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The 2nd Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

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.

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

P In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

P You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,

our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,

now and forever.

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Song

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Greeting

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love and wisdom of God,

and the light and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

P In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

P For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

P For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, and defend us, O God.

***All* Amen.**

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God; to make all things new. Refrain

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P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray:

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son.

All 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.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Acts, the 5th chapter

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.

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

Acts 5:27-32

L Word of God, Word of Life!

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from The Revelation, the 1st chapter

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.

⁴John 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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! 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.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:4-8

L Word of God, Word of Hope!

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

♪♪ Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? ♪♪
You have the words of eternal life: Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

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.

John 20:19-31

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

I Believe In Jesus

Verse 1

I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all
I believe He is here now standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive

Verse 2

I believe in You Lord, I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all
And I believe You're here now standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive

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Lutheran World Relief Litany of Thanksgiving and Hope

Blessing of the LWR Personal Care Kits

P Almighty and gracious God,

All You have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.

P We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

All Lord, we pray for more.

P We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources — our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

All We pray yet for more, Lord.

P We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

All Lord, for much more we pray.

P We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, Quilts, and Kits makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

All For still more, Lord, we pray.

P We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting Fair Trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

All Lord, yet again we pray for more.

P We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and then pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

All Yet for one more thing we pray.

P We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others.

All In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly when we pray, Amen.

Litany written by Pastor Emeritus Ed Whetstone, Salem Lutheran Church, Catonsville, Maryland.

Prayers of Intercession

L Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

♪ ♪ Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: ♪ ♪
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God, in your mercy,

All: You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

Please stand in body or spirit.

♪ ♪ As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill ♪ ♪
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P Risen One,
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.

All Nourish us to follow you,
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death

P on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*♪♪ Holy, holy, holy are you, ♪♪
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and presence
which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

P *♪♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen. ♪♪
Christ will come, come again.*

All *♪♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen. ♪♪
Christ will come, come again.*

P Remembering his command to love one another,
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

P ♪ ♪ Amen, Come Lord Jesus. ♪ ♪
 Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

All ♪ ♪ **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.** ♪ ♪
 Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

P ♪ ♪ Amen, Come Holy Spirit. ♪ ♪
 Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

All ♪ ♪ **Amen, Come Holy Spirit.** ♪ ♪
 Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

♪ ♪ **Through Christ, with, Christ, in Christ,** ♪ ♪
 In the unity of the Spirit
 All glory and honor is yours, O God,
 Now and forever, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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;

All 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.

The Invitation

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.
Come to the feast.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant



Communion Songs

♪ ♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: ♪ ♪
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you broke the bond of sin and of death:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Because He Lives

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because Christ lives Chorus

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns Chorus

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He Is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord;
ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

Bridge

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!

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*Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

Benediction and Sending Song

Please stand in body or spirit.

(Cantors sing each line, the congregation repeats.)

♪ ♪ May the Lord bless you and keep you. ♪ ♪
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May He keep you in perfect peace.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
May 1st

First Reading:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel:

John 21:1-19

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Don and Dee Brown in honor of the birthdays of daughter Heather and grandson Luke

Linda Corey in loving memory of her sister, Joan

Alan and Cindy Day in loving memory of their son, Erik and sister Debbie Officer

Paula Del Carlo in loving memory of her parents

Orville and Anne Engelby in honor of their friend, Wes Carlson, who turns 100 on April 15th

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Connie Larsen in honor of her entire family

Hazel Linke in loving memory of her husband, Don

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Eric and Pat Refsdal in honor of our singers and musicians

Mike and Nicole Shane for peace and restoration in Ukraine and comfort to its citizens

Elaine Shelburne in loving memory of her wonderful parents, Gerald and Johanne Olsen

Keith and Marlys Sorbo in loving memory of Marlys' parents and Paula Nielsen Volpi

Roy and Arliss Zimmerman in loving memory of their parents

HE IS RISEN !!