

*Central*  
Lutheran Church ELCA

Sunday, 11 April 2021

## Second Sunday of Easter



Welcoming All

Growing Faith

Engaging Worship

Compassionate Service

## Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Gathering Hymn #384 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Now the Feast**

(Verses 1 & 3)

#### *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*
  
- 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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### **First Reading**

#### **Acts 4:32-35**

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

The Word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

### 1 John 1:1--2:2

<sup>1</sup>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—<sup>2</sup>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—<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This 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. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but 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. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My 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; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading

### John 20:19-31

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

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

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

**Sermon** Rev. Linda Helberg, *Visitation Pastor*

### **Hymn of the Day #376** *Thine Is the Glory*

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

#### Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

### **Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed**

**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 Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Give healing and peace to those who are lonely, hurting, sick, suffering, or afraid, especially **Bob, Linda, Jo, Mike, Roz, Jenny, Jeff, Arlene, Judy, Bob, James, Karen, Dennis, Carolyn, Ken, Steve, Marcy, and Stan.** Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion & Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Special Music

### Closing Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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## Today's Worship Assistants

Acolytes: **Izzy Anderson, Rylan Marish, Reese Nissalke, and Avery Foss**

Altar Guild: **Joe Palubicki**

Assisting Minister: **Julie Palubicki**

Lector: **Autumn Benedict, Bob Hermann and Lilly LeGere**

Video Recordist: **Linda Bouck**

Vocalists: **Rich Moe, LaVern Hauschildt, and Bob Hermann**

## Please remember in your prayers this week:

**Arlene Westrud** (Health)

**Bob Dornbusch** (Health)

**Bob Ries** (Waiting for Kidney Transplant)

**Carolyn Rasmussen** (Health)

**Dennis Rasmussen** (Recovery)

**James Smith** (Battling Cancer)

**Jeff Wadewitz** (Health)

**Jo Linee** (Recovery)

**Judy Kromrey** (Health)

**Karen Freiheit** (Health)

**Ken Westrud** (Health)

**Linda Garrison** (Health & Recovery)

**Marcy Karsten** (Health)

**Roz Kritttem** (Battling Cancer)

**Stan Gudmundson** (Battling Cancer)

**Steve Pecsénye** (Health)

## **Your Gifts Make a Difference - Thank you!**

Offering Income April 1-5: **\$15,232.80**, April Offering Goal: **\$40,535.27**

40 Together Donations Total: **\$4,825.00**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Volunteer Recognition**

We see the hard work our volunteers put in and we want you to know how much we appreciate all that you do! To celebrate you, we will be hosting Volunteer Reception on April 25th at 10:30AM between services in the parking lot. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

#### **Cookbook Reservations**

Coming soon to a kitchen near you— the WELCA 150th Anniversary cookbook! Over four hundred recipes have been collected, typed, and formatted for printing. The recipes include everything from appetizers to desserts. The cookbooks should be available in June, and you can reserve one at [clc150yearflowing.myevent.com](http://clc150yearflowing.myevent.com) under the “Reserve Cookbook” tab! The final cost has not been determined yet, but will not exceed the cost of publishing the cookbook. Karolee Hogden and Sylvia Pecsénye are co-chairing this project. Get your utensils ready for some good eating!

#### **WELCA**

The next WELCA meeting is tomorrow, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Grace Hall. The meetings are held the second Monday of every month in Grace Hall. All women of Central Lutheran are members of WELCA. Make sure to watch out for any updates about events! There is always a place for you on any WELCA committee. If want to know more, please contact Central Lutheran Church Office 507-452-5156 or WELCA President Gloria Siewert at [glo62@yahoo.com](mailto:glo62@yahoo.com) or 507-450-5132. *“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”*



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