



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 8:45 & 11:15 am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Vignette on "O filii et filiae"

Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 363

Come, you faithful, raise the strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

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

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

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.

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 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.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 150

(8:45) Sung by the choir.

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.
Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.
Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.
Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

(11:15)

*The organ will introduce the refrain. Please repeat it. Please sing all the verses of the psalm. Subsequent refrains are sung only once where indicated by **R**.*



- 1**Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the mighty | firmament.
- 2**Praise God for | mighty acts;
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness. **R**
- 3**Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.
- 4**Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;
praise God with | strings and pipe.
- 5**Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud- | clanging cymbals.
- 6**Let everything | that has breath
praise the Lord. | Hallelujah! **R**

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.

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, 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, 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.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(8:45)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(11:15)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.

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."

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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."

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." 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." 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 come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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 of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.


HYMN OF THE DAY • LBW 139

O Sons and Daughters of the King

Today we will sing verses 1, 4-8. Please follow indications.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



All 1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
All 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the
the faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

After stanza 9:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Women 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard, *All* 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
that they had seen the risen Lord, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
he doubted the disciples' word. "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Men 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, *All* 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and look upon my hands, my feet; and yet whose faith has constant been,
not faithless, but believing be." for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise:
to God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

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You may also mail your checks to:

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CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace,
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.
Alleluia.

Music: Healy Willan (1880-1968)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY (11:15)

Choral on *O filii et filiae*

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

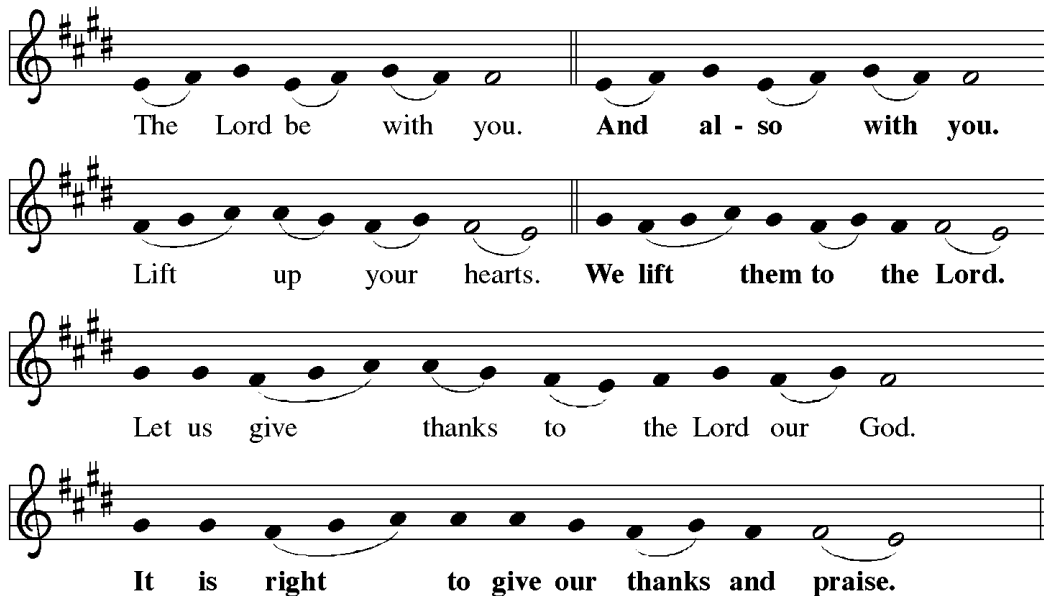
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup.

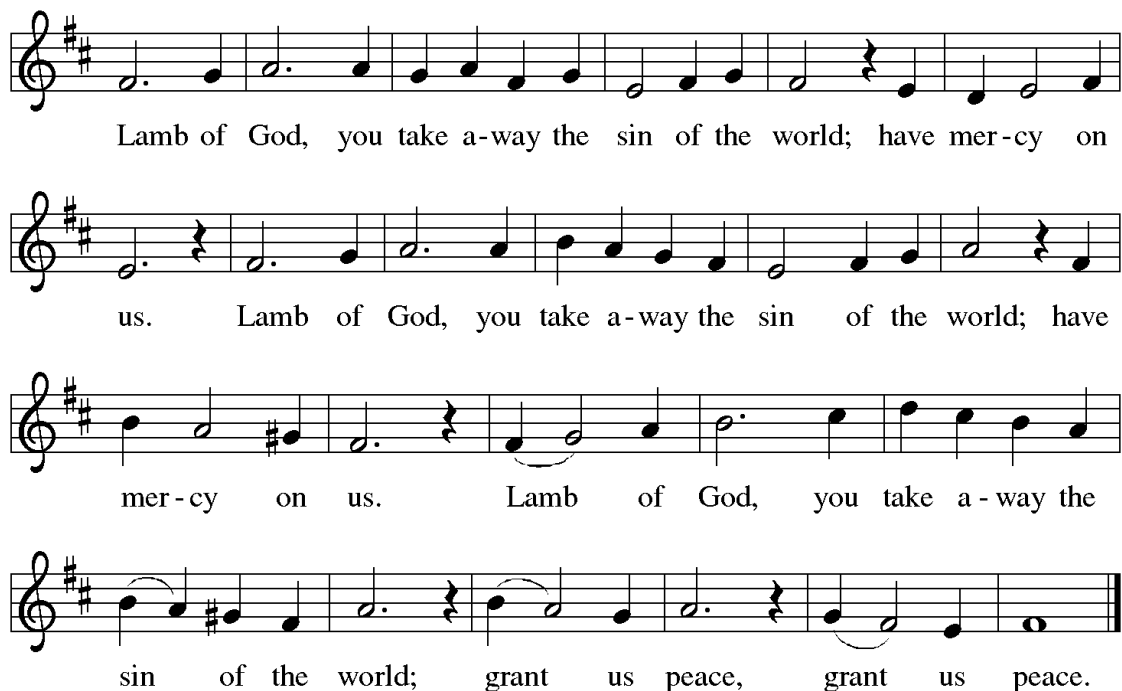
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 635

We walk by faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and
4 For you, O res-ur-rec-ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in
gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol-low where you trod; but in your prom-ise
may our faith a-bound to call on you when
found in means di-vine: be-neath the wa-ter
realms of clear-er light may we be-hold you
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be-neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end-less sight.

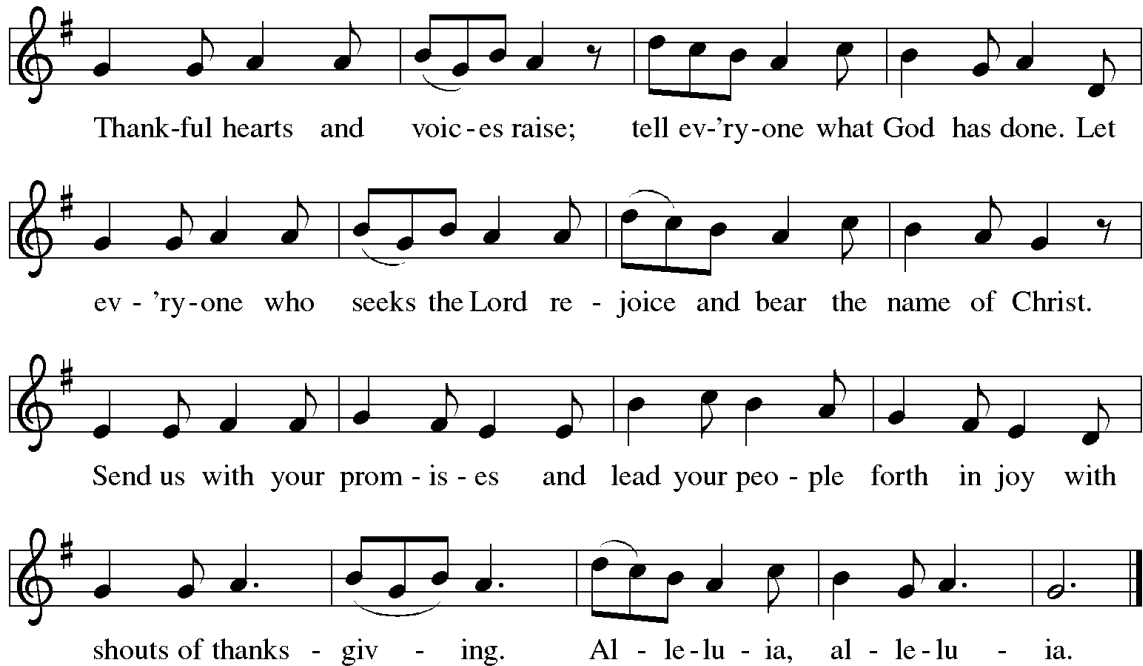
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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 548

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



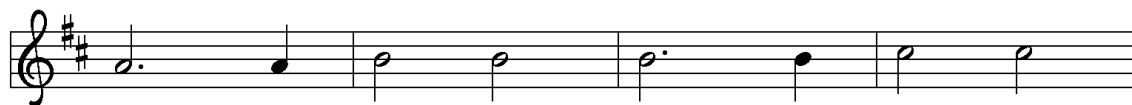
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READERS

8:45 a.m. Ruth Manchester

11:15 a.m. Jonathan Hernandez

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, April 24—Second Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM SLSHY
Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
Affirmation of Baptism Class
Sunday School
11:15 AM * Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa

MONDAY, April 25

8:00 AM CDS Classes
1:30 PM CDS Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ESL class

TUESDAY, April 26

8:00 AM CDS Classes
7:00 PM Reformation Bells
7:00 PM ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, April 27

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women In Community
1:30 PM Zoom Program Staff Meeting
4:00 PM En Camino
7:00 PM ESL Class
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, April 28

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM CARing Project
7:00 PM WELCA Board Meeting
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer
8:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Faith Formation

FRIDAY, April 29

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, April 30

9:30 AM AA

SUNDAY, May 1—Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM SLSHY
Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
Affirmation of Baptism Class
Sunday School
11:15 AM * Holy Communion
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

*NB: Worship Services are in person and
livestreamed
* in person only*

Upcoming Commemorations

Mark, Evangelist

Monday, April 25, 2022

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, 2022

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.

