



2nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 7th, 2024
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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn - Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain - ELW 363

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you**

HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW 388 - Sung Three Times

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

A: 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. **C: Amen.**
The assembly is seated.

WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.)

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 32-35

P: A reading from Acts:

32 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. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 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. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

P: A reading from 1 John

1 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—2 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—3 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. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5This 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. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but 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. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1My 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; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW 673 *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. We sing the first two verses before the gospel reading and the second two after the reading.*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

19When 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." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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."

26A 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." 27Then 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." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But 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.

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

SERMON

Pastor Joey Klinger

Hymn of the Day - *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* - ELW 815

THE APOSTLES CREED

C: 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 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 THE PEOPLE

We gather to pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition ends with "God of Grace," The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer"

PEACE

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

MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

The Assembly Stands

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

PREFACE

P: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - ELW 189

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion

COMMUNION

You have the option to either come forward and receive the bread and wine from Pastor and commune via intinction. This means dipping the bread in the wine and then eating both. You may also remain in your seat and use the pre-filled communion cups that were offered on the way in. The bread is gluten free.

Communion Hymns - ELW 471, 496, 472

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen**

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN - *Thine is the Glory* - ELW 376

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Our Prayer List

Our Community: John Graham, Marceline Mae, Sam Kelly, Nina Liptak

Our Friends: Terry Garf, Kristen, Dotti Gorman, Jack O'Connell, Susan Fleisher, Megan Selby, Kathy Kellmer, Lea and Paul Ressler, Chris Lofink, Ruth Mann, Melissa Kuchler, Bill Robinson, Jim Kellmer, Linda Moore, Robert

Donnelly and Family, The Family and Friends of Patricia Wierzbowski, The Klein Family, The Edwards Family, Patricia Weiser, The Toland Family, Brendan and Abigail Martin,

Announcements

Mother's Day Play Revival! - We are going back to the first show we did, *Love Loss and What I Wore*. This is readers theater just like last time so you don't need to memorize anything. All women are welcome to audition. We will put on the play on Friday May 10th as a prelude to Mother's Day. Auditions will be held Sunday April 7th after worship.

SAGES Solar Eclipse Party Monday April 8th - There is a solar eclipse and we will be able to see a chunk of it here in Philadelphia! We will start up at 2 p.m. on our corner with snacks, educational information, and glasses for viewing the eclipse. If you want to be present for when the eclipse will be at it's most coverage best sure to join us at 3:23 p.m. We will be going till 4!

Reexamining the Basics - Join us after worship starting Sunday April 14th as our Seminarian Allison leads us through some of the Luthern Basics via the Catechism and the Book of Concord. Don't worry this won't be your normal catechism class! Join us and grow deeper in your understanding of Lutheran Theology and Faith.

Fostering Hope Grand Opening - Join us Saturday April 20th from 2 to 4 p.m. downstairs in our hall and classrooms as Fostering Hope celebrates its grand opening. All are welcome to come see the space, enjoy some snacks, play some games, and get to know the ministry better!