# Sunday, April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

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### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE Christ Alone Stuart Townend; Keith Getty arr. Lloyd Larson

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C- Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P- In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C- Amen.

P- Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

## P- Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

P- We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

# C- make us one as you are one.

P- We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

P- Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. C- Amen.

**GATHERING SONG** Thine Is the Glory (ELW 376)

# Thine Is the Glory



# Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

### **GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C- And also with you.** 

### \*KYRIE



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P- O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### C- Amen.

*The assembly is seated.* 

### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, word of life. *The assembly responds:* 

Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

- <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,
  - and declare the works of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;
  - I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup>Hosanna! O LORD, save us!

## We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

- <sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

- <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

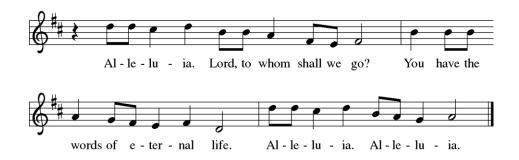
The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds:

### Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### **GOSPEL John 20:19-31**

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

*The gospel is announced.* 

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

P- <sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>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 any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <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 come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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 concludes:

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

### **SERMON**

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (ELW 386)

# O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard, that they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win.
  Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spiri
and became truly human.

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

P- God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

### A brief silence.

P- Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

## C- Your mercy is great.

P- Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the wellbeing of creation. Hear us, O God.

## C- Your mercy is great.

P- Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities (*current issues of concern may be named*). Hear us, O God.

### C- Your mercy is great.

P- Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P- Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P- We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

### C- Amen.

### **PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

# C- And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

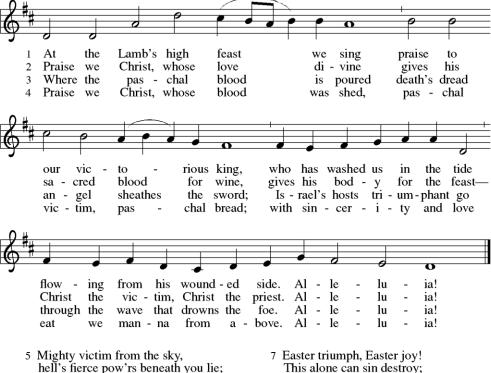
The assembly is seated.

### MEAL\_

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (ELW 362)

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



- hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng, 1566

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer. Let us pray.

P- 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.

### C- Amen.

### ALL\_LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### SENDING\_

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### **BLESSING**

P- The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C- Amen.

SENDING SONG Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (ELW 363)

## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490-1547

### **DISMISSAL**

- P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P- Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C- Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Thine Is The Glory arr. Marvin Gaspard

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Two vases of altar flowers placed in honor of the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday of Tobias with love by his Mom.

**Important** Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

**Pastoral Coverage** –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

**Reminder:** Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

**Attendance April 17, 2025 25 signed in, no actual count**, 203 views and 3 share as of April 23, 2025.

Attendance April 18, 2025 23 signed in, no actual count,

**Attendance April 20, 2025 64 signed in, no actual count**, 245 views and 3 share as of April 23, 2025.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

The Jolly Quilters are asking for donations of full, queen or king size sheets in good condition or new to use as backing for quilts.

Student Loan applications are available in the library for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please return completed, signed applications to a member of the Student Loan Committee or the church office by April 27, 2025. Contact a member of the Student Loan Committee (Michael Troxell, Cindy Brown, Jessica Rollman, Marlene Troxell, and Becky Mairose.) with any questions.

We are combining Vacation Bible School with St Paul's UCC again this year. The theme will be - "True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild world" and will be held June 16-20 from 6:00 to 8:30pm at St Paul's UCC for ages 4 to 12. There are registration forms on the table in the narthex. Please complete and return to Debbie Hummel or place in the Christian Ed box downstairs. If anyone would like to help (in any way) please let Debbie know.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 27 Deadline for Student Loan Appilcations

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$10.00
Local Benevolence	\$40.00
Current	\$290.00
Plate Offering	\$52.00
Lenten Offering	\$4.00
Easter	\$30.00
Thursday	\$362.00
Friday	\$15.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<u>\$803.00</u>

The 2025 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$3,166.75.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM GOOD FRIDAY:

Current	\$5.00
Lenten Offering	\$75.00

# **Total Received**

# **\$80.00**

## The 2025 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$3,166.75.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$48.00
Local Benevolence	\$75.25
Current	\$1084.10
Plate Offering	\$37.00
Lenten Offering	\$20.00
Easter	\$934.00
Thursday	\$35.00
Friday	\$160.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<u>\$2393.35</u>

### The 2025 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$3,166.75.

## "THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

**Today:** 10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl

**Thursday:** 6 pm Bell rehearsal

**Friday: Office Closed** 

Saturday: 5 pm spoken service

**Next Sunday:** 8 and 10:30 am Worship Service

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20 Tues: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11 Wed: Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23l Luke 12:4-12 Thu: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17l Revelation 3:14-22 Fri: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11 Sat Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14

### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 10:30 am Brian Staller Acolyte: 10:30 am Tobias Lileck Lector: 10:30 am Michael Ziegler Ushers: 10:30 am Mike Troxell Counting Team: Marlene Troxell, Brian Staller

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday

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Keep in your prayers: Charles Hawk, Sr., Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Chester Johnson, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Stacey Rao,

John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Cathy Moran, Diane Werner, Donovan Baker, Peggy Davis, Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Kermit Snyder, Paulette White, Joseph and Linda Catizone, Don MacIntyre, Maxine Vanst, Christopher Tokarick, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.