Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day

March 31, 2024



St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!) (Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE Easter Joy Handbell Choir

(Music: John A. Behnke; © 2006 The American guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,

let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

your voice thundered over the deep

and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea

into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official

entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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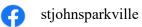
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The Pastors are off on Fridays



Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.





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This week's schedule				
Today		Handbell Choir (Music Room)		
	10 am	Live & Online Worship		
Mon.		Office closed		
Tues.				
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)		
	5:30 pm	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)		
	6:45 pm	Wed. Night Worship (Smith Building)		
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)		
Thurs.				
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)		
Sat.				

Counting our Blessings				
Wed.	Attendance: 50	2024		
3/20	Offering: \$306	February Offering Income	\$25,380	
		February Other Income	\$ 6,936	
Sun.		February Total Income	\$32,316	
3/24	Attendance: 149	February Expenses	\$41,541	
	Offering: \$ 6,038	YTD Offering Income	\$55,715	
Homebound: 16	YTD Other Income	\$16,407		
		YTD Total Income	\$72,122	
		YTD Expenses	\$74,289	

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365

(Text: Latin carol, 14 th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON - "The Tale of Three Trees"

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

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³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the

baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Ginny Wehr, Mary Gude, Dennis Buckless, Lisa Muhlbach, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Tim Hartman, Mary Jo Rother, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, William Bold, Sr., Fran Eliopoulos, Eleni Bowden, Laney Stowell, Mary Margaret Wroten, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Russell Fitch, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Donna Boblooch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Lillian Miller

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

"The Chosen" Discipleship Series



Join us every Tuesday for 8 weeks starting April 16 - June 4 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm as we explore the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by **CLAIM** (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30 pm.

April 16 & 23 @ St. Luke: 7001 Harford Rd.

April 30 & May 7@ St. John's: That's us! 8808 Harford Rd

May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community: 6200 Loch Raven Blvd

May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor: 9833 Harford Rd.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Tony Jasinski
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	James W., Jack W.
Lector	Lee Smith
Communion Assistant	Lee Smith
Dismissal Assistant	Alec B.

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SECOND READING Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

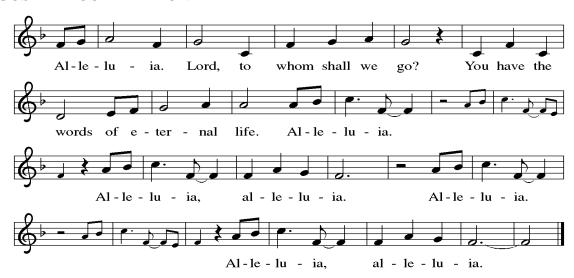
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When 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]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been

saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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." ⁸So 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.

ELW 364

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

(Text: Bernard Kymanywa, b. 1938. Tr. Howard S. Olson, 1922-2010; Music: Tanzanian traditional; Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress; Tr. © 1977 Howard S. Olson, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

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;

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on April 3rd after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Join us at Wayback Burgers for our next Restaurant Night on Tuesday, April 16th for 4-8 pm. Flyers are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. Bring a flyer and you appetite while supporting St. John's.



Save the Date for our Prayer Partner Luncheon on April 28th at 11:45 am. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Partner Program, fill out a form and place it in the box located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary by Sunday, April 14th. Any questions, contact Vickie Jasinski at 410-529-7536.

Smores' and More sponsored by Family Ministry will take place on Friday, May 3rd at 6 pm. This will be a fun evening of games, devotions and smores', of course! We will meet in the park.





Baskets, Bags & More Bingo will be held on Saturday, May 4th. The bingo will be held at St. Ursula Auditorium. Doors open at 6 pm and the bingo begins at 7 pm. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

Help Needed for Music Camp...If you know of any high school or college students who enjoy and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and love working with children, PLEASE contact Martha at mrequard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program. Dates & times are as follows:



Music Campette-July 29-31; 9 am-noon; for students who have completed K-grade 2 Musical Camp-August 12-16; 9 am-2 pm; for students who have completed grades 3-8



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! This years program is Camp Firelight "A Summer Camp Adventure with God" and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp in Jefferson, MD invites you to join us this summer!
Family Campers and youth ages 6-17 are welcome. We never turn anyone away for financial reasons, so please ask about our Campership fund if needed. Come experience small-group camping, swimming, hiking, sleep-outs, new friends, and exciting activities that challenge you to grow in confidence and in faith - all in a safe and inclusive community. Our 2024 Theme is "Created To Be!" Registration is open. For more information visit mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/ or call 800.238.9974.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, April 7th—Second Sunday of Easter
† 9 am—Handbell Choir
† 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship
† 10 am—Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
11:30 am—Youth Group
Visit stjohnsparkville.org

The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Mary Gude's birthday from Robin Dibley.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are April 7th, June 2nd, 23rd, and 30th, July 14th, 21st, and 28th, August 4th, 18th, and 25th, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, October 6th, and 13th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



FOR THOUGHT

The Food for Thought Program is in need of Chef Boyardee single serving meals and tuna & chicken salad kits. We are also in need of shoppers to purchases the needed items. Contact the church office for more information or if you can help.

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, April 3rd beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the March meal.



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 THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace.

Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC The Lord is Risen

Adult Choir

(Incorporating Jesus Christ is Risen Today [Music: Robert Williams, 1817; Words: Latin hymn, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708]; Original words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Michael Barrett; © 2009 Hal Leonard)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

(Please stand as you are able.)

Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One. you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



* May be sung in canon.

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I Am the Bread of Life

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(Text and music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6: Text and music © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993 GIA publications, Inc.)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, Jesus Christ, source of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

(Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent,; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

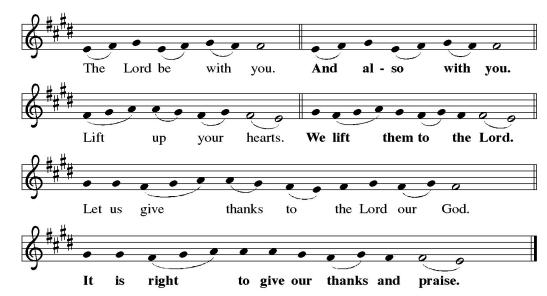
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Peter Benjamin

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PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are Holy (See page 13)

ELW 525

(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your chosen people from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.

Be known to us, Lord

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COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

ELW 493

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