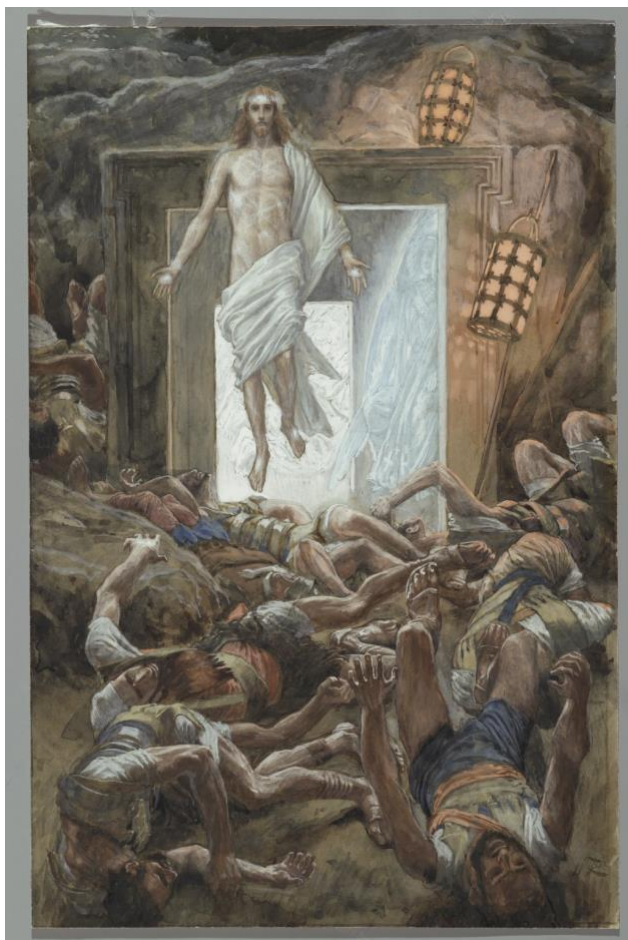



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, FL

Enriching the lives of people we meet by sharing the grace of God.

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
Pastor John Glover



The Resurrection by James Tissot 1886-1894 Brooklyn Museum 

THE PRELUDE

Hallelujah! The Lamb Lives Again
Arranged by: Randy Vader & Jay Rouse

Thine is the Glory
Arranged by: Lloyd Larson

(Please stand.)

THE WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LSB 457

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! | 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

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THE INVOCATION AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Praise to the Victor in the age-old battle.

C: Satan is vanquished! Christ is arisen!

P: Praise to the keeper of the covenant promise.

C: Sin is banished! Christ is arisen!

P: Praise to the Son, the Servant, the Savior!

C: Darkness begone! Christ is arisen!

P: Praise to our Monarch; awaited Messiah!

C: Longing is over! Christ is arisen!

P: Praise for the cross has released our Redeemer!

C: The grave is now empty! Christ is arisen!

P: Praise for the Shepherd is guarding forever!

C: The flock dwells in safety! Christ is arisen!

P: Praise for a love that will live without ending!

C: Sin, shame and guilt cannot stop His embracing!

P: Praise for a joy that engulfs Joseph's Garden.

C: Angels will whisper: "Christ is arisen!"

P: Praise for a peace that will pass understanding.

C: In the valley of the shadow Christ is arisen!

P: Indeed.

C: Indeed!

P: For Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please continue standing or kneel.)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, we are reminded of our sins and our need for a Savior.

C: Let us then confess our sins to our God, who is gracious and compassionate.

P: Risen Savior,

C: even in Your resurrection You bore the wounds of one who was crucified for our sins. As we come to Your feast to receive Your body and blood, we come in our sinful condition, wholly dependent on Your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Your innocent suffering and death and raise us to new life given to us in Your resurrection.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF PRAISE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 191

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (11:00am Worship only)

Stephanie Karolus

THE SERMON

Pastor John Glover

(Please stand.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Gathered at the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence.)

