

# Synod of Alberta and the Territories



Synod-Wide **Easter Celebration** in  
**Word and Song**

April 11, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 10am

**Live-stream via YouTube from  
Hosanna Lutheran, Edmonton**

*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.*

## **PRELUDE WELCOME**

### **GATHERING**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge that across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories we live, work and pray on traditional and ancestral territory of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

#### **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### **GATHERING MEDLEY:**

**HYMN:** ELW 365 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, v.1

**HYMN:** ELW 385 *Good Christians Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* v.1

**HYMN:** ELW 364 *Christ Has Risen, Alleluia*, v.1

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

(Rev. Kirk Tastad and Family)

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**SONG:** *God Is Love* (Quartet)

## WORD

**FIRST READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2** (Olivia Belanger)

**HYMN:** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*, vv.1, 3  
(Cherie Larson)

**PRAYER**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7** (Mark Ree)

**HYMN:** *Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*, v.1 (Doug Jahns)

**PRAYER**

**THIRD READING: 1 John 3:16-24** (Wendy Kalkan)

**HYMN:** *God Who Gives To Life Its Goodness*  
(Lindy Steiner, Deanna Decelle, Emma Steiner)

**PRAYER**

**FOURTH READING: 1 John 4:7-21** (Emma Berg)

**HYMN:** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*, vv. 1, 3  
(Olson Family)

**PRAYER**

**FIFTH READING: 1 John 5:1-6** (Rev. John Lentz)

**HYMN:** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (Nathan Berg)

**PRAYER**

**SIXTH READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

(Rev. Daranne Harris)

**HYMN:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, v.1  
(Bonnie Johnson)

**PRAYER**

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

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

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 375

*Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen: ¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Response:** Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

### OFFERING

**OFFERING SONG:** *Touch That Soothes* (Jessica Heine)

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we give thanks for the many gifts and talents you have given your people. Bless all gifts to your benefit, and may all the earth know of your goodness and grace, offered through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily  
bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time  
of trial  
and deliver us from  
evil.  
For the kingdom, the  
power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,  
God, the Word of life,  
God, the Spirit of truth  
bless you all, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 660 *Lift High the Cross*, vv.1, 4  
**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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