## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 7, 2024 ~ 8:30am

**Welcome to God's house!** Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online.** Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online at: <a href="https://christoursavior.org/check-in">https://christoursavior.org/check-in</a>

We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Sunday School Opening	Karla Schettenhelm, Matt Fremder	Rooms 8 & 9
Pre K thru Kindergarten	Dawn Cipa, Susan Weak, Michelle Linderman	Room 15
1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Nikki Shingledecker, Kirsten Galka, Sarah Kittleman	Room 8
4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Laurie Candela, Tom Brunner, Jim Edwards	Room 10
7 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Nathan Troike	Room 12
High School Youth	Judy Bruder, Dan Young, Josh Kittleman	Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Bethel Bible Series	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
Questions that Matter	Pastor Davenport	Gym
Faith at Home	Josh Kittleman	Rooms 1-4

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat. God bless your worship!

#### **AS WE GATHER**

When Thomas finally met Jesus, alive again after Easter, he went from demanding proof to a personal confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." It would have been a different story had the news been false. The rest of the Jerusalem congregation truly exhibited Easter faith when they became a welcoming community, one that shared with newcomers whatever they needed. The news was unbelievable, but so were the responses—in word and deed as faith saw the freeing truth: we need fear nothing, not even death. We have heard the news as well. How shall we respond?

# Order of Worship

Divine Service, Setting One with Holy Communion

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♣ Preparation ♣

**OPENING HYMN** 

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- Walking the way, Christ in the center
   Telling the story to open our eyes;

   Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
   Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3. Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
  Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
  Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
  Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4. Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:

  Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

  Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"

  Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- City of God, Easter forever,
   Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
   River of life, Saints and archangels,
   Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

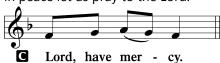
### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b-2

- This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

KYRIE LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## 무 Service of the Word 무

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (sung)

"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

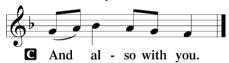
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### COMMISIONING OF MISSION TEAM TO SOUTH AFRICA

#### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.



- $\mathbf{P}$ Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection
- may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;  $\mathbf{C}$
- through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, P one God, now and forever.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

(Believers use everything they have to help one another.) FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE**

(God is light; He forgives our sins.)

1 John 1:1—2:2

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we

confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

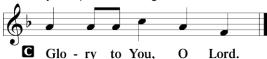


#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

(Thomas professes Jesus as his Lord and God.)

John 20:19-31

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



<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you

believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **SERMON HYMN**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 845

- 1. Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
- 2. With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 3. Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess, And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
- 4. Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease; Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.
- 5. Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- 6. For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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SERMON "Now What?" Acts 4:32–35

#### THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Acts 4:34-35

- We read again a portion of the First Reading: "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need."

  Lord Jesus, we pray that You would use us and the gifts You have given to us to serve anyone in need. Open our eyes to see opportunities near and far in which we may serve Your gracious plans. All that we have and are belongs to You.
- Risen Christ, grant us to be of one heart and soul, sharing not only our common faith but all that we are and have.
- We pray for people who are homeless, hungry, captive, and in mourning. Surround them, heavenly Father, with people of faith in our risen Savior, brothers and sisters who will tend to them with compassion and love. We pray for those near and dear to us. Wherever Your plans include us, O Lord,
- open our hearts and hands, voices and resources to share the difference Easter makes for all who trust in our risen Savior.
- We pray for those who are rich and those who are poor, those who influence our nation and those who live unnoticed. O Holy Spirit, be among our brothers and sisters—those who have vast resources; all who make, administer, and judge our laws; and parents, teachers, and counselors—all who know Christ as their living Lord.
- **G** Give them courage and caring hearts so that through them Your will shall be done.
- We pray for our congregation, its programs of outreach and growth, and all who worship here. Lord over all, be with us and enliven us to do Your will in Easter joy.
- Give us strength to show forth the difference Easter makes for us. Guide and protect us, heavenly Father, that we may serve You and the people around us in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

#### PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P Heavenly Father, in following Your example, we offer these gifts to you today. As you have blessed us without measure, we bring these tithes to you and pray that You would bless them for the continuance and growth of Your kingdom. A kingdom that waits for joyfully for Jesus' return. Bless us as we offer ourselves to You in our vocations, so that we manage and use all the gifts you have bestowed on us to Your glory.
- All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus Christ. All that I have is You.
- P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C Amen.

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We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.

PREFACE LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



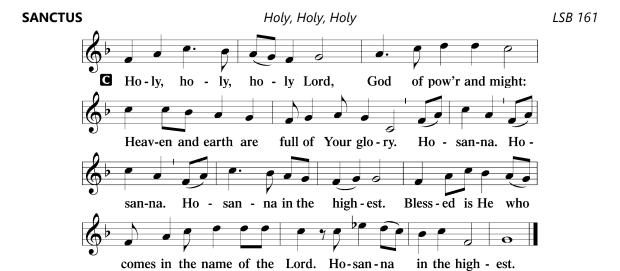
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.
- Use us, we pray, so that the people around us will see our faith in all Your gracious promises.
- @ Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us. Gather us with all who are faithful so that together we may join the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

**PAX DOMINI** The Peace of the Lord LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB 606

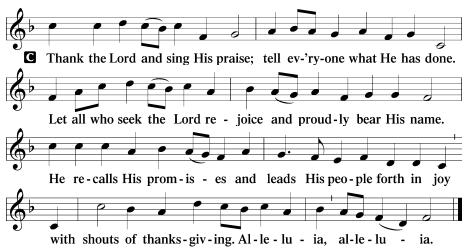
- I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
   He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.
   I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
   Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
   I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
   He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
   His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
   I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
   Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

## "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LSB 469

- "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
   Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won; Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell. Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
- 4. Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?
- Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n! Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

THANK THE LORD LSB 164



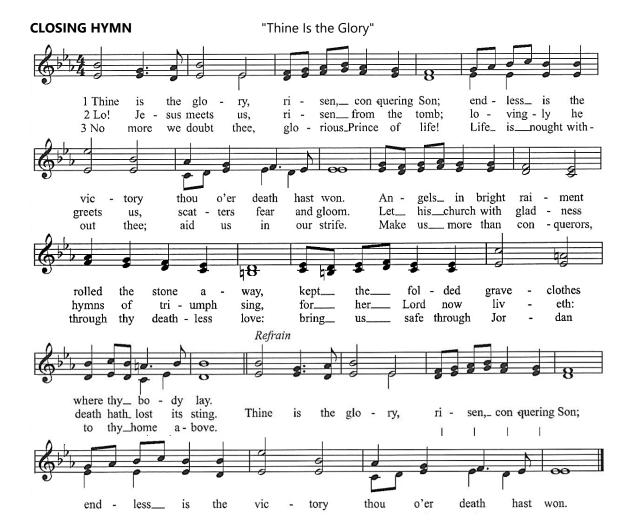
### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament.
- We pray that You would strengthen us by it to use each day to praise Your gracious name and pass Your love on to those whom we meet;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.
- G Amen.



### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **POSTLUDE**



### ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Carl and Kirsten Galka, given to the glory of God.

### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –**

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