P: God of every Easter, invigorate the church with the good news of death to sin and resurrection to new life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Easter rebirth, renew creation with rain, warmth, and a creator's love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Easter everywhere, charge and challenge leaders of all nations to be servants and peacemakers. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Easter joy, surprise, amaze, and comfort all who seek healing especially those we name before you silently....Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Easter people, hear the prayers of this congregation on this and every day. Give wisdom and patience to our leadership. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions are offered.)

P: God of Easter promises, invite us into the hope and joy of Christ's victory over death. We celebrate the life and witness of all the saints You have called by name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

BENEDICTION FOR FOLKS AT HOME

LSB 202

(Please be seated.)

THE OFFERING

THE VOLUNTARY

Easter Gloria By: Mark Hayes

(Please stand.)



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Living God,

C: in Christ's resurrection You have raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might have life through the gifts You have entrusted to us to use and to share. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Please be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!
Joyful, Joyful, Christ Is Risen.
Up from the Grave He Arose.

Arranged by: Barbara Baltzer Kinyon
Arranged by: Douglas E. Wagner
Arranged by: Samuel Stokes

(Please stand.)

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this meal we have encountered Your resurrected presence.

C: Use this sacrament to fill us with a sure faith in Your promises each day and a confident hope in the resurrection and the life to come. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

(from Hebrews 13)

P: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever."

C: Amen!

P: Go in peace. Share the saving news that Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Please be seated for the postlude and join to sing following Dr. Kesling's direction

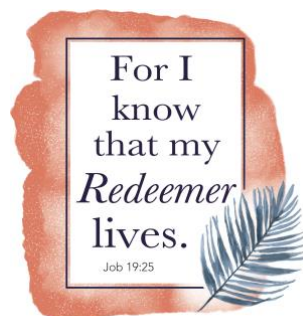
POSTLUDE

Crown Him Arranged by: Dan Forrest

(Also LSB 525)

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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**First Lutheran welcomes our newly baptized by giving gifts for the little one.
We welcome Georgia by bringing 7-month-old gifts.
A nice pink bin will be in the Narthex for your gracious gifts.**

**Flowers provided today by The Dietrichs with Easter Blessings and
celebrating our April birthdays:
Karen (4/9), Danny (4/17) and Todd (4/22)**

FLC INFORMATION

THE HOLY BAPTISM OF Joseph R. Piraux Jr.

- *Vacation Bible School Request** – clean plastic mayo or peanut butter jars are needed.
Place in the VBS donations box in the Narthex
- *Vacation Bible School volunteer meeting** is May 1, after worship in the Fellowship Hall
- *VPK-5th Grade Sunday School** – May 1st and 15th at 9:00am
- *FLC Card Ministry** meets the first Monday of every month at 1:00pm
- *Miriam Circle** meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00am
- *Grief Share Support Group** meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- *Godwink** is collecting for Teacher Appreciation in the month of April. Breakfast will be served to the teachers at Lake Forest Teachers Week. Donations are welcomed.
We are also getting ready for a book giveaway in May.
- *2022 Vacation Bible School** will be June 24-25. Registration is open. Contact Miss Stephanie.
- *FLC Food Train** is available for members of our church who need just a little love and help during a challenging time of death or illness or surgery. Contact the office.
- *Apr-Jun 2022 Portals of Prayer** are available in the Narthex.
- *Reminder that Care Notes** are available in the office lobby to assist you
- *Rightnow Media** over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults.
Text FLCGainesville to 49775 to get started
- *B.A.S.I.C. Nicaragua** – Barbara Hughes has shared some pictures and a testimonial from a family recently there helping build houses. Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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Director of Music

Leeann Lee
Church Administrator

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our worship every Sunday.

We welcome to our communion table all baptized Christians who:

- come confessing their sins to God,
- believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin,
- desire to live a new life in Christ, and
- recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people who have not yet taken part in our Communion preparation classes are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

- We have gluten free wafers on the platens for those allergic to wheat.
- Apple juice is also available in the center portion of the communion trays for those wishing not partake in wine.

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Please stop and speak with Pastor John or DCE Stephanie

*The bold portions are the parts the congregation say together.

*Prayers of the Church are prayers for others throughout the world, family, and friends.

*Confession and Absolution we confess our sins to God and Pastor grants us forgiveness

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