

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 8th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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Since we have just come through the most penitential season of Lent, during the Sundays of Easter up until the Day of Pentecost, the Confession will not be included in the service. For those who seek some penitential words and absolution in the liturgy, they can be found in the Kyrie, and in the general thrust of the Great Thanksgiving which is based on the gift of forgiveness from Jesus, "for us".

OPENING HYMN: *Christ is Alive!* (ELW 389)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast of Victory* (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35 A reading from Acts.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2 A reading from 1 John.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}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; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, You Faithful* (ELW 363)

NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards ...* (ELW p. 187)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)

Thine is the Glory (ELW 376)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (ELW 535)*

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The scripture for Lectio Divina for Monday, April 9th is Luke 24:36b-48.

NEW CHURCH COUNCIL: Jann Thulien, Chair

Randy Rodgers, Co Vice-Chair &
Special Projects

Pierre Quenneville, Co Vice-
Chair & Special Projects

Wendy Hall, Secretary

Ken Roeske, Finance

Brian Wirth, Property

Rochelle Piske, Pastoral Care
Lani Campbell, Stewardship &

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Barbra Fricker, Community

Julia Wirth, Youth &

Communications

Pastor Martin Malina, Ex Officio

NEW WORSHIP ASSISTANT AND COUNTER SCHEDULES are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Upcoming Events:

- **MEDITATION GROUP:** Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Wed., Apr. 11, 9 am, Chances'R' Restaurant.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL:** Wed., Apr. 11, 7 pm at the church.
- **WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Mon., Apr 16, 6 pm at the church.
- **WOMEN'S BRUNCH:** Tues., Apr. 17, 11am, Four Seasons Cookhouse.