

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR

JOHN 20:19-31

Today's Participants

Pastor: Joachim Wilck

Organist: Lucas Myers

Cantor: Jonathan Howell

Service Leader: Pam Brady

Usher: Mary Ellen Saur

Lector: Carol Werth

Greeter: Ann Seppa

Communion Assistants: Carol Werth & Steve Brady

Cross Bearer: Lois Danneberg

***Special thanks to those who are providing coffee-hour for us today.
And for our wonderful Sunday School Team!***

Prelude

Introduction

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.

Entrance Hymn

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(Pastor prays over the Baptismal Font)

Pastor: 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,

All: Make us one as you are one.

Pastor: 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,

All: Make us one as you are one.

Pastor: 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,

All: Make us one as you are one.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (go to verse 4)
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Lector: {Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.}

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 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." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might 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."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

Lector: The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**All: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"**

Lector: The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

All: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Lector: The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

All: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

Lector: "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

All: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

Lector: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Lector: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

Lector: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

All: The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

Lector: You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Lector: {The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time..}

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Corinth.

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

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Festival Alleluia

by James Chepponis

Choir or Cantor sings first time, then congregation repeat.



The verse is then sung by cantor or choir then all repeat the alleluia.

***VERSE: Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: 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."

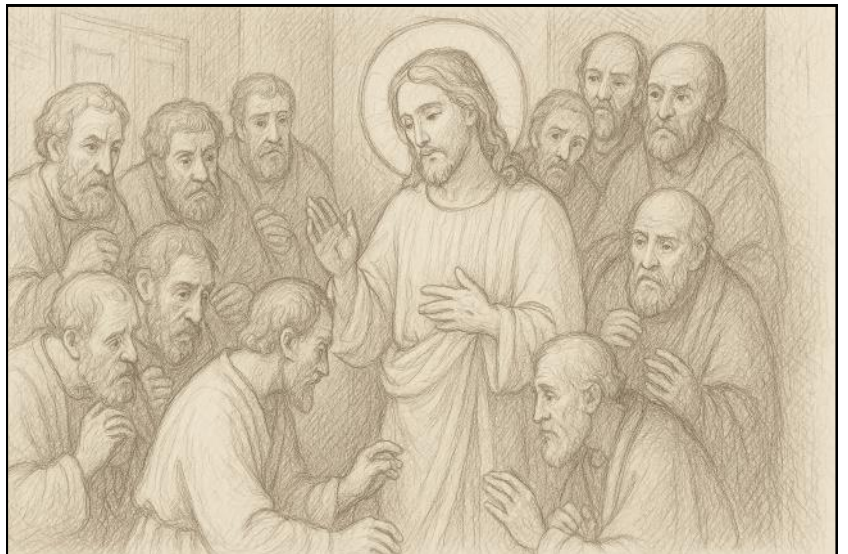
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Joachim Wilck



Hymn of Response

"We Walk By Faith"

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in

E A D E

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

F#m DM⁷ Bm⁷ E F#m

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

C#m⁷ Bm⁷ E⁷ A D E A

The Nicene Creed

All: 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

Pastor: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Help us find ways of caring for the earth to best support life. Give us wisdom to find ways to clean up the environment that our air, water, and soil can bring forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local communities and where there is common ground, working with other nations to foster friendship, respect and cooperation. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

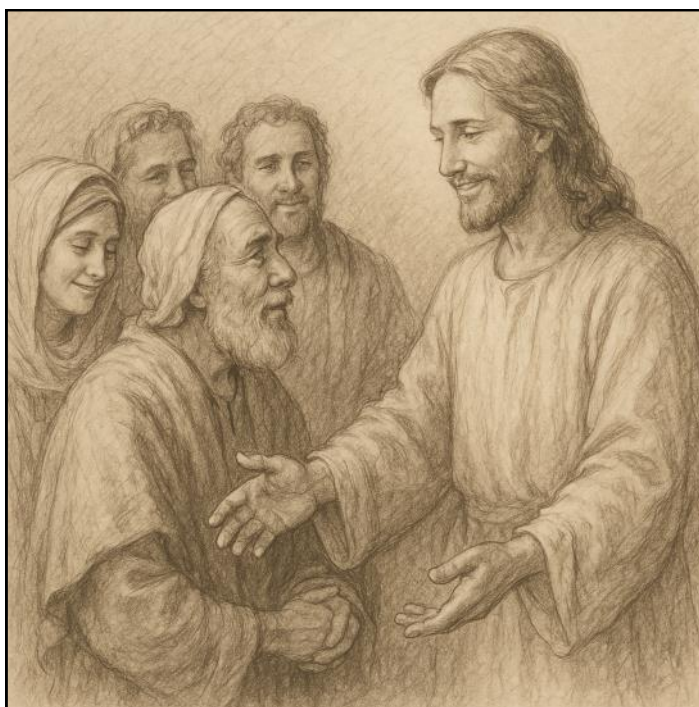
Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always!

All: And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of peace.

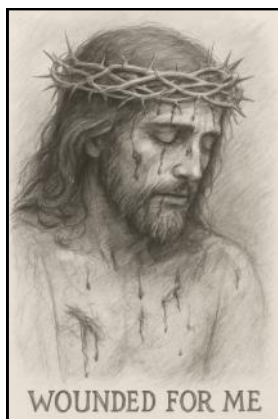


The offering is collected and brought forward during the singing of the Hymn



1. Wound-ed for me, wound-ed for me, There on the cross He was wound-ed for me;
 2. Dy - ing for me, dy - ing for me, There on the cross He was dy - ing for me;
 3. Ris - en for me, ris - en for me, Up from the grave He has ris - en for me;
 4. Liv - ing for me, liv - ing for me, Up in the skies He is liv - ing for me;
 5. Com - ing for me, com - ing for me, One day to earth He is com - ing for me;

Gone my trans - gres-sions, and now I am free, All be-cause Je - sus was wound-ed for me.
 Now in His death my re - demp-tion I see, All be-cause Je - sus was dy - ing for me.
 Now ev - er - more from death's sting I am free, All be-cause Je - sus has ris - en for me.
 Dai - ly He's plead - ing and pray - ing for me, All be-cause Je - sus is liv - ing for me.
 Then with what joy His dear face I shall see, Oh, how I praise Him—He's com - ing for me!



WOUNDED FOR ME

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

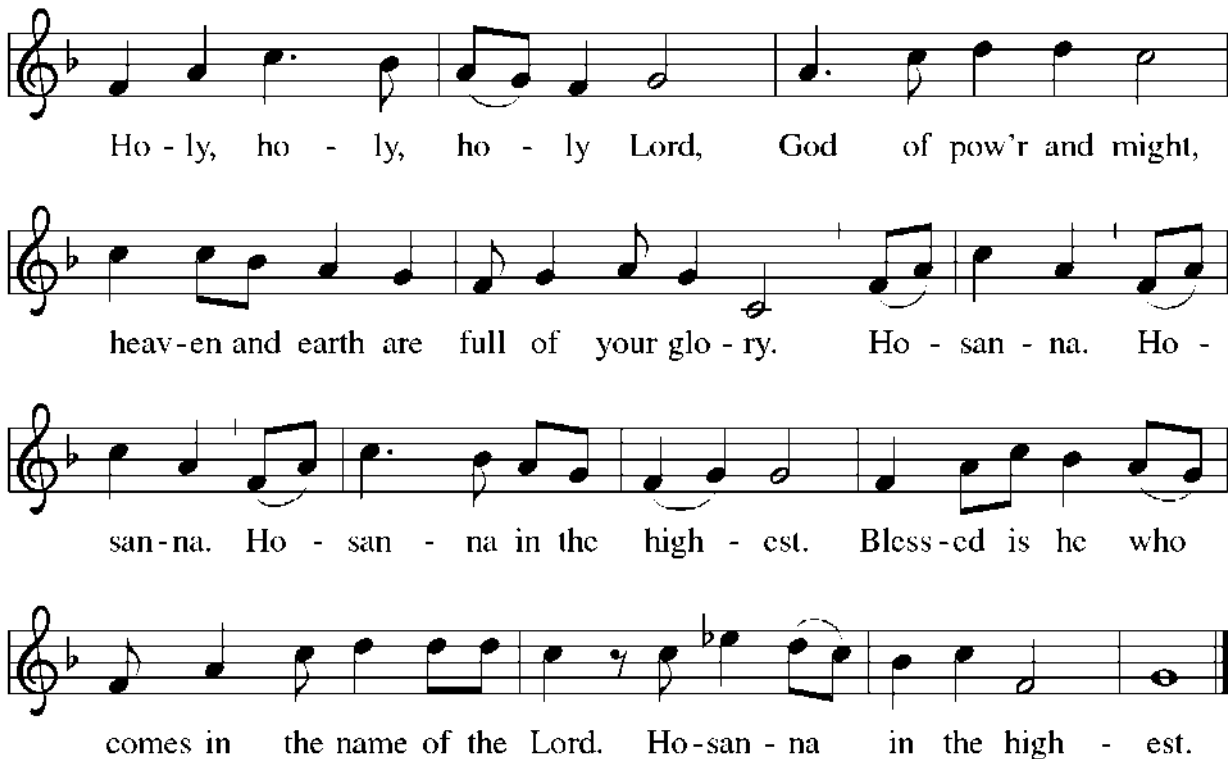
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Pastor: 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.

