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**Sunday, April 7, 2024 + 9:15 AM**

2nd Sunday of Easter

Service of Eucharist

ELW Setting 4

WELCOME TO  
WORSHIP THIS  
MORNING.

*We are so  
happy to have  
you here with  
us this  
morning.*

*Regular text  
will be read by  
the worship  
leader, the  
congregation  
will read the  
bold text*

**PRELUDE**

"O Worship the King (William Gardiner, arr. John Carter)

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*"Thine is the Glory" (ELW 376)*

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

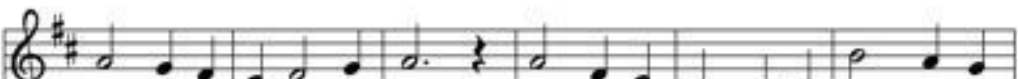


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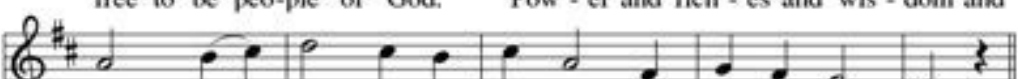
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

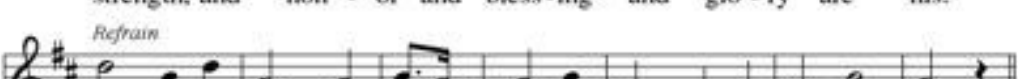


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



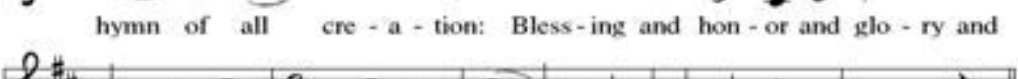
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 4:32-35**

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.

**A** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**PSALM**

**Psalm 133**

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

**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.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for evermore.

*How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.  
(Ps. 133:1)*

## SECOND READING

## 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.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

**GOSPEL**— The Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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."

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

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20:19-31**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" (ELW 385)*

## **NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the 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

**A** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

**A** Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**A** Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**A** Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**A** Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain *especially* Bob, Doreen, Leona, Marge, Mary Jane, Peggy, Ed, Evie, Betty, Sue, Suzanne, Rita, Sandy, Carmen, Vicki, Carol, Sue, Andy, Timothy, Missy, Bret, Karen, Frank, Linda, Charlotte, Mark, Tressa, Mike, Burton, Dane, Laura, Matt, John, Darlene, family of Hayden, Ron M., Ron K., Paul, Eric, Earleen, Renee, Kathy, Ben, Bill, Barb, Chet, and Ken.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**A** Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**A** Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**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.



**Amen.**

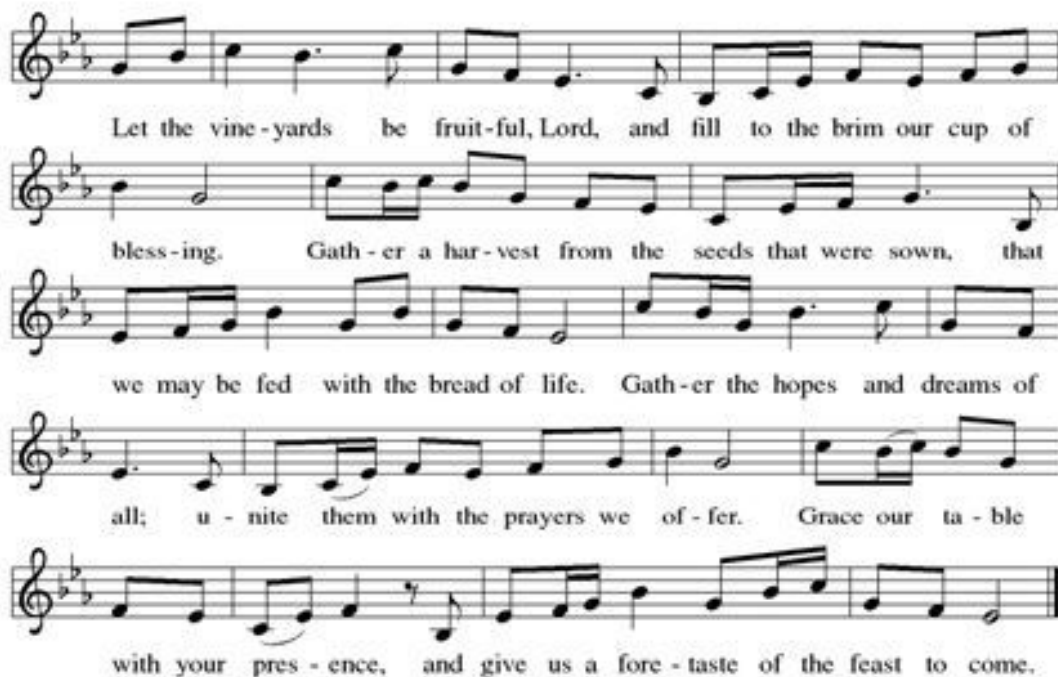
### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (C. Hubert H. Perry)

**OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*A full prayer list is located on page 15. If you have additions or changes to the prayer list, please call or email the office.*

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.

**P** It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

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

### **EUCARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters  
 of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of  
 slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
 We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the  
 sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave  
 his life for others.  
 In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 and gave thanks; broke it,  
 and gave it to his disciples,  
 saying: Take and eat;  
 this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks and gave it for all to drink,  
 saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people  
 for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Remembering, therefore,  
 his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
 Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
 carry us in your arms from death to life,  
 that we may live as your chosen ones,  
 clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
 Through him all honor and glory is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 both now and forever.  
 Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer  
 that Jesus taught us

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### THE 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 peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Shepherd God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes and hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (ELW 535)*

### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## POSTLUDE

"Sing Praise to God" (Bohemian Brethren)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want worship to be a place where you feel comfortable. During the postlude at the end of worship, you are welcome to stay or to quietly leave if you need to get on your way. Either way, there's no wrong decision.

#### Lessons for Next Sunday

First Lesson - Acts 3:12-19

Psalm - Psalm 4

Second Lesson - 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel - Luke 24:36b-48

**Attendance from 3/31 ~ 60**

### Financial Summary

	Income	Expenses	+/-
Income vs. Expense as of	25,315.78	13,774.46	11,541.32
Received this week	2351.00		

If you have anything for the **May 2024 newsletter**, please submit it to the church office by April 24th. Information can be dropped off or physically mailed or emailed to [mdcoffice1603@gmail.com](mailto:mdcoffice1603@gmail.com).

#### BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Kristen is holding Bible Study Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. We would love to have you join us at this great opportunity for fellowship!!

#### CSS Snack Night

A sign up sheet to volunteer for CSS Snack nights is out on the table if you would like to participate! Please call CSS at 814-314-8035 a day or two before their sign up date! Thank you!

**Coffee Hour!**

This month's coffee hour is April 21st! There is a sign-up sheet for hosting the coffee hour!

**Out of Town**

Keli will be out of town this week from April 8th thru April 12th. If you need anything during this time, please contact Pastor Kristen at 814-490-8333.

**Altar Flowers!**

The flower chart to order altar flowers for 2024 is now up in the lounge. Please sign the chart to order flowers for a specific Sunday or call Keli to reserve a specific date. The cost of the flowers are \$25 per week!



Altar flowers for this week are sponsored  
by Terry Cavanaugh  
in honor of Nancy's Birthday



**Those Who Serve This Sunday 4/7:**

Ushers: Lisa Welch and Yvonne Klick  
Communion Assistant: Dan May  
Lector: Mark Kresse  
Altar Guild: Nancy Cavanaugh & Judy Kruk  
Counters: Dean Baldwin and Fred Droney

**Those Who Serve Next Sunday 4/14:**

Ushers: Margie and Fred Droney  
Communion Assistant: Nancy Cavanaugh  
Lector: Dan May  
Altar Guild: Nancy Cavanaugh Judy Kruk  
Counters: Jack Tell and Bob LaBenne

**In our prayers today:**

*Members- : Bob Goetz, Doreen Shepegi, Leona Carlson, Marge Neckel, Mary Jane Sinicki, Peggy and Ed Spaulding, Evie Warchol, Betty Stokes, Sue Agens, and Earleen Glaser.*

*Family & Friends of Members- Suzanne and Rita Sink (friends of Earleen), Sandy and Carmen Stonge (friends of Narice May), Vicki (friend of Dan May), Carol Bolan (Carol Kosobucki's Cousin), Sue (friend of Karen Salvatore), Andy (Friend of Dan May), Timothy Baccus (Husband of Jennifer Baccus), Missy Orr (Friend of Cheryl LaBenne), Bret Hollinsworth (Family of Cheryl Labenne), Karen Kolk (daughter of Marty & Judy), Frank Lombardo (Friend of Dean Baldwin), Linda Lerch (Friend of Jane Manross), Charlotte Russell, (Friend of Cheryl LaBenne), Mark Cabisca (Friend of Cheryl LaBenne), Tressa Morris (Friend of Narice May), Mike Lombandozzi (Son in law of Sue Agens), Burton Holden (Brother-in-law of Jane Manross), Dane Stokes, Laura and Matt Wass (daughter and son-in-law of Jane Connors), John Brown (Friend of Terry and Nancy Cavanaugh), Darlene Smith (friend of Beth Hammerman), family of Hayden Lucas (former student of Dan May), Paul Johnson (Friend of Betty Stokes), Ron McCarty, (Friend from Holy Trinity soup and pasta kitchen), Ron King (Friend of Sharon Kresse), Eric Hall (friend of Carol Kosobucki), Renee (friend of Lori Hammerman), Kathy Swanseger (cousin of Joanne Swanseger), Ben Clement (friend of Joanne Swanseger), Bill Augur (friend of Terry and Nancy), Barb and Chet (Lamb of God members), and Ken Tell (cousin of Jack Tell).*

*(If names need removed or added to the prayer list, please put a note in the offering plate or contact the church office.)*

### **Mission Statement**

We want to reach out joyfully to the Erie area and the neighboring communities inviting people to experience Christ's acceptance, love, and healing, while helping people grow in their walk with Jesus.

### **Welcome Statement**

In Christ's body, there is a place for you. We invite and welcome you to join us, no matter your social status, race, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic position, physical and mental abilities, or where you are on your faith journey. We are a community committed to the work of racial equity, bringing justice for God's beloveds. You are accepted and affirmed just as you are, with all your differences and all your gifts, a unique child of God. Galatians 3:28 says "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male and female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus"

#### This Week at Mt Calvary:

#### **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

8:30 AM Adult Sunday School

9:15 AM Sunday Worship

#### **Monday, April 8, 2024**

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

5:30 PM Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

10:00 AM Bible Study

#### **Sunday, April 14, 2024**

8:30 AM Adult Sunday School

9:15 AM Sunday Worship

10:30 AM Children's Sunday School



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