

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 10 AM

### WELCOME



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

✝ Preacher – Guest Preacher

✝ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

God gave God's only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of death. Mindful of God's immense love and grace, let us humbly confess our sins.

Almighty God, **in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We many times overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we often are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we every so often despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW#377 – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**

**Prayer of the Day** - Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GOD'S HOLY WORD

**FIRST READING: Acts 2: 22-24**

<sup>22</sup>“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the Godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

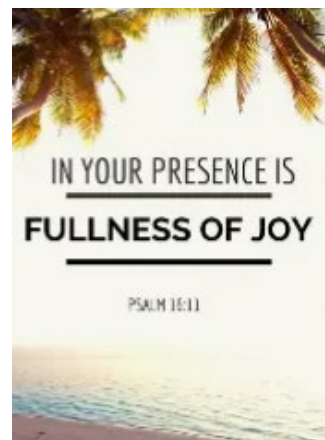
<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,

**and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 20: 19 - 31; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue 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, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## SERMON – Guest Preacher

### **HYMN: ELW#619 – I Know that My Redeemer Lives (stnzs- 1,2,7,8 )**

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!<br>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br>He lives, he lives, who once was dead;<br>he lives, my ever-living head! | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>he lives eternally to save;<br>he lives exalted, throned above;<br>he lives to rule his church in love.        | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!    |

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ We recognize those joining us via Facebook Live and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

Almighty God, as we come before you with our offerings, we are reminded of our constant need for you in our lives. You are our provider, our sustainer, and our strength. Without you, we are nothing. May these gifts be a symbol of our dependence on you, acknowledging that all we have comes from your hand. Help us to rely on you more fully in every aspect of our lives, trusting in your unfailing love and care. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.**

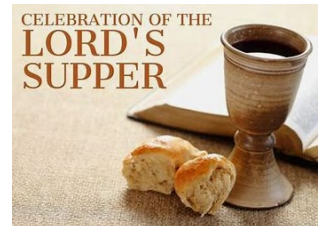
**Invitation to Communion** – Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

### COMMUNION HYMN 1: Glory to the Lamb

- 1 Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb. **Chorus**
- 2 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. **Chorus.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. **Chorus.**

**CHORUS:**  
For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,  
The Lamb upon the throne;  
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise,  
The Lamb upon the throne.



## **COMMUNION HYMN 2: When the Father Sent His Son**

When the Father sent His Son to live with us, our lives to mend;  
Placed His love upon the altar that with Him we might ascend.

### **Chorus**

Lord the blessed life You give me, and the holy road You choose;  
Lead me all the way to Calv'ry, and I'll only follow You.

### **Chorus**

Lord, I only want Your blessing, as I'm sitting at Your feet.  
Nothing in this world can woo me from Your holy seat.

### **Chorus**

### **Chorus:**

All that I can do is thank Him,  
All that I can do is pray.  
All that I can do is lift my hands to sing His praise.

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**Closing Prayer** - Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**Blessing** - God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: Your Name is Jesus**

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,  
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,  
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,  
Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all!  
King of kings and Lord of lords, creator of all things,  
King of kings and Lord of lords, let all the nations sing...

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,  
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,  
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,  
Your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus,  
The Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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