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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the Evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of Holy Communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

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### HOLY COMMUNION *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

#### \*GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### PRELUDE

#### \*WELCOME AND EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!  
**He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

Rejoice then, even in your distress.  
**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as His own.  
**God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

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## \*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

## WORD

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*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.*

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

### PSALM

Psalms 118:14-29

*Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.*

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live,**

**and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God and has given us light.**

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

You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**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.*

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Verse 1 and Refrain

## \*GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## SERMON

### \*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy Spirit, as you gave courage and confidence to the disciples to proclaim the risen Christ, despite the warnings of the authorities, so let us be faithful with the beauty, the power and the urgency of the gospel message. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Help us look forward, Heavenly Father, to the day of resurrection as your gift of eternal life. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Lord Jesus Christ, chief cornerstone of the church, build up our lives true to your will. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Holy Spirit, as you inspired the prophets to see beyond the affairs of this earth, so inspire us with the eyes of faith to see the return of Christ as our Savior. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Lord Jesus, when we are deep in doubt, open your wounded side to our touch, and let us see the print of the nails in your hands, that we may be restored to active discipleship in your name. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Come now, Lord Jesus, with your healing power, and touch all of us who doubt, who are ill, and who need you very near, especially... . Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Strengthen this congregation to sing songs of hope and promise. Raise up musicians who will share their gifts and lead our praise. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

*Other prayers may be added here in speech and silence.*

Fill our hearts with joy and gladness as we remember those who have died believing in life in your name, especially... . Reveal to us the joy of your salvation even in the face of death. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Christ lives with us. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

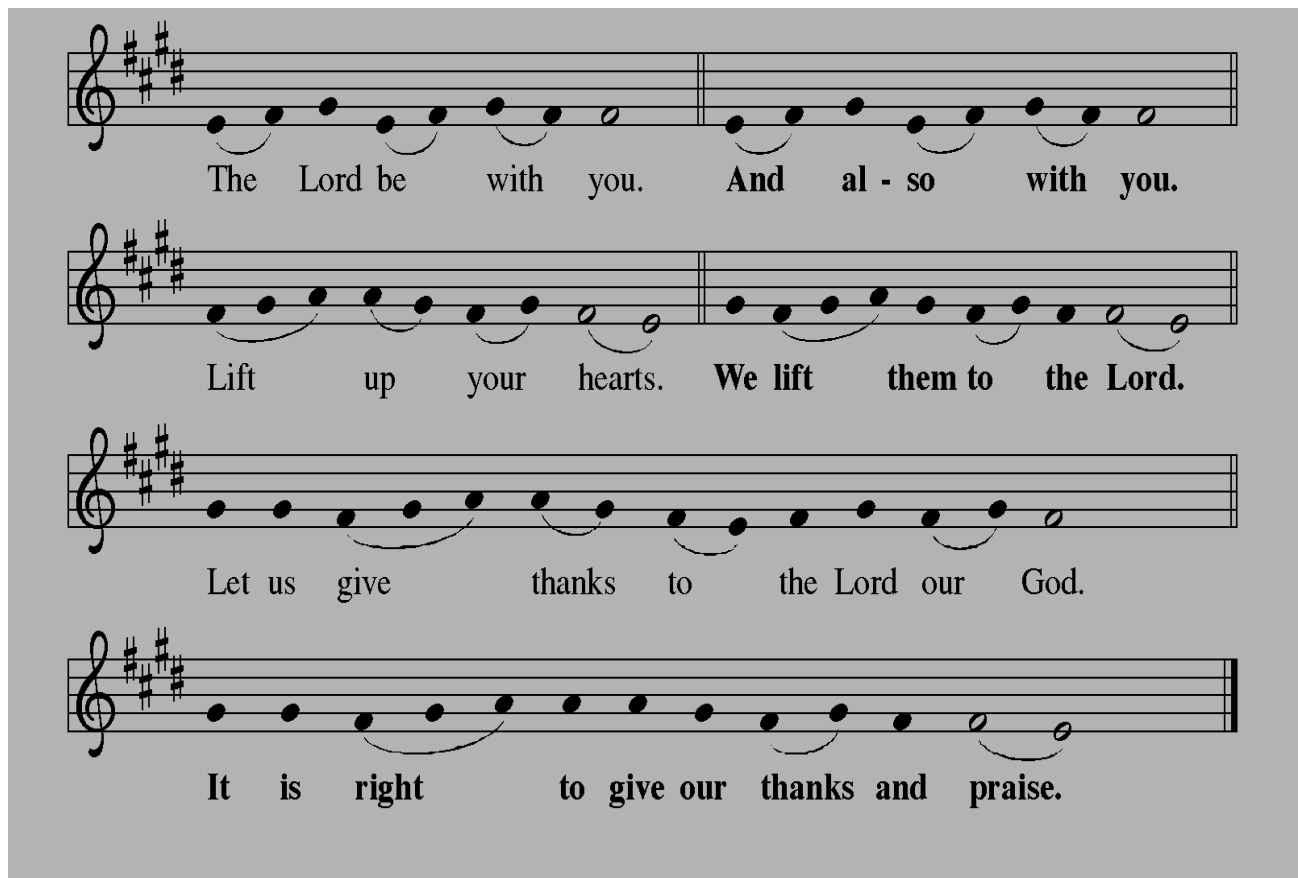
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY 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.**

## \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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**

#### **\*EASTER INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we  
share the blood of Christ.  
**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed  
yourself to your disciples.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

## SENDING

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

### \*SOLEMN BLESSINGS OF EASTER

Almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin. **Amen**

Through the resurrection of his Son, God granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life. **Amen**

You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever. **Amen**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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### \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Psalm 150*

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## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

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MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Beverly Tarbox

LECTOR

John Kostelny

GREETER

Carole Pollitz

LIVE STREAM

Fred Kuzel

USHER

Rafael Martinez

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Edward and Joanne Sefara



## PRAYER LIST

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Betty Mocek, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, John Racek, Bill Redis, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Rev. Dave Stefanson, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel and Taz Zajac.

<b>Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday 2022</b>	
<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2021:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ .00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ .00

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Mark, Evangelist*

*Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>*

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

*Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380*

*Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>*

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

