+ Second Sunday of Easter +

April 16, Year of our Lord 2023 I DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

Opening Hymn: 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3



P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal-lyation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up-I on his name;*
make known his deeds among the I peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- I es to him;*

tell of all his I wondrous works!

Glory in his I holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD I and his strength;*

seek his presence con- I tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that I he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he I uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- I ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- I ations.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,*

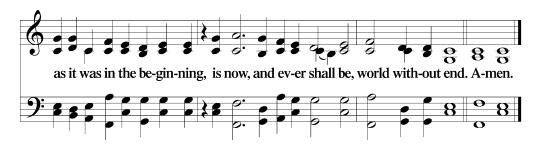
is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal-lyation—*

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Gloria Patri





Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P (sung) Glory be to God on high:
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

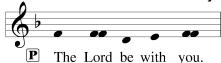
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

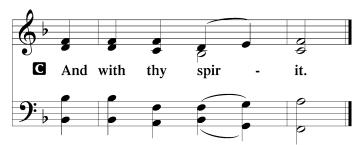
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day





Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to 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."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be

found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day John 20:29b

P Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.





On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the

Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

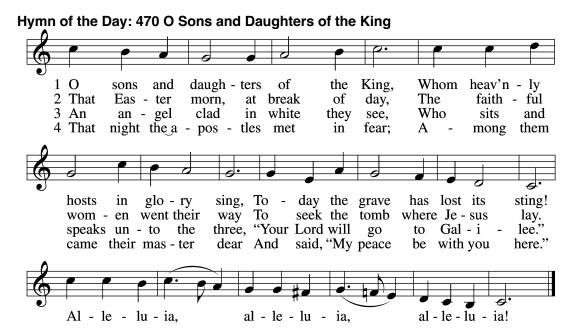
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.





Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life **+** of the world to come. Amen.



+ Sermon +

After the sermon

- When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

<u>World:</u> Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). **Victims of gun violence** (including recent shooting in Nashville.)

<u>Church:</u> For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in

Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville. For our DCE **Shelli Haynes**, for blessings upon her service to Praise, and for her family.

<u>Vocation:</u> Tyler Smith (Airforce) in Mississippi and Megan beginning law school at UT. Jacob (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. Carter Felt (Navy: stationed in Charleston). Casey Lawson (Airforce). For Emily and Julian Martinez (rejoicing in birth of Soren). Alex & Shelby Hicks (expecting). Paul & Angela Gift rejoicing in the birth of Nyla). For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson Isaiah. Tatum Smolter (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of Tylen). Eugene & Vicky Gorman (expecting). Ann Brown giving thanks: a new great grandson. Mourning: Easter lilies dedicated to the glory of God in remembrance of all loved ones we cherish in remembrance at Easter in the comfort of the resurrection. Family of Terry (Seth Pierce's uncle) who passed away. Family of Taryn Sebright (including Billye Raye, Kris, Tiana, Tayor, and JJ) on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of her passing. Family of Larry (Marleen's brother in law, Jeff's uncle) who passed away in Colorado. Family of Clayton Narveson who passed away 1/20. Family of Janet Moore's mother, Mary Lou, who passed away. Family of Stan Stubelt of Friendsville (Sharon Felker's brother) who passed away. Family of Priscilla Sullenberger (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of Dick Mohr who passed away 9/17/22.

Health: Myrna Frazier cancer treatments and pain relief. Kay and Bill (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and comfort. Janice Kaiser sciatic pain treatment. Gary Kubin recovering from back surgery. Soren (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) breathing and oxygen levels. For Analisa (Karen Fortune's daughter in Cincinnati) hospitalized until her baby is born. For **Shelby Hicks** health and hope to continue carrying **Hannah** to full term. Paula (Corlis William's mother) health, hospitalized this past week, doing better. Jeannie Lindenfelser for lung cancer treatments. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, Terry & Ann Gift (both with cancer). Mark Cutler (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) lung cancer surgery recovery. Ole Johnson upcoming tests for cancer. Billye Raye Smith (recently diagnosed with smoldering [low-level] multiple myeloma). A Teacher at Justin Gift's school, fighting cancer. Mary Schopmann for strength and health. Amy Mohr recovering from surgery and treatment for sepsis. Ed & Sandy Bagley recovering from long covid. Pastor Ed Maanum of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For June McDonnell (lung health). Sharon Yoder heart, lung health, and leg pain. Ed McGillick vertigo and blood pressure/heart health. Jennifer Morsch (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. Delora Roth good leg circulation health. Rachel Ernst's mother: cancer treatments. For Alan Stremsterfer's mother health issues. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father health and stability. Brad (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. Sheila Schnepf (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. Judy Kalkitis health and mobility. Nancy (Jim Vesper's mother) health. Arnold Solis (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. Aurora Stevens back treatments. For Carolyn Dickie (health). For Barbara Moyers health. Debbie Johnston kidney health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For all suffering from mental health issues. Al Reuer health. Gregory Strege (Phyllis's son, health). Tom Williams, health and care for heart. Ken Payne's health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Ruth Kistler's son William (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: Gail Rieman (wound care). Tim Smith (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother Louise (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (struggling from cancer treatments). Connie (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. Bill (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. Lee Schuck (health, unable to walk). Janeen Meier (Maureen Roberts's sister) health. Melissa Gilmore (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For **Larry Wacker** new device to help with tremors. For **Mike Crinklaw** (friend of Larry Moore since high school) successfully repaired heart valve.

Birthdays: [Lex S 4/6], Charleston S 4/16, Carole V 4/16, Leah M 4/17, Fredrick H 4/18, Catherine B 4/21, Ann B 4/23, Rachel V 4/24, Michele N 4/27, Alex H 4/28, Derek R 4/28

Anniversaries: Steve & Tammy C 4/16

* **Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

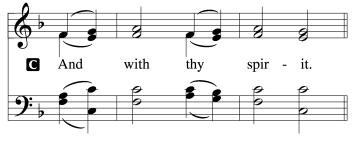
A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

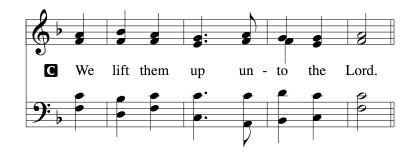
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

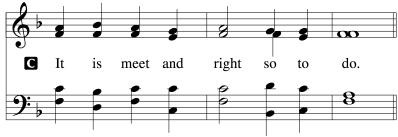


P Lift up your hearts.





P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus, sung, p. 195

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

P (sung) Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

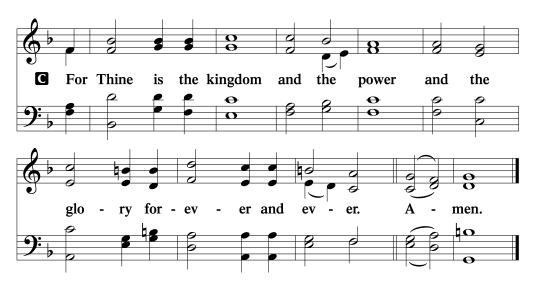
Thy kingdom come,

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.



The Words of Our Lord

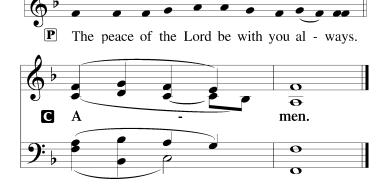
Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



Agnus Dei, sung, p. 198

John 1:29

(sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Distribution Hymn: 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

Distribution Hymn: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

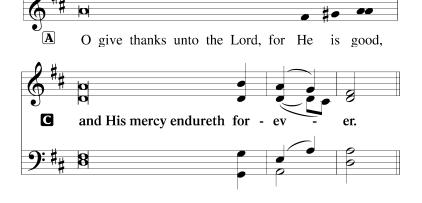
Distribution Hymn: 484 Make Songs of Joy

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29–32

(sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



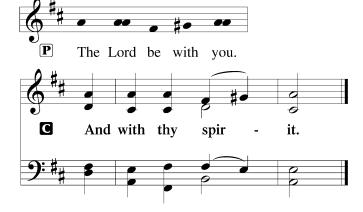
Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



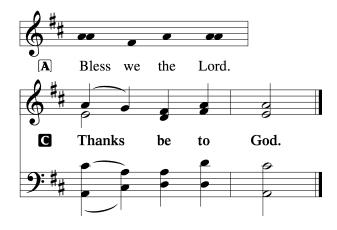
Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



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Johnson



Announcements

Easter Lilies please and feel free to take home or to a loved one TODAY.

Thank you to all who brought a dish or dessert (and Jeff Baerns for bringing his smoker, burnt ends, and salad) to share at the Easter gathering at Pastor and Gretchen's family residence. What a great day! Christ is risen!

Attendance on Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. service: 90. 11:00 a.m. service: 157. Total: 247.

New Gutters and Downspouts were installed this past week. More roofing repairs (follow up to previous repairs) are still needed, but we are making progress. Thank to you the Board of Properties for coordinating the work.

Young Adults meets **TODAY** at 5:00 p.m. at Levi & Suzanne Nunnink's home (1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville) for Meal and Bible Study on the Apostles' Creed (wraps up by 8:00 p.m.).

This Week

Choir Practice this week at 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch Elders meeting meets Thurs Apr 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-25, Luke 24:13-35

Catechesis meets NEXT SUN after church.

Planning Council meets Apr 30 after church.

Easter to Pentecost Schedule 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sun in Easter): Sun, Apr 30 **Ascension of Our Lord**, Thurs, May 18 **Pentecost and Confirmation**, Sun, May 28

Ground Breaking next month (May) on new sanctuary and narthex, nursery, and more! Please consider gifts to our **building fund** as we soon begin construction. Weekly, monthly, or yearly commitments are still encouraged as we enter the building phase.