



## **As We Gather    Second Sunday of Easter    April 7, 2024**

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?

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.**

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

#### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – from Cantata #147, J.S. Bach  
**WELCOME**

**PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN** #461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *sts. 1–4*

**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*

- P** 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.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** 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!

**WORD**

**KYRIE** *LSB 227*



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**    “Splendor And Honor”    *LSB 950*

- 1**    **Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev’ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.**
  
- 2**    **Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-off’ring we are made God’s people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
Called to God’s service.**
  
- 3**    **To the Almighty, throned in heav’nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.**

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## **SALUTATION**

- P**    The Lord be with you.
- C**    **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P**    Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that our Easter faith not be only a matter of Sunday tradition,
- C**    **but will change how we care for one another and share our joy in active love and service each day;**
- P**    through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C**    **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**            **Acts 4:32–35**

“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. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE READING 1 John 1:1—2:2**

“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—the 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—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. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 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. 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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C** Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** **John 20:19–31**

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“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.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his

side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY # 475 "Good Christian Friends"**

**SERMON** "Living The Resurrection Life" 1 John 1:1-2:2

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Acts 4:34-35*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** ...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness” *LSB 849 st. 3*

**Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

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## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



### PROPER PREFACE

**P** 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 saying:

## SANCTUS “Sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, The  
 God on high by all a - dored: Ho - ly Fa - ther,  
 ris - en Sav - ior, And Ho - ly Spir - it, yet one  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, in the high - est  
 sing. From the Fa - ther He is com - ing  
 With His bless - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## WORDS OF OUR LORD “Remember Me” by Martin Nystrom, Gerrit Gustafson

**P** (*sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”

**C** (*sung*) “So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
 For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.  
 And we remember Your wondrous love  
 You gave your body You shed Your blood  
 And we remember Your wondrous love  
 You gave your body You shed your blood.”

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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

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

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

Christ, Lamb of God, now ris'n a - bove, Grant  
us Your mer - cy here in love. You have paid for  
all the world's sin And now be - side the Fa - ther  
reign Where saints and an - gels praise Your  
name. Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy;  
Christ, have mer - cy; grant us Your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**#806 Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart #606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus**  
**#702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee #469 Christ Is Risen Today**  
**#649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament.
- C** We pray that You would strengthen us by it each day to use all that we are and have to the good of others and the praise of Your holy name;
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P** Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN #461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** *sts. 5–8*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / POSTLUDE

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**Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Pam Bean**

**Reader Today: Gail Snow**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

|               |            |                        |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| Today         | 11:00 a.m. | Ushers Meeting         |
| Mon. April 8  | 1:00 p.m.  | God Connects Class     |
| Tues. April 9 | 11:00 a.m. | Preschool Chapel       |
| Tues. April 9 | 1:00 p.m.  | Outreach Planning Team |
| Wed. April 10 | 9:30 a.m.  | Women’s Bible Study    |

Thur. April 11 10:30 a.m. Grief Group  
Thur. April 11 11:00 a.m. Jesus Time  
Sat. April 13 1:00 p.m. MLC Game Day  
**Sunday Apr. 14 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CURT BAKKE** is planned for **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 1-3 p.m. at MLC.** On Dec. 7, 2023 at age 83, God blessed Curt with a holy death and took him home to rest in the arms of Jesus to await the resurrection of the dead.

**THANK YOU!** To all our Easter Breakfast organizers and servers, to all our decorators that beautified our worship and fellowship spaces, to Noah, Claudia, and our choir for adding to our joy at Easter!

**GAME (Card & Board) DAY MLC!** **Saturday, April 13th 1:00 p.m.-2:30/3:00 p.m.** or whenever you're done playing! Plan on joining us every 2nd Saturday of the month. It's also an opportunity to bring your non-churched friends to some non-threatening fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite game or we'll provide some - easy to learn. Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt or come as you are!

**TABLE CLOTHS FOR SALE** LWA has some tablecloths for sale. They fit the long tables the church recently sold. They are 60" x 120". They are brand new, never used. We have white and dark green. They are \$10.00. Please see a member of LWA if you would like to purchase.

**LADIES! SAVE THE DATE!** You are invited to the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Spring Tea on **Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. (Mountain Time)**, at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. George, UT. The theme is "Be Steeped in the Lord's Love" based on Matthew 22:37. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board. **RSVP to Barbara Coverdale 307-871-5875.**

**WANT TO PUT NAMES WITH FACES?!** Now's your chance! Get your picture taken for our **new wall directory in the fellowship hall: "Our Church Family"**! **Sign up** at the "sign-ups" table and pick your day. Your picture will be taken here at church on a Sunday when you are present before or after church. Pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall and posted with just your name(s). Pictures will be small (approx. 3"x4"). If you are a "snow bird" who will be leaving soon, please sign up asap! If you have any **questions, contact coordinator Christine Constien, 815-409-2035 or constien.christine@gmail.com.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

|                           |                          |                           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Apr. 10 Kenneth Schleiger | Apr. 12 Darlene Sims     | Apr. 13 Larry Rosenwinkel |
| Apr. 13 Nichole Seamann   | Apr. 14 CC Sersland      | Apr. 17 Jessica Ethington |
| Apr. 17 Gary Smith        | Apr. 19 Winnie Ethington | Apr. 21 Jan Aslin         |
| Apr. 23 JoAnne Arney      | Apr. 23 Jim Sims         | Apr. 24 DeAnn West        |
| Apr. 29 Lois Beadles      | Apr. 29 Tim Hintz        | Apr. 29 Gail Snow         |

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