

resurrection
REALity

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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50 PRINCE OF PEACE

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.



Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

THE LIVING LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE

In most world religions, the alleged foundational event was experienced by only one person. A selfproclaimed prophet would allege he alone had some special encounter with God. *"No really! Just trust me. It really happened."* The resurrection reality is so very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), St. Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. It is like St. Paul is telling skeptics, *"You don't need to take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead."*

The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*
Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew. 

Hymn 449 This Joyful Eastertide

Invocation

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Confession and Absolution

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

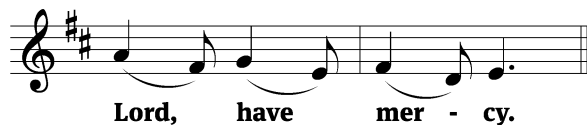
silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

Song of Praise This is the Feast (#938 - st 1,4,5)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 } Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 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. *Refrain*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Acts 18:1-11

St Paul faced opposition, but continued to preach because the Gospel is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16). The living words of the living Jesus did bring many to life in God.

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I

am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."

¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Across the Lands (#549 - st 1+3)

**You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice! (Refrain)**

Refrain **You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of ev'ry man, and your
cry of love rings out across the lands.**

**With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home! (Refrain)**

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-4

In this Easter season, we'll hear much of the book of 1 John. At the introduction, John proclaims Jesus Christ, the One the apostles saw and touched, the One who lives from the dead, as our eternal life. He lives and so we live!

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what

we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation sings the refrains, the minister sings the verse.



Refrain



Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead!

Refrain



The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

This lesson is the basis of the sermon.

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with

the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them

and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day | O Sons and Daughters of the King (#456, st 1,4-8)

1 **O sons and daughters of the King,
whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

2 **That night th' apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

3 **When Thomas afterwards had heard
that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted that it was the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

4 **"Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"my hands, my feet, my body see;
and doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

5 **No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

6 **Blessèd are they that have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Sermon John 20:19-31 The empty tomb is full of treasure!

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**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,

Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4

Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1

Colossians 1:16

Romans 10:9

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Matthew 16:16
 John 3:16
 John 1:1,8:12,17:22
 Colossians 2:9
 John 1:2
 John 10:30
 Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
 1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23
 John 6:41; Luke 15:20
 Luke 1:34-35
 John 1:14
 Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18
 Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53
 1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6
 Acts 1:9
 Acts 7:55
 Matthew 26:64
 Acts 10:42; My 3:12
 2 Peter 1:11
 Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38
 Genesis 1:2; John 3:6
 John 15:26
 Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14
 Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21
 1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22
 Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38
 1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4
 Psalm 106:48*

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

God of mercy, when Thomas refused to believe, our Lord revealed Himself so that Thomas might know the peace, joy and comfort of His resurrection. Deliver from doubt and fear all who hesitate to believe the promise of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, restore those who have wandered from the faith and are lost in error's maze. Rekindle the fire of the Spirit in the hearts of those whose faith has grown cold, and restore the many who have lost

their way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, come to the aid of the nations. Where there is war, bring peace. Where there is disaster and suffering, bring comfort and hope. Where there is injustice and cruelty, bring relief to the oppressed. Where there is violence and hatred, bring love. Bless especially our president, governor, mayor and all elected and appointed civil servants on every level of government. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special intercessions may be included here.
All these things and whatever else You
know that we need, grant us, Father, for the

sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose
again and now lives to save. **Amen.**

Offering



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

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THE SACRAMENT

Stand



The Lord be with you.



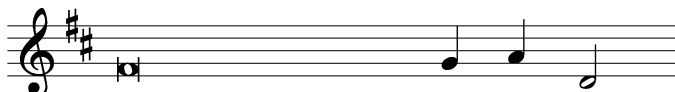
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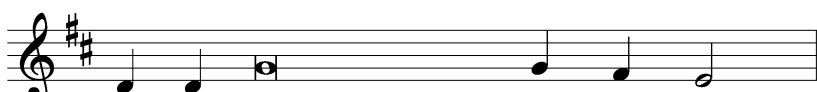
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks for everything your Son has done for our salvation.

Bless us as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray...

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do

this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

Hymn 465 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Hymn 450 The Day of Resurrection

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go in peace. Your † sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

Prayer and Blessing

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
thro' all eternity.

2Crown him the Lord of love—
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.



We thank the Lord for Sarah Boettcher and her gifts used to serve us with music this morning!