

2nd Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021 "What's going on" The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Gathering

Greeting



Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P 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.

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Lord, I come before you now, Oh, please hear my cry. In Jesus' name I dare to come, humbly now before your throne. For, I have sinned against our will. I have missed the mark again. Forgive my sins as I confess and plead for your righteousness. Oh, Lamb of God in your mercy please take away my sin. Lord, renew me from within. By your Spirit make me whole again. Jesus, cast me not away but give me hope that comes from you. For you alone can make me whole and heal my brokenness. So, fill me now and make me new in your own righteousness,.

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 4:32–35

³²The 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. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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 ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That 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. 8 If 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. ¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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." ²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do

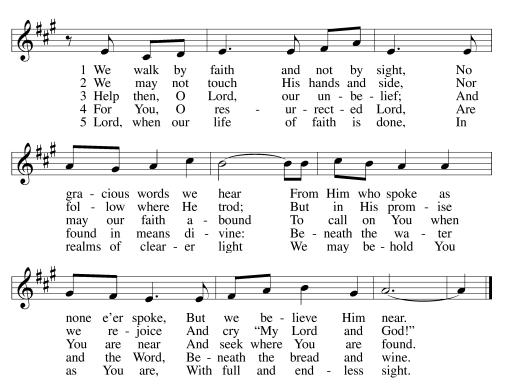
not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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.

A brief silence.

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.

A You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. 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.

C Your mercy is great.

A You direct the nations, O God. 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.

C Your mercy is great.

A You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

A 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.

G Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.
- **C** 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.
- C Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

- P 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.

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Distribution

(Please keep social distancing during communion)



Common Blessing

May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true faith unto → life everlasting.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.





He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

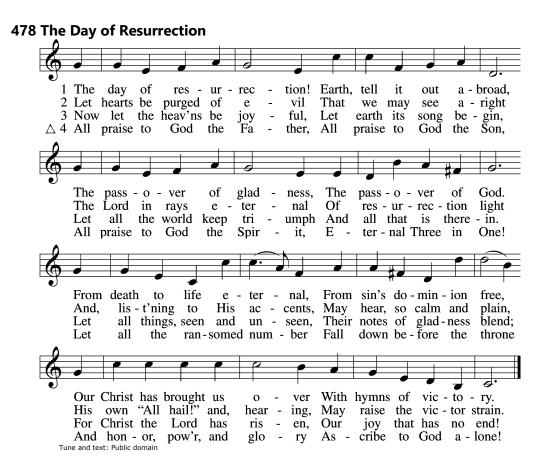
C Amen.

Benediction

- May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father,

 → Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

- A Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

A 'SPECIAL THANK YOU' to Rev. Eric Allyn for leading us in worship

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INTERCESSIONS, for the family of Rosalee Schroeder, Roger Roebke, Matt Dvorak, Carol Matt, Sara Himes, Jeanette Strelau, Donaldo Tauler, Al Carter (Debby Piccoli's step father), Makenna Jacobs, Michael Mode, Helen Warke, David Groenier (brother of Mary Krock), Eleanor Mode, Kari Roberts, Paul Samson, Jonathan Zawislak, Piper Houzenga (Tom & Mary's granddaughter), We pray for our nation and its leaders. +++ For those serving in the military. +++ AJ Schrautemyer, Joseph Puzzo, Cameron & Jacob Dyer, Christine Strange, Jared Koch, Vincent Stewart, Jacob Green and Neal Rogers We pray for our missionary Danelle Putnam, serving in the Dominican Republic; For our Church on the call of a new Pastor.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS Lector: Jerry Jacobson; Assist Min: Tom Muchowicz; Acolyte: NA; Ushers: NA; Greeter: NA

ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS Members/Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and put it in the offering plate on the table at Communion. Parents, please add children's names.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION –Church office is open, Mon-Fri., 9am-2pm.

Please contact the church office for assistance. Jerry Russell (847-437-0990) and Jerry Jacobson (847-971-3257) are also available to handle any ministry needs.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance 70= \$3301 to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

BOARD OF Stewardship John 20:19 – "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

HELP THE HUNGRY The EGV Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church requests the following items to distribute to the needy: canned fruits (small individual size), one dish meals (chili, stew), peanut butter, spaghetti, jellies, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, juice boxes, cookies, chicken noodle soup. Place your donations in the Fellowship Hall shopping cart. Thanks for your help **Special need** of chicken soup, tomato soup, pasta sauce and tuna packed in water **IMPORTANT** In the event that you need to miss church, remember that you can go to either TrinityVP.com or RevRobRogers on YouTube to see the sermon this week. Also our website www.holyspiritegv.org to see our worship video.

Human Care/Missions is taking up a collection for Lutheran World Relief for the next month. Starting today March 14 thru April 11, 2021. A basket will be in the back of the Church for donations.

OUR MISSION

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN <i>4/11</i>	Adult Bible Study	10:30am
	2 nd Sunday of Easter	12:00pm
THUR 4/15	A.A. Meeting	7:30pm
SUN 4/18	Sunday School	10:30am
	3rd Sunday of Easter	12:00pm

WELCOME!

The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. We confess our faith in the one, holy, universal and apostolic church of Jesus Christ. Baptized Christians 14 years of age and older who believe His body and blood are present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at His table. If you are searching for spiritual direction and Christian fellowship, we invite you to inquire into the Biblical faith proclaimed and practiced here.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays - 12:00 PM Communion Service Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00p.m. Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Sept.-May) Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 5, Youth Class 6th- 12th Gr. 2 Adult Studies,

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