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Second Sunday of Easter



Johon19:19-20

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

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You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

GATHERING

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord..

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

* **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 4:32-37

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³² Now the 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. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There 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 ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: *1 John 1:1 -- 2:2*

L: A reading from the first letter of John.

1 That 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.

2 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. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** Gospel: *John 20:19-31***

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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."

²⁶ Eight 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." ²⁷ Then 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but 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. [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Service of Affirmation of Baptism

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P: The following people desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Gary Hudik

Coral Mosbo

Theresa Woodbury

The new members come forward and water is poured in the font.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

The Pastor addresses the new members.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

New: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

New: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

New: I renounce them.

The Pastor addresses the whole assembly.

P: I ask you all, do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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;**

**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 again to judge the living and the dead .**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

The Pastor addresses the new members.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? ?

New: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The Pastor addresses the whole assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleansing us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. .

C: Amen.

*** Hymn**

Day of Arising

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Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle and Maci Diffenderfer.

To families and friends, praying for love, peace, and comfort in memory of the stabbing victims in Rockford, Illinois.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. .

C: Amen.

MEAL

Peace

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Setting the Table

Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting ...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: ... grace our table with your presence:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us :

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.

Lamb of God

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**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Communion

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing*

Post-Communion Prayer

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P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name .

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*** Hymn**

Thine Is the Glory

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*** Dismissal**

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

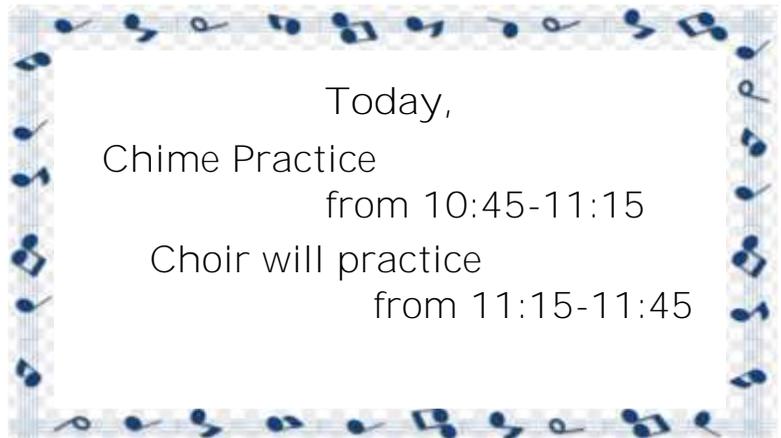
Postlude

Karen Niemeier

*Attendance March 24th
In-person 37, Online 50*

*Maundy Thursday
In-person 15*

*Good Friday
In-person 20*



*Good Shepherd Piece Corps Quilting Group
Every Wednesday 8:30am –11:30am
Fellowship Hall*

It's been years since the congregations of the NW Conference gathered for our own Assembly. Members of my congregation of Lord of Love recall with joy the days when churches in the NW corner of the synod would gather at least once a year for shared worship and fellowship. I am thrilled that we'll jumpstart the tradition again in just a few weeks! Please plan on attending the

NW Conference Assembly
Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 2pm
Furlong Funeral Chapel,
100 Caroldon Court in Galena

Our agenda for April 7 is simple:

First, we'll gather for Jazz Worship with Jon Ailabouni and members of the Luther College Jazz Orchestra. Jon is a trumpeter, composer, liturgist, and educator based in La Crosse, WI. Of Jazz Worship

Then, we will welcome Reverend Jeff Schlesinger, pastor of Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish in Compton and Lee. Pastor Jeff will speak on "The Joy of Sharing: How Shared Ministry Can Help Congregations Thrive Together." Pastor Jeff has extensive experience leading, consulting, and speaking on how congregations can come together to serve God and neighbors. I look forward to a lively and informative discussion!

Finally, we will elect a voting member and an alternate who will attend the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. The voting member from the NW Conference will be a male lay person. Please do submit to me the names of congregation members who wish to be considered for this important position by Thursday, April 4 so that we can include them on the ballot. You can email your nominations to me at lordoflovegalenapastor@gmail.com

Thank you in advance!

At the NW Conference Assembly there will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of welcoming Jon and the musicians to lead our worship service. We also ask that congregations that are able to do so, please consider making a \$30 donation, made payable to NW Conference to assist with expenses.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns about April 7!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Robin Luckey

Northwest Conference Dean

Friendship Club

April 11th, Friendship Club will resume their regular monthly meetings.

At 12:30 Potluck, followed by 1:00pm meeting. Entertainment by Tyger Johnson, One Man Band.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, April 11th 6:30pm

Le-Win Food Pantry

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry on April 27th from 8:30am-11:30am.

Please sign up to be a volunteer, sign up sheet by Fellowship Hall. Good Shepherd volunteers once a month on even numbered months.

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, April 27th at 4:30pm.

Scholarship Forms

Good Shepherd Scholarship forms are due April by April 30th