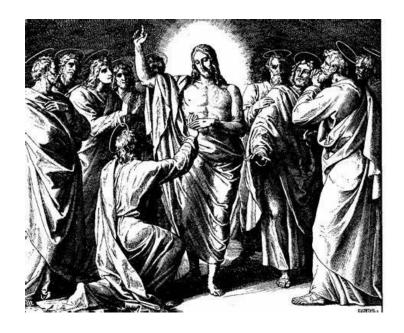
Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

April 16, 2023

The Second Sunday of Easter



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God For the birthday of Russell Rappley and Dailyn Rappley and Leah Ryel

Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
Craig Escude`, Choir Director		Bill Paris/Cantor
	8:00 AM	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Elders	Paul Mincer	David White
Lectors	Diane Sanborn	John Zagone
Ushers		J
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Altar Guild	Marilyn Pittman	Debbie Leger
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Lectors	Linda Licht	Kathy Kirchoefer
Ushers		•
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook

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The Divine Service: Setting One

I Know That My Redeemer Lives **Prelude**

Herbert Colvin

Stand



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Stand

Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3 Tone G



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation* if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

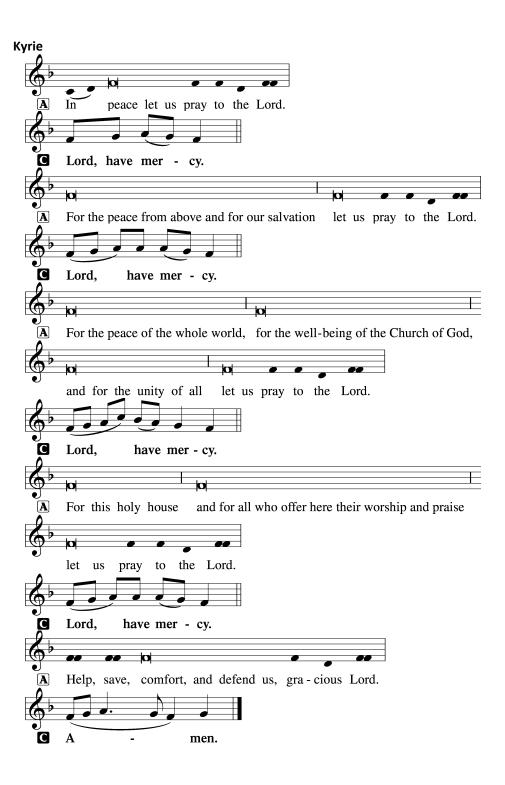
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

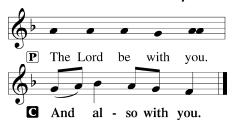
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This Is the Feast LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Sit

First Reading Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to 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."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

Psalm



¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the | heavens;* praise him | in the heights!

²Praise him, all his | angