# Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 at 8:45am & 11:15am



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The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

# THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** ● *Prelude in F Major* 

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**GATHERING HYMN** • ELW 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

EART AND ALL STARS

#### **WELCOME**

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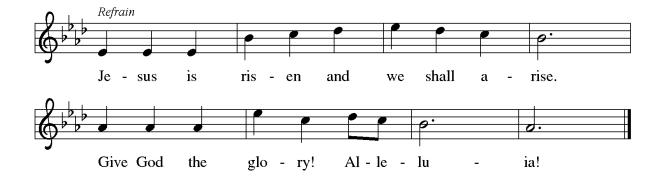
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#### **GREETING**

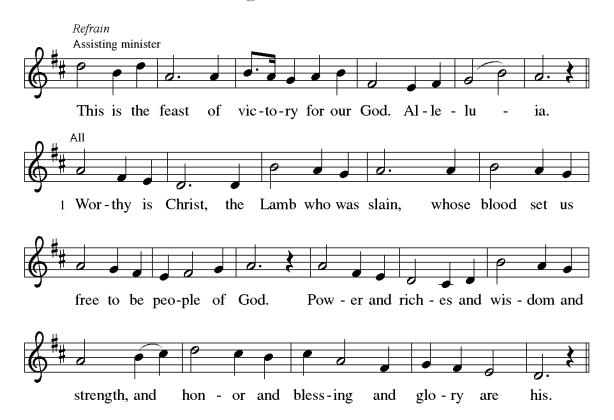
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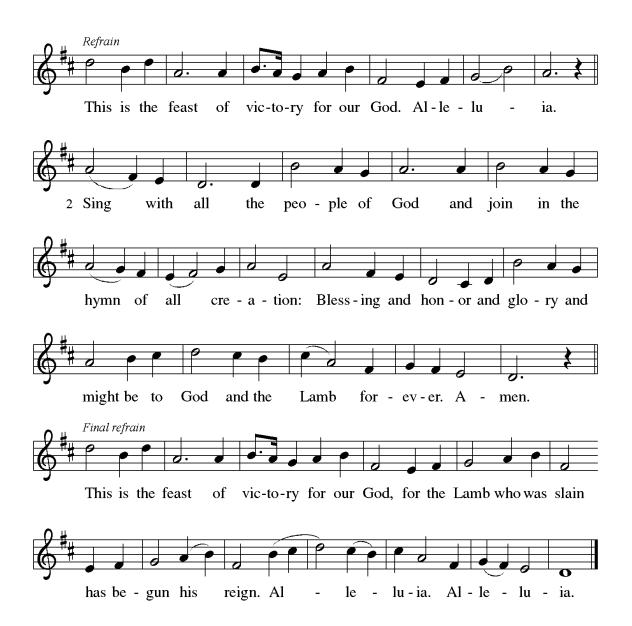
#### He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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** • ELW Setting Four





#### 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.** 

Please be seated.

# THE WORD

#### FIRST READING ● Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

Now 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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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. They 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.

#### **PSALTER** ● Psalm 133



Chant: Kennedy

- 1 How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!
- \*2 It is like fine oil upon the head, 'flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, 'flowing down upon the collarof his robe.
- It is like the dew of Hermon' flowing down upon the hills of <u>Zion</u>. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: 'life forever<u>more</u>.

## **SECOND READING** ● 1 John 1:1-2:2

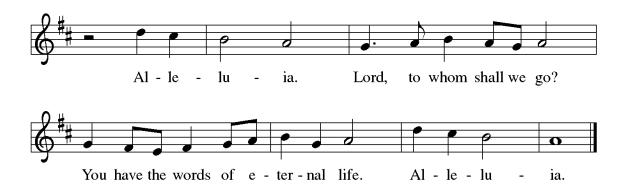
The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we Live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

We 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—this 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—we 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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 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; and 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** ● ELW Setting Four



# **GOSPEL READING** ● John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

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

# Glory to you, O Lord.

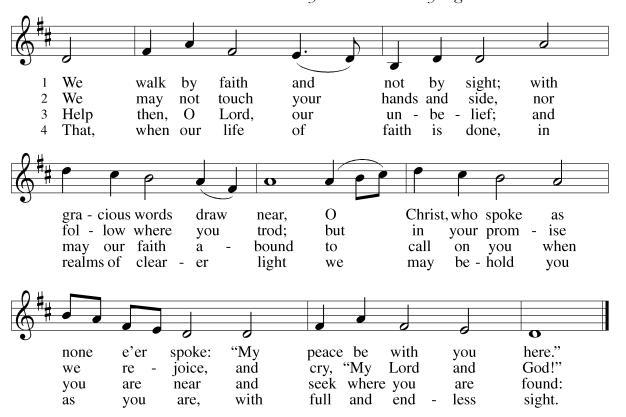
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when 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 Morales

Please stand as you are able.



#### **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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **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.

# THE MEAL

#### **OFFERING**

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church 9100 Colesville Road

# **(8:45) OFFERTORY ANTHEM** ● Did I Hear You Say? RSCM Choristers

Did I hear you say that the stone was rolled away, and Jesus is alive again?

Did I hear you say that an angel spoke to you, and Jesus is alive again?

The night is over, and the sun is shining, and the world is singing; it's a brand new day,

a day of victory for all eternity. Jesus is alive again!.

(11:15) **OFFERTORY HYMN** ● ELW 815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

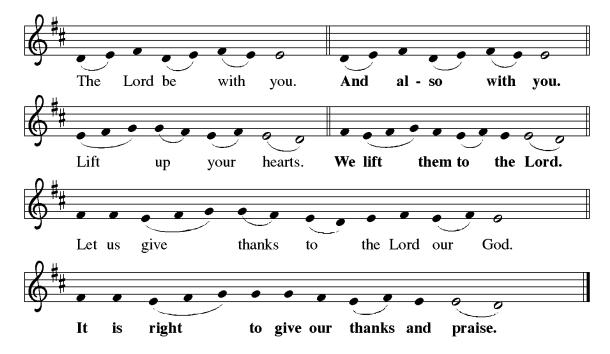


#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

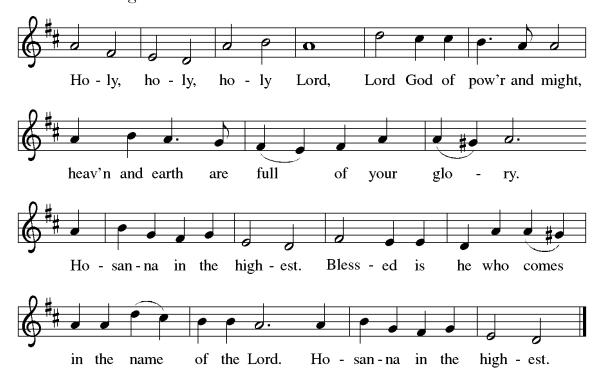
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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:

## **SANCTUS** • ELW Setting Four



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. We praise you, O God. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We bless you, O God. We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

#### Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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 nosostros 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

This is the feast of victory for our God! **Alleluia!** Alleluia!

Please be seated.

#### COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

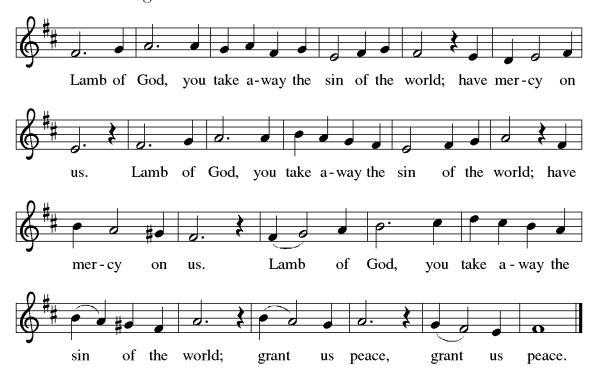
Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

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.

# **AGNUS DEI** ● ELW Setting Four



# **COMMUNION HYMN** • ELW 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH



- 1 Soul, a dorn your self with glad ness, leave gloom - y the
- 2 Has ten bride to meet him, ea as ly and a ger
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- 4 Je sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru friend, and est



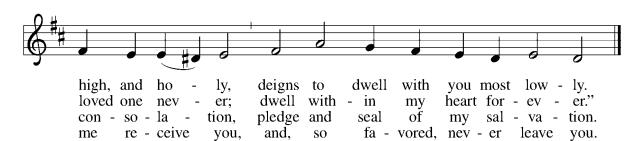
haunts of day - light's sad - ness, come in - to the splen - dor, glad - ly greet him. There stands al - read - y knock - ing; he pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less un - der dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast-closed feeds are count - less; the choic - est wine of with though the souls it in - to all life ex-pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow



a - maz - ing ban-quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly, bound-ed this por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your giv - en. glo - rious heav - en Christ's own blood to us Oh, most is in - car - nate, I fore you, love a - dore you; wor - thi - ly



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.** 

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** • ELW S207



#### 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.** 

# THE SENDING

#### **BLESSING**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope 

▶ bless you now and always.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** • ELW 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

FRED TIL BOD



- 1 Hal-le lu jah! Je sus lives! He is now the Liv ing One;
- 2 Je sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn ful sigh?
- 3 Je sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e ter nal waits for you;
- 4 Je sus lives! Let all re joice. Praise him, ran somed of the earth. 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



halls of from the gloom-y death Christ, the con-quer-or, Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth-er still on high, head, where he is, you shall be joined to Christ, your liv - ing too: no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth. Praise him in a swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es your cho - rus



lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low. with God's right hand, as vic - tor you shall stand. the Lord, at a Praise the king, whose sway sin and death and hell vic - tor o - bey. on earth his peace and love! Glo - ry God a - bove and our

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** • Grand Chorus in B Flat

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

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#### **MUSICIANS**

Adam Scott Graham Interim Director of Music

Alix Evans Interim Director of Choristers and Music Associate

**RSCM Choristers** 

# **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

# Tuesday, April 9: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer (Bon-heh-fer) was a German theologian who, at the age of twenty-five, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, and with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the Confessing Church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. He was linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life and sent to Buchenwald, then to Schönberg prison. After leading a worship service on April 8, 1945, at Schönberg prison, he was taken away to be hanged the next day. His last words as he left were, "This is the end, but for me the beginning of life." Evangelical Lutheran Worship includes a hymn (626) by Bonhoeffer, "By Gracious Powers."

# Wednesday, April 10: Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Agricola was consecrated as the bishop of Turku in 1554 without papal approval. As a result, he began a ferom of the Finnish church along Lutheran lines. He translated the New Testament, the prayerbook, hymns, and the mass into Finnish, and through this work wet the rules of orthography that are the basis of modern Finnish spelling. His work is particularly remarkable in that he accomplished it in only three years. He died suddently on a return trip from negotiating a peace treaty with the Russians.



### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** ● *Did I Hear You Say?*

Don Schlosser

In this joyful Easter anthem for younger elementary voices, a minor key and an exhilarating tempo evoke the feeling of a Hebrew folk dance, while conversational lyrics and a predominantly stepwise melody make the piece a snap to teach and to learn. Contrasting dynamics along with the optional flute and drum parts add additional color to this captivating anthem. Don Schlosser spent over seventeen years in full-time music ministry, and ten years at LifeWay publishing, when he was outted as a gay man and ultimately let go from employment because of that. He thought that his career was done at the time, which made him really think hard about if he has a relationship with the church and with God. Thanks to his unwavering faith, he continued to write music for the church, became Minister of Music at a church in Nashville, TN, and founded and served as Conductor of Nashville in Harmony–Tennessee's first musical arts organization specifically created for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, and their allies.

#### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO PASTOR MORALES AND FAMILY

WELCOME PASTOR, YENNY AND SARAH MORALES back to Saint Luke. What a joy to see our former Associate Pastor and the Morales family. We are so happy for Pastor Morales who now serves as the Canon Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministry of the Episcopal Diecese of North Carolina. What a delight to welcome him to share God's Word today. Come to the reception in the Fireside Room and enjoy the fellowship.

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#### DO YOU KNOW.....?

THE PASCHAL CANDLE burns on the Gospel side of the altar throughout the Easter season as a sign of the presence of the risen Christ. It remains burning until the Sunday after the Ascension as an indication of the unity of the Easter festival. The candle then returns to its place by the font and is lighted for baptisms and funerals. Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

**A LONG TIME AGO** Christians were persecuted and it was far from popular to profess the faith. One could almost say they had a secret greeting when meeting one another. One way Christians greeted one another is that one person would say *Christ is risen*. The other would respond *He is risen, indeed*. Together they would then proclaim, *Alleluia!* During these weeks of Easter we do the same.

**HOW LONG IS THE EASTER SEASON?** Is Easter one day? Is Easter a week? The season of the resurrection is a week of weeks, that is, seven weeks.

**HAVE YOU EVER** wondered where the word, *Easter*, comes from? There are several ancient explanations behind this term but one is that the word comes from the name *Eostre*, an old Anglo Saxon term, really the name for the goddess of spring and the sunrise. Actually the direction of the sunrise, east, is also named for her.

WHEREAS LENT HAS BEEN known for the time we prepare for baptism or prepare to affirm our baptism at the Easter Vigil, the fifty days of Easter are known as a time of *mystagogia*, that is a time to be immersed in the *community and mysteries of the faith*.

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, April 7—Second Sunday of Easter

7:30am Tech Rehearsal

8:00am Choral Section Leaders

8:00am RSCM Choristers

8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am SLSHY

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class 10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)

11:15am Worship (Hybrid)

5:00pm AA

MONDAY, April 8

8:00am CDS Classes

1:00pm CDS Aftercare

4:00pm After School Art Program - Langley Park

6:00pm Yoga

7:00pm ESL Class

TUESDAY, April 9

8:00am CDS Classes

10:00am Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)

1:00pm CDS Aftercare

1:30pm Program Staff Meeting

4:00pm Piano Lessons 7:00pm Reformation Bells

7:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, April 10

7:00am Zoom Faith Connections

8:00am CDS Classes 10:00am CDS Chapel

10:00am Women in Community

1:00pm CDS Aftercare

3:00pm En Camino: Children's Tutor Program

5:30pm Choristers RSMC Program

7:00pm ESL Class

7:30pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

7:30pm AA

THURSDAY, April 11

6:30am Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park

8:00am CDS Classes 1:00pm CDS Aftercare

2:45pm Caring Project: Children's Tutor Program

7:30pm Centering Prayer Zoom

8:30pm AA

FRIDAY, April 12

8:00am CDS Classes

SATURDAY, April 13

8:00am Food Distribution: Langley Park

8:30am Men's Group

9:30am AA

11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, April 14—Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am Tech Rehearsal 8:00am Schola Cantorum

8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am SLSHY

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class 10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)

11:15am Worship (Hybrid)

3:30pm Girl Scouts

5:00pm AA

5:00pm San Lucas Misa Español

6:00pm Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed