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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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 HYMN The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection,

and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own,

that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path,

rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,

that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Jesus, Remember Me ELW 616**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32**

27 When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 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.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.  
15 **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**  
 **“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**  
16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
 The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”  
17 **I shall not die, but live,** **and declare the works of the Lord.**  
18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.  
19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**  
 **I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**  
20 “This is the gate of the Lord;  
 here the righteous may enter.”  
21 **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me** **and you have become my salvation.**  
22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
23 **By the Lord has this been done;**  
 **it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
25 **Hosanna! O Lord, save us!**  
 **We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!**  
26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
 we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
27 **The Lord is God and has given us light.**  
 **Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

28 You are my God, and I will thank you;  
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
29 **Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;**  
 **God’s mercy endures forever.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

4 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, 5 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 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.  
 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
  every eye will see him,  
 even those who pierced him,  
  and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.  
So it is to be. Amen.  
  8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”  
  24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 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.”  
  26 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.” 27 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.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 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.”  
  30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY The Risen Christ ELW 390**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,** **born of the Virgin Mary,**

**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,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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**

…Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in April*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be going to* ***Feed My Starving Children.***

**OFFERING SONG** **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! ELW 377**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and

the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,** **thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,** **on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those** **who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,** **but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,** **forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW 389**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, April 27 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Second Sunday of Easter * John 20:19-31; Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ |
| Tuesday, April 29 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, April 30 | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Thursday, May 1 | 11am-2pm | Purple Angels Lunch and Fellowship |
| Sunday, May 4 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Third Sunday of Easter * John 21:1-19; Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| April 27 | Rob & Leslie Mader | Leslie Mader | Nancy Leonard  Rob Pankratz | Robin Beeman | David Schneider | April:  John & Jane Wagner  Laurel Peterson  Leslie Mader |
| May 4 | Nancy Leonard | Shelly Schneider | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis | May:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| May 11 | Bob & Laurel Peterson | Rob Pankratz | John Wagner  Tammy Neumann | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier |
| May 18 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Julie Will | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson |

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SOS is particularly low on **tea and coffee** but donations of any **non-perishable food or hygiene products** are always needed. 

Thank you to all the Good Shepherd members for their support.

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

Names on the prayer list now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

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| **Good Shepherd Directory Update**  The Church Directory Team is seeking your photos and contact information. A list of families who submitted photos and information a few years ago is available in the narthex. Please approve that these details are correct. Please if you haven’t submitted your information, pick up the form on the table and return it to church with your photo before the deadline of May 1st. You may also click on the link in the newsletter to complete the form online. For questions, contact Jon Hill, Pam Mundt, Jane Wagner or Margo Berrier. |

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