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APRIL 7 8:30 & 11



GRACE
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The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude & Entrance Hymn



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed feet
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed side,
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed hand
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
with the op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve,
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Easter Greeting

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

C: Amen!

A: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.**

P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious Father, those who saw Jesus risen from the dead testified to the truth that He is the Savior you had promised to the world. Let their witness and testimony come to us now with the power of your Spirit, that we who have not seen may yet believe. We ask this in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 4:31-35

When the gathering had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. 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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hymn 649

Behold, How Pleasant

Refrain / Estribillo



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:
1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

Refrain / Estribillo



es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

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 -- 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.

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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 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. If

we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Children's Sermon

Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;
Je - sus has died and has ris - en!

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

In the evening on that day, the one after the Sabbath, when the doors were locked where the disciples were on account of the fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and saying, "Peace to you."

And having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced, having seen the Lord.

Then he said to them again, "Peace to you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And having said this, he breathed, saying to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit! If you let go of the sins of any, they have been let go of them; if you seize them, they have been seized."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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."

And after eight days the disciples were again together, and Thomas with was with them.

Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Bring your finger here and see my hands and bring your hand and cast it in my side and do not be faithless, but faithful!"

Thomas answered him and he said, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me you have believed; blessed are those not having seen and having believed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

These Things Did Thomas Count

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex - pect - ed
live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers read like
ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw, im - print - ed palms reached

stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

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.

The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offertory

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Dedication of the Offering Box

P: Listen for the Word of the Lord . . . The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: In response to the blessings we receive . . . Let us pray:

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

P: I now dedicate this offering box to a sacred purpose and a holy use in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff concludes with lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: It is indeed . . .

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff has lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff concludes with lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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

- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yaw - ning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Post Communion Prayer

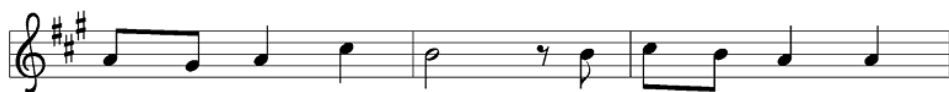
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Recessional

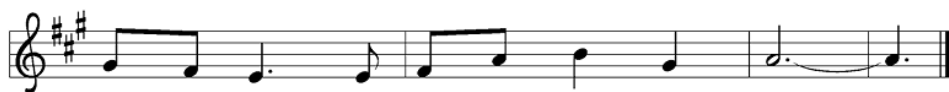
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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Altar flowers are dedicated by Carol Straub in loving memory of Walter Straub, and Marlene Sabanosh in loving memory of Roger Sabanosh.



Sunday, April 7

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation
Classes

Tuesday April 9

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday April 10

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

Thursday April 11

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Sunday April 14

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes



A funeral service for Peg Lindblom will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 1:00 p.m. Peg's family will host a reception following the service in Fellowship Hall.



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