

# resurrection **REALity**

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RESURRECTION REALITY  
THE LIVING LORD PRODUCES ACTIVE  
FAITH

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4911 Brauer Road - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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Welcome to our worship service! In our services here at St. John we have two chief goals. Our first goal is to be built up in our faith through the only means God has given to us, the gospel found in God's Word and Sacraments. Our second goal is to give praise to God—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit—alone. As we seek these two goals we are equipped to carry out our mission—*Come, Grow, Live, and Share Christ!* May the Lord bless our worship today.

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### Guests

We welcome you to St. John with joy in our hearts that you chose to worship with us today! Instructions for worship are found in the bulletin and will be announced by pastor. There is a **calming room** in the back of church available for parents to calm and care for their children during the service. **Bathrooms** are located downstairs and to the left. A **changing table** is available in the women's bathroom. Should you have any other questions, please speak with one of the ushers or with pastor.

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### Guidelines for Worship

- The order of service is called *The Service: Setting One*. It begins on page 154 in the blue pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*.
  - The hymns can be found in the hymnal.
  - Worship Folders: We encourage you to take them home for weekly review of worship or to share with a friend.
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### Resurrection REALity

If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but also the way we look at life now. The a great theologian of long ago, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"— seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection.

Our Easter season worship follows this pattern.

Fifth Sunday of Easter 4/28

Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/5

Seventh Sunday of Easter 5/12

The Living Lord Produces Active Faith

Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours

We Will Overcome This Hostile World

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## **Theme of the Day - Resurrection REALity: The Living Lord Produces Active Faith**

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Our actions are largely shaped by our beliefs. People who eat low-carb diets do so, probably not because they hate pasta, but because they believe it is healthy. Christians believe that Christ's resurrection means our resurrection to a glorious eternal life. That simply will show in how we act.

Yet it is not only the facts of the resurrection, or even belief in the resurrection, that shapes our behavior. Jesus Christ has taken up residence in our hearts. In our Gospel reading he likens himself to a vine and us to fruitful branches. How it makes eyes glad to see ripening fruit. Jesus says, "This is what my forgiven, saved people look like. Through me they produce abundant fruit."

### **HYMN—454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

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*Please stand and turn to page 154 in the hymnal.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. are us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:32-37**

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<sup>32</sup> The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common.

<sup>33</sup> The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the

proceeds received from what was sold, <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed.

<sup>36</sup> Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

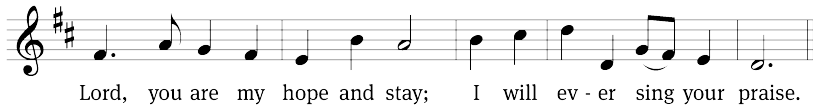
M: The Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 63

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### Refrain



### Tone



You, God, / are my God,  
earnestly I / seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being / longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no / water.  
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary  
and beheld your power and your / glory. **Refrain**

Because your love is bet- / ter than life,  
my lips will glori- / fy you.  
I will praise you as long / as I live,  
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.  
Because you / are my help,  
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:18-24

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts

condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. <sup>22</sup> We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. <sup>23</sup> This then is his command: that we believe in the

name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

**M:** The Word of the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

*Stand*

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia. Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen fro the dead! Alleluia.

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### **GOSPEL:** *John 15:1-8*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

<sup>3</sup> "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him

is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Children's Message:** *Children, especially pre-school and elementary age, are invited to come to the front of the church with Pastor for a message from God's Word.*

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**HYMN — 767 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

## ***Remaining in Jesus***

*After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 163 in the hymnal as we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

### **Offering Hymn— 466 v.4 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia***

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| 4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave; he has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." | Let us sing praise to him with endless joy; death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.<br>Our sin forgiving, alleluia!<br>Jesus is living, Alleluia! |
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We continue on page 171 in the hymnal.

### **HYMN — 730 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

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## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Our Shut-ins:** Margaret Evenson, Diane Teddleton, Sandy Hillmer

**Our Leaders,** local, state, and federal.

**Our Providers,** those in healthcare, emergency, medical, research, food supply, etc.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Five Favorite Hymns**

We still have three left, including today right after worship. Learn the captivating stories behind these hymns, study them, and then appreciate them in a whole new light the following Sunday when we sing them in worship! 4/28 - Amazing Grace; 5/5 - How Great Thou Art; 5/12 Silent Night.

### **Soccer Camp**

We will be participating in a soccer camp the second week of July. This year it will be paired with St. Peter's and held at the fairgrounds. We are looking forward to building up and reaching out!

### **Spring Cleaning**

We are still working on cleaning God's house. Come any time Monday - Friday and deep clean a part of God's house.

### **Confirmation and Examination**

Two weeks from today will be the examination of this year's confirmation class, with their confirmation scheduled for the following Sunday, May 19th. This year's four students completing confirmation class are Braelyn Staats, Alexis Staats, Everett Luedtke and Ruby Haberli.

### **Door County Joint Ascension Day Worship**

The Ascension Worship will be held Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. It is a joint Ascension Day Worship for all our WELS congregations in the area. All members of our community are also welcome to attend. Pastor Carl Schroeder from St. Peter's Lutheran will be our preacher. Pastor Peter Martin from St. John, Valmy will be presiding over the liturgy. There will also be a special music by joint choir members. After the expenses, the offering will be given to the WELS "100 Missions in 10 years" initiative for Home Missions. A joint potluck meal will also be held at 5:30 pm in St. Peter's Fellowship Hall before the service. Please bring casseroles, salads or desserts.

## ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS April 28, 2024

### Schedule

Monday 7:00 p.m. - Sunday School Teachers Meeting  
Wednesday 6:30 a.m. - Joint WELS Bible Class @ St. Peter's  
3:30-5:00 p.m. - Catechism Class  
Thursday Noon - Ladies Aid Meeting & Luncheon  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

### Birthdays

April 28-Tim Ash; May 3-Niki Peterson; 3rd-Genna Weise

### Anniversaries

None

### Altar Guild

May 5-Phyllis Simon; 19th-Barb Schaefer; June 2-Tanya Hasenjager; 3rd-Jane Goggins

### Ushering

April - Dave Tomjanovich & Darrel Viste  
May - Kevin Wilke & Ed Staats

### Communion Server

April - Mike Nolte  
May - Brian Schram

### Church Cleaning

Week beginning: April 29-S. Tanck & M. Kramer; May 6-Ehlers/Grasse Family; 13th-Wilke Family; 20th-Lynn Nelson Family; 27th-Tomjanovich Family; June 3-J. Schumacher & R. Ott; 10th-B. Schaefer & D. Luedtke; 17th-P. Simon & A. Gilbert; 24th-Andreae/Staats Family; July 1-Martin Family

### Scrip

Please remember that Scrip is available in our library before and after services. They are honored by many area businesses at face value, and proceeds goes to Christian Education. You can contact Jane at [jane@door-web.com](mailto:jane@door-web.com) or call (920) 743-1964.