Saint Luke Update 4/24/2022 Edition

CHRIST IS RISEN!

A BLESSED EASTER SEASON. Yes, Easter is not just one day but a week of weeks, that is 7 weeks. The risen Christ appears to us in many ways—let us keep watch. How wonderful to have this hope in our midst.

DID YOU MISS ANY OF THE HOLY WEEK OR EASTER SERVICES? You can still watch at www.saintlukeonline.us. Simply scroll down and you will see all the services and bulletins.

IT IS TIME TO WRAP UP THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN. HAVE YOU COMPLETED a 2022 Faith Commitment Card? Each worshipper is asked to prayerfully complete a Commitment Card. Thank you so much for submitting one this week. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and click *Giving*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK—IN PERSON! Register today and thank you for sharing this information on neighborhood listservs. **FOOD TRUCK VBS-ON A ROLL WITH GOD** is the theme of Vacation Bible School (VBS) which will take place **in person** at Saint Luke June 27-July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Children who were 4 by 9/1/2021 through current 5th graders are eligible to attend. The children will play games, hear Bible stories, make crafts, participate in service projects, work with various science experiments, and more! Registration is available online at www.slvbs.us. Questions should be directed to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER serving as a reader on Sunday morning? If you might be able to do so, please email stluke@saintluke.us and note which service, the 8:45 or 11:15 a.m. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made Easter Sunday so very special—refreshments outside, grand music, hospitable ushers and wonderful readers, the tech crew for worship and so many more. We are truly blessed!

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 5 Annual Meeting (hybrid)
June 12 Affirmation of Baptism (11:15 a.m.)

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!
ALLELUIA!

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Come, You faithful, raise the strain

John of Damascus, c. 675-c.749

All Greek Easter hymns include references to the Song of Moses (Exodus 15), which is the lesson for the second Sunday after Easter. Deliverance through the Red Sea is related to deliverance by Christ from death. In addition, the hymn uses Spring (the Queen of Seasons) as an allegory of the resurrection. After winter the days grow brighter and warmer, and Christ the Sun of Righteousness returns from the grave to bring us new life and light. For this we give “praise undying.” - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

O sons and daughters, let us sing

Jean Tisserand, d. 1494

This is an Easter carol in narrative style. Yes, there are carols for other seasons than Christmas! After an opening call to praise, we are reminded of the women coming to the tomb, the angels' message to them, Christ appearing to the disciples at the evening, and even the story of doubting Thomas. The tune, although in minor, has the joyous quality of a dance tune.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

We walk by faith

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Alford included this hymn in his *Psalms and Hymns* (1844) and his *Year of Praise* (1867). He wrote it for the commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. Not surprisingly it begins with 2 Corinthians 5:7 (“We walk by faith, not by sight”) and then quotes from the account of Jesus and Thomas in John 20:19-29. But the hymn is about us, not only about Thomas—about our Emmaus walk (Luke 24:13-35) and our meeting with the resurrected Lord in water, word, bread, and wine.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Susan Palo Cherwien

For its 50th anniversary in 1997, the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville, MN, commissioned Susan Palo Cherwien to write a hymn. In her writing she was influenced by a lecture of Michael Joncas in which he said, “God invited us here [to the Eucharistic meal]; who we are, not to become merciful?” The result was this sending hymn about the church rising to take up its role in the world in this (and every) generation, remembering the future God gives us to receive.—ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Vignette on “O filii et filiae” - Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

Based on the hymn tune “O filii et filiae,” Te Velde wrote a series of variations with various levels of ornamentation. In the last variation, the tune is played in the pedal (feet) and the piece ends with most of the sound of the organ drawn.

Choral Anthem: O Sacred Feast—Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Willan was an Anglo-Canadian organist and composer. He composed more than 800 works including operas, symphonies, chamber music, a concerto, and pieces for band, orchestra, organ, and piano. He is best known for his church music.—Wikipedia

O Sacred Feast the 4th motet of his *Six Motets* (1924). The words apt for communion are simply set in a hymn-like fashion with beautiful, timeless harmonies.

Postlude: “...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” - Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

The final movement of St. John's Suite is based on the 15th century tune, *O Filii et Filiae*, long associated with Jean Tisserand's Easter hymn, “Ye Sons and Daughter Let Us Sing”. Based on scripture from John 20:29, this highly rhythmic and energetic movement utilizes the full resources of the organ.—Dan Locklair