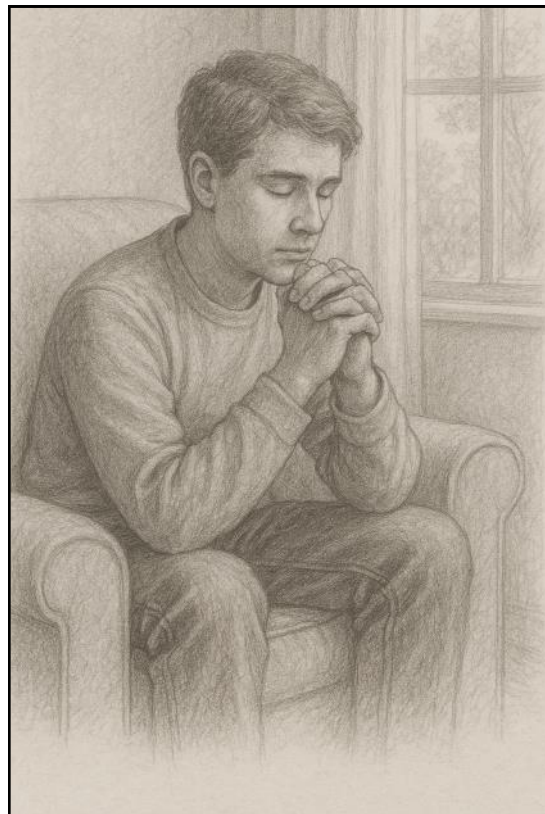
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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

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

All: Amen.

Communion Special Music

"Arise My Love, And Come Away"

Words from Song of Solomon 2:10-13. 8:6-7

arranged by Mark Hayes

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Arise, my love so beautiful, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth. The time for singing has come!

The voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.

The fig trees are bursting with buds and the promise of fruit.

The grape-vines are fragrant with blossoms. How delicious they smell!

Spring is here and my heart is filled with Love!

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm.

For love is as strong as death, and passion, fierce as the grave.

Many waters cannot quench love. All the world's riches cannot buy love.

Table Grace

Pastor: Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: 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.**

Benediction

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
 When Tho - mas first - the ti - dings heard,
 "My pierc - ed side - O Tho - mas see,
 No long - er Tho - mas then - de - nied;
 How blest are they - who have - not seen,

with heav'n - ly hosts to the Christ our king:
 That they had seen - the ri - sen Lord,
 and look up - on - my hands - and feet;
 he saw the feet -, the hands -, the side;
 and yet whose faith -, has con - stant been,

to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 He doub - ted the - dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 not faith - less, but - be - live - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 "You are my Lord - and God!" - he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 For they et - er - nal life - shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!

