

*(Pastors and people return home to watch and pray for the light of the new morning when we will continue this service and meet our risen Lord in His Holy Supper; offerings may be left at the door as you leave the sanctuary.)*

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**Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Moss  
**Kantor:** Dr. Crystal Rossow

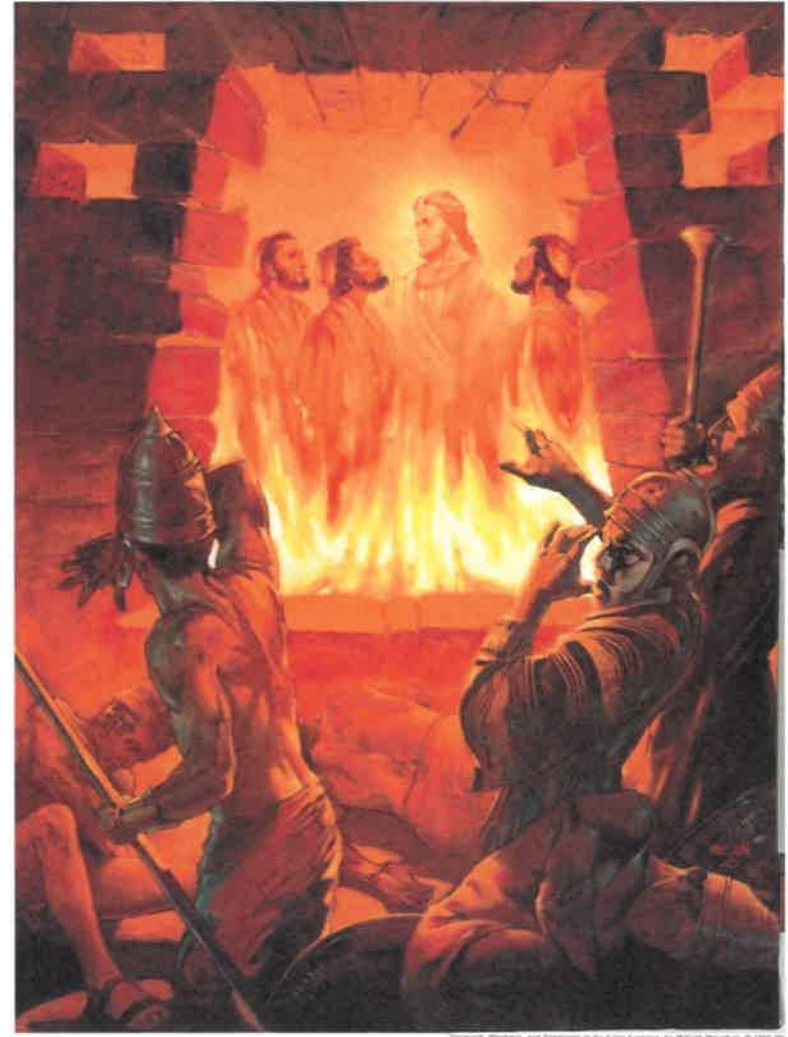
Choir: St. John's Adult Choir  
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Acolyte: Miranda Blanck & Sam Brustuen

### † Schedule for Divine Services †

**EASTER SUNDAY:** 6:00 am: *(completion of the Vigil Service)*  
8:00 am: *Divine Service with Lord's Supper*  
10:30 am: *Divine Service with Lord's Supper*  
7:00 – 10:00 am: *Easter breakfast*



## Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Corcoran, Minnesota



**Easter Vigil**  
**Thirty-first of March, in the Year of our Lord**  
**Two Thousand Eighteen**

† Vigil of Easter †  
Service of Light

The Paschal Candle is Presented

Procession (All light their candles from the paschal candle; as the Candle is brought in the pastor & people chant responsively the following three times)

P: The light of Christ.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice! 146

1 Re-joice, an-gel-ic choirs, re-joice! Re-joice now, all cre-  
2 O earth, ex-ult in ra-diance bright, Il-lu-mined by Christ's  
3 Let all who gath-er round this flame, The sign of Christ's a-

a- tion! Let trum-pets loud-ly raise their voice To hail the  
splen-dor! Your dark-ness now is put to flight; To him due  
ris-ing, The death-less light of Christ ac-claim, His sav-ing

Lord's sal-va-tion; Let all Christ's ho-ly priest-hood sing The  
prais-es ren-der! Be glad, O Church! Sing out your songs! Your  
mer-cy priz-ing; That all may live by faith in him Who

tri-umph of their might-y king in fes-tive cel-e-bra-tion!  
tem-ples fill with shout-ing throngs To hail the glo-ri-ous vic-tor!  
con-quer-ed death, de-spair, and sin To make us his for-ev-er.

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P: We poor sinners implore You  
C: to hear us, Lord Jesus.  
P: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,  
C: grant us, good Lord.  
P: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,  
C: grant us, good Lord.  
P: That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,  
C: grant us, good Lord.  
P: Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
C: have mercy on us.  
P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
C: have mercy on us.  
P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
C: grant us Your peace.  
P: O Lord,  
C: have mercy.  
P: O Christ,  
C: have mercy.  
P: O Lord,  
C: have mercy.

Service of the Word

Psalm 16 (antiphon: vs. 10)

The Easter Gospel:

St. Mark 16:1-8

Meditation

Choir: *And Sleeps My Lord in Silence Yet* (David W. Music)

*(During the choir piece the altar is redressed in preparation for the Easter celebration tomorrow morning)*

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also with you.  
P: Let us pray. O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: Amen.  
P: Return now to your homes on this most holy night to watch and pray. At the light of the morning return to greet your risen Lord under the forms of bread and wine in His holy Supper and celebrate His glorious resurrection from the dead! Go in God's peace.

Preface: LSB 177

Hymn: LSB 561 *The Tree of Life*  
(vs 1, choir; vs 2 women; vs 3 men; vs 4 all)

#### Service of Readings

LSB 925 *Song of Moses and Israel* is sung following the fourth reading from Exodus 14. Congregation joins the choir in singing the Refrain.

LSB 931 *Song of the Three Men* is sung to conclude the Service of Readings.

#### Service of Holy Baptism

*The Pastor addresses the congregation and prays Luther's baptismal "flood prayer." Then he asks the congregation:*

P: Do you renounce the devil?

C: **Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all his works and all his ways?

C: **Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.**

[*New members come forward for reception by profession of faith*]

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace † be with you.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: LSB 603 *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

#### Service of Prayer

Litany of the Resurrection

P: O Lord,

C: **have mercy.**

P: O Christ,

C: **have mercy.**

P: O Lord,

C: **have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: **hear us.**

P: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

C: **good Lord, deliver us.**

P: By Your victory over sin and death,

C: **good Lord, deliver us.**

P: By the majesty of Your risen body,

C: **good Lord, deliver us.**