

Sunday April 24, 2022
Thomas – Second Sunday of Easter



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH***

*we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS***

*we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (Please Rise on the last Verse)

#369 ELW



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 150 *(Read Responsively)*

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." 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 come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

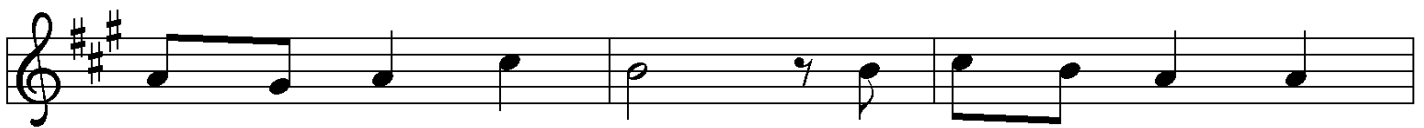
HYMN OF THE DAY:

“We Walk by Faith”

#635 ELW



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 - jice, 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.

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Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Please stand if you are able

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

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; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you (*especially*). Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise (*especially the art and music ministries of this congregation*). With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Cross of Christ” # Dakota Road

Hearts on fire with hope and grief, there is doubt and
Some - one has a heav - y load, stran - ger hurt a -
Riv - ers filled with mys - ter - y flow - ing for e -

there's be - lief. Some will trust, a bless-ed faith;
long the road. Some will walk right by this place.
ter - ni - ty. Ev' - ry child of ev' - ry race,

oth - ers need to touch the wounds of grace.
Who will stop to be the hands of grace?
wel - come to God's a - bound - ing grace.

Look - ing through the cross of Christ, we die and rise a - gain.

New cre - a - tion, gift of life, love that has no end.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Don & Donna Myhre
Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell
Hospitality: Chuck & Elsa Carlson, Lee & Barb Forrester

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, April. 17, 2022: In Person: 8:30 am: 54
Sunday, April. 17, 2022: In Person: 10:00 am: 54
Sunday, April. 17, 2022: Online: 35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Dean Malotky

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS (or want to be Choir Members) We starting Choir Practice on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm. More members are always welcome to join the choir.

WELCA DELEGATES WELCA is looking for delegates for the Summer Convention on June 6-8, 2022. Any female member of the church is welcome. More information and registration forms available in the Fellowship Hall on the table along the NW wall. See Jeannine Bruesewitz or Susan Samuelson for more information.

YEAR END SALE Hot Hot Pepper Jelly is available for sale in the Fellowship Hall for a free will donation (regularly \$4/jar). We're clearing the shelves for our spring jelly making day in early May.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS: training classes will be available that will cover a variety of topics of how to help a person experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. The Mental Health First Aid training class will consist of two 4 hour sessions on May 3rd and May 10th, From 10:00am – 2:30pm. We will break for lunch each day so plan to bring a bag lunch. Soup and Refreshments will be available. Participants must attend both sessions. LIMITED to the first 30 participants. A contribution from Thrivent Financial has helped reduce price to \$10 each for materials. Please call the church office to register:320-684-2123.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 5, 2022. Prayer Breakfast at Faith Lutheran Church from 7:00-9:30am. Open Prayer from 11am – 2pm at the following churches: Faith Lutheran, Living Waters Assembly of God, Isle Baptist, Holden Lutheran & Wahkon Presbyterian. Concert of Prayer from 6:30-8:00pm at Isle Evangelical Free Church. See poster in Narthex for complete information.

CRAFTERS! Mark your calendar for Monday, May 23 at 9 am to brainstorm ideas for our fall bazaar. Bring ideas or craft that you think we can do as a group.

GIVE NOW FOR EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

Ways you can give:

1. Contribute using your regular offering envelopes. Designate as: “Eastern Europe Crisis”. We will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response for distribution.
2. By Mail - *Make checks payable to “Lutheran Disaster Response”.*
Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

3. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Mon. through Fri., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT)

4. Give online at: <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

April 25, 2022 – May 1, 2022

Monday	4/25	11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/26	9:00 am	Quilters
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice – All Welcome!
Wednesday	4/27	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	4/28	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Friday 4/29 thru Sunday 5/1			Synod Assembly in Brainerd
Sunday	5/1	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream (<i>No communion</i>)