After final Stanza



Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Thank you for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

We hope you will come again and worship with us!



Happening this Week—April 27—May 4

Sunday, April 27

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 28

6:30 p.m. Scouting America

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Wilck

Friday, May 2

5:30 p.m. German School

Saturday, May 3

9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. German School

Sunday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Community Life Committee

Next Sunday's Participants

Service Leader: Mary Ellen Saur

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Lector: Steve Brady

Communion Assistants: Cindy Borzilleri & Steve Brady

Greeters: Ruth & Richard Pearce

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

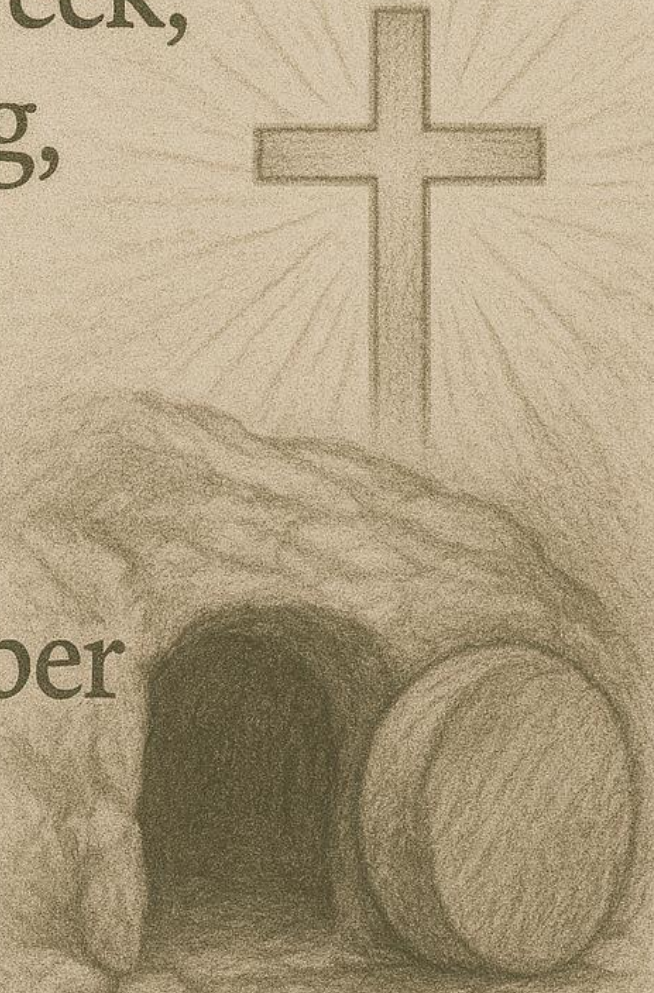
April 28th..... Jacob Foltz, Reinhold Freimuth
April 29 Virginia SanFilipo
May 1Chloe Osterling
May 3 Michael O'Connor
(belated) April 24 Brad & Ann Morningstar
May 1 Bob & Alice Newbury

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Mission Collection: St. Theodore's Food Pantry*today is last day.*
Loop Ministry..... *board member needed, speak to Dave Cuff.*
Veteran Bricks*deadline to order is May 4th*
Next PB&J Sandwich Ministry *May 8th at 9:30 a.m.*
Scout Chicken BBQ *May 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m.*
Mother's Day *May 11th*
Memorial Day..... *May 26th*
Pentecost *June 8th*
Father's Day & Trinity Sunday & Opening of Bass Fishing..... *June 15th*
Pastor Wilck's Final Service & Retirement Bash *June 29th*
retirement luncheon, location, and time TBA

Have a great week,
and God willing,
we will see you
next Sunday!

If you wish to
become a member
please sign our
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speak to a service
leader for more information.



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