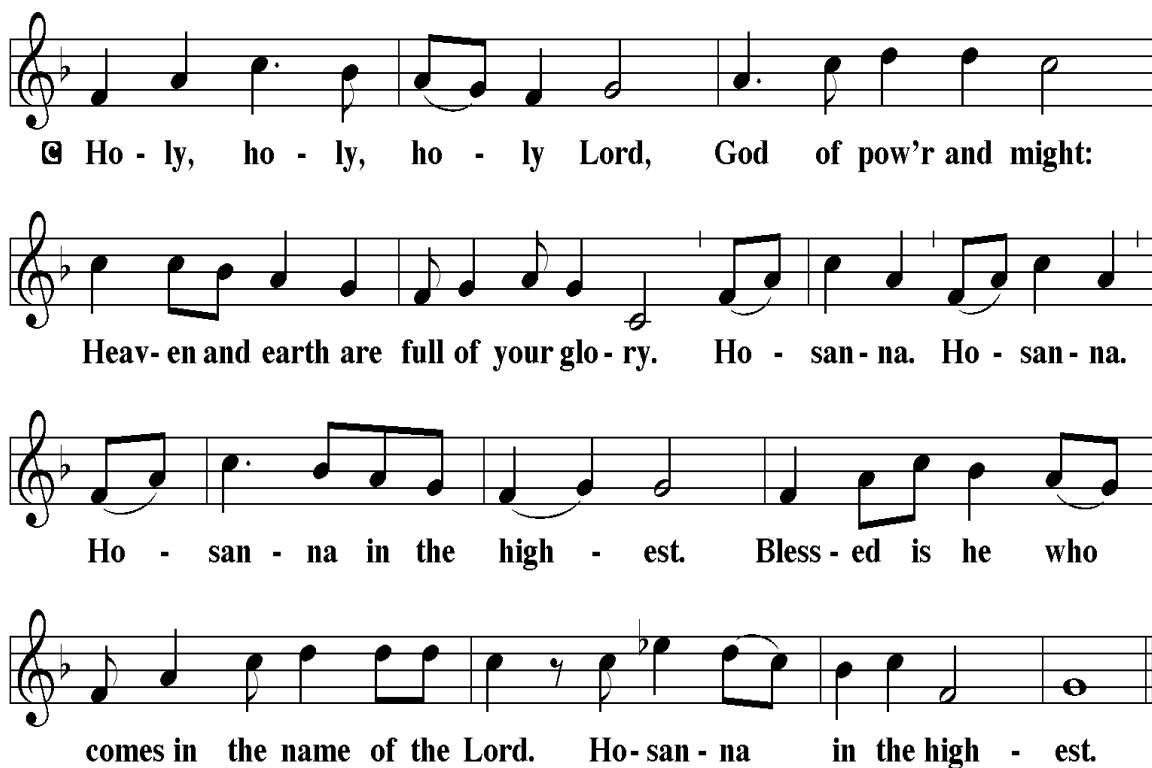
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE for EASTER.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness; while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



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.

P 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.

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

COMMUNION

[People sitting on the parking lot side of the sanctuary will come up and take the bread and cup on your right and circle around up the side aisle back to your seats. Those sitting on the Mechanic Side will take bread and cup on your left and circle around up the left side aisle back to your seats.]

Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life: the body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

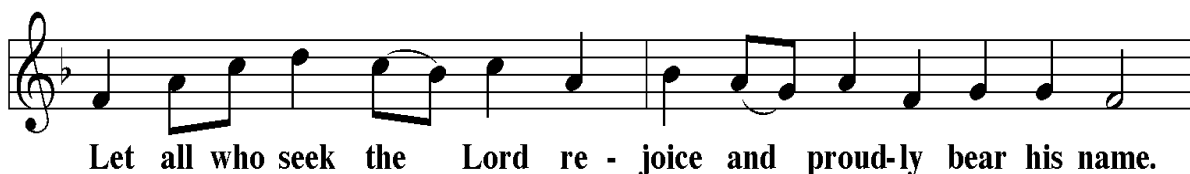
P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

After Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

P Let us pray.

P As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us.

C Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

P Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

*HYMN ~ *Thine is the Glory*

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Thine Is the Glory

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!

***DISMISSAL**

P Go from here renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present. Look for the blessings that await you this week. Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate. Tell the story of hope. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Ron and Carol Fultz in memory of his father,
Lawrence “Bud” Fultz and their grandson, Gage Michael Fultz.

