



# *WELCOME TO*



**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

# **April 27, 2025**

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.

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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**Prelude:**

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

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

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,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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.

**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 384 "That Easter Day with  
Joy Was Bright"**

### **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg. 213 "Glory to God"** (*see  
insert*)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

*All respond:*

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

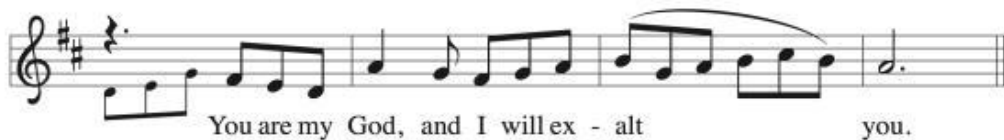
### FIRST READING: ACTS 5:27-32

*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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 118:14-29



Psalm 118:28

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<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength <sup>l</sup> and my song,  
and has become <sup>l</sup> my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the  
tents <sup>l</sup> of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the <sup>l</sup> LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD <sup>l</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the <sup>l</sup> LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not <sup>l</sup> die, but live,  
and declare the works <sup>l</sup> of the LORD. R**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed pun- <sup>l</sup> ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- <sup>l</sup> ver to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the <sup>l</sup> gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks <sup>l</sup> to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate <sup>l</sup> of the LORD;  
here the righ- <sup>l</sup> teous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have <sup>l</sup> answered  
me**

**and you have become <sup>l</sup> my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the build- <sup>l</sup> ers rejected  
has become the chief <sup>l</sup> cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has <sup>l</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous <sup>l</sup> in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the <sup>l</sup> LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be <sup>l</sup> glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> **Hosanna! <sup>l</sup> O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, pros- <sup>l</sup> per our days! R**

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name <sup>l</sup> of  
the LORD;

we bless you from the house <sup>l</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> **The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> **Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever. R**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

*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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174 " Celtic Alleluia"**

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31**

*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."*

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV 674 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **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,  
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**

**Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

### **OFFERTORY: ELW 465 "As the Grains of Wheat"**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS: ELW 525 "You Are Holy"**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer  
At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

... with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**  
... into the future. **We bless you, O God.**  
... with us now. **We thank you, O God.**  
... we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
  
... without end. **Amen**

## **\*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

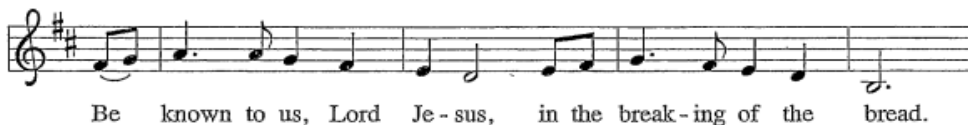
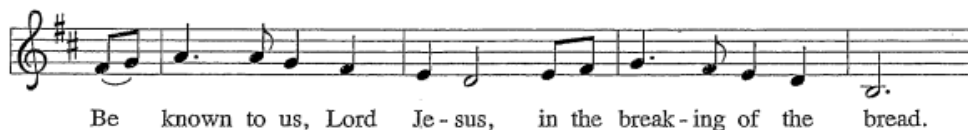
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,**

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

Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.

## LAMB OF GOD: "Be known to us, Lord Jesus"



## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The appropriate response is:*

Amen.

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

## **HYMN: ELW 646 "The Peace of the Lord"**

**Choir: Christ Arose**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: ELW 361 "The Day of Resurrection!"

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude:

*The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.*

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

<b>Pastor:</b>		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
<b>Music Director:</b>		Len Cremisio
<b>Asst. Ministers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
Reader :		Quiana Menchaca
Crucifer:		Julian Menchaca
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Patricia Bressler
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
<b>Post Worship Sec.:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m</b>	Joy Yonko
<b>Counters:</b>		Arlene Kelly
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Fellowship:</b>		

**Communion Wine:** Given by Chuck & Joy Yonko, In honor of their children and grandchildren.

**Altar Flowers:** Ritch & Debbie Cassem, In honor of their 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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