

✝ **Sunday, April 7, 2024** ✝
Second Sunday of Easter
✝ **10:30 am Praise Service** ✝

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's

Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

***Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Ruth Jaipershad and Sheriza Waith***

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

How Great is our God

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tried to hide,
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, How great is our God!

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Versicles

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P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

C for You answer me.

P Hide Your face from my sins,

C and blot out all my iniquities.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
P For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**
P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A True stewardship is looking out for others to include caring and supporting them. Luther even used this terminology in his explanation to a few different commandments. We are called to support, provide, and care, and to do this we need to be of one heart and soul. That oneness is only accomplished through Jesus. Today let us come together in the oneness of Jesus as we hear these words from Acts chapter 4:

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

A Fellowship with one another and with Christ is necessary for all who believe. Fellowship is the opportunity to gather together, support, encourage, and walk with each other as we embark on the journey of life. This is also necessary when we fall short of God's command. Through compassion, grace, and love, we correct and build up so that the church is strong for its mission of proclaiming God's truth in Christ. Our second reading this morning is from first John chapters 1 and 2:

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And 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 is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

Shout to the North

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

(Chorus)

Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love

(Chorus)

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!

(Chorus-2x)

Sermon

Stewardship - giving, gathering, togetherness.

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

Be Glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer

P Let us pray.
We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits. We ask you to use these blessings, gratefully returned to You for the work of Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

C **Amen.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 148

- P** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- C** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
- P** Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- C** Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.
- P** And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- C** Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- P** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- P** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer

- P** Let us pray together:
- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

(Chorus)

Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise,

Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever

(Chorus)

The Dismissal

- P** Christ is Risen!
- C** **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude by Mark and Phil

Special Thanks

Special thanks to our young musicians who have added their talents to recent services. To Ava and Elle McQuire for their new praise song, and to Lexi Czischke for her clarinet playing on Palm Sunday! Thanks to all!

On April 10, a new organ work by Phil Lehenbauer will be getting its **world premiere** at **Harvard University**, and Phil will be there to hear it! The work is based on hymn #543, "What Wondrous Love Is This", and will be played by Harvard's organist and composer Carson Cooman.

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Easter Lilies

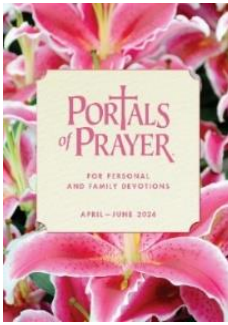
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If you provided an Easter Lily, please feel free to take your lily home after either service.

He is Risen



Portals of Prayer

The April through June issue of Portals of Prayer Daily Devotions is available in the narthex – by the mailboxes. Please pick up a copy at your convenience.

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‡8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

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‡10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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