The Candelabra greens are given to the Glory of God in honor of the
Lawrence “Linz” and Susanne “Toot” Stroup Family.

The Easter Flowers in St. John’s
are given to the Glory of God by...

*Edna Chester in memory of her loved ones,
and in honor of her family.*

*Jami Zook and Mike Boring in honor of
their children and grandchildren.*

Ruth Baker in memory of husband, Charles Baker.

*Eleanore Rachau in loving memory of husband,
Dick Rachau and her sister, Vivian Hassinger.*

*Bob and Susan Keller in memory of their parents,
Bob and Virginia Keller, Mark and Dot Smoker.
Neil Himes and family in loving memory of Pam Himes.*

*John and Denise Chester in memory of
John H. Chester, William and Charlotte Clarke,
and in honor of their family.*

*John and Brenda Boring in memory of
their loved ones who have passed, and are
experiencing the benefits of Christ’s resurrection.
Happy Easter!*

*Ron and Carol Fultz in honor of their parents,
Jane Fultz, John and Jane McKinley and Bob Treaster.*

*Ron and Carol Fultz in honor of
their children and grandchildren,
Zach, Jenny and Vance,
Ryan, Ashley Nicole, Kayden, Owen and Colton,
Ashley Ann, Scott and Alexa.*

*Jane Fultz in loving memory of her husband, Bud,
and in honor of Ron and Carol, Cheryl and Dave and their families.*

*Reba Harmon in memory of
Jim Harmon and John (J.P.) Zook.*

*Jay and Joy Byler in memory of John and Mary Byler,
and in honor of their grandchildren,
Miley, Elliana, Kaden and Easton.*

*Carolyn Conner in loving memory of Ron Conner,
Mr. and Mrs. Clay Boring, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conner,
Russell Lee Conner and Samuel Metz.*

*Don and Rosalie Smith in memory of their parents,
Bud and Elsie Smith, Merrill and Henrietta Naylor,
Rosalie's sisters, Jackie Naylor, Bibie Morton,
and her brother, George Naylor.*

*Don and Rosalie Smith in honor of their sons and families,
Don and Benita Smith, Jed and Alice Smith,
Eric and Cynthia Hileman, Sarah Smith,
Samantha Smith and Alexandra Smith.*

Pastor Ela in honor of St. John's congregation.



Worship Team:**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo**Special Music:** Lisa Griffith**Communion Servers:** Rev. Rosalie Smith, Joy Byler, Carol Fultz**Greeter:** Georgianna Buchanan**Reader:** Ed Bilich**Sound Tech:** Jay Byler**Elevator:** Joe Kanagy**Church Office:** 935-2032**Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Please remember in prayer ~ Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, Calvin Baker, Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Carolyn Malone (Rest Haven, York), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

We thank our music and worship committee for helping to select hymns, serve communion and provide our Hot Cross buns brunch today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council is hosting a fellowship time with light refreshments this morning in the library (8:30 – 9:30am), and again following the service in the narthex.

The Synod Listening Committee sessions are being held this Saturday. A sign-up can be found in the narthex for anyone interested in participating. Please make sure to not leave spaces between the time frames, if possible.

Use the side door by the coatroom to enter the church, and wait in the narthex. A team member will come for you. This is your opportunity to speak freely about St. John's as a whole. Be assured, your opinion will be heard and is valued.

There are copies of the updated member address directory available in the narthex. Please note ~ email addresses and cell numbers are **only listed** for members who requested they be shared. If you **did not** turn in an address update form, the information included in the booklet is what the church currently has on file for you.

There is a Property Committee meeting tomorrow, Monday, April 18 at 6:30pm. All committee members are urged to attend.

Social Ministry to collect personal care and first aid items for Liberia. Your donations can be placed in one of the boxes located in the coatroom area and narthex

Multivitamins, Band-Aids, gauze, tape, Q-tips, digital thermometers, eye drops, anti-bacterial ointment, tweezers and alcohol wipes, or you can purchase a readymade First Aid kit. Deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults/children.

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday morning duties in May and June. If you can help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex.

Next Sunday, April 24

Greeters ~ John and Brenda Boring

Lay Reader ~ John Boring

January 1 thru April 14, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 36 Offering ~ \$ 2,065.00

St. John's ~ Income \$69,109.23 Expense \$54,801.86
Net Income \$14,307.37

Daycare ~ Income \$128,036.40 Expense \$107,995.48
Net Income \$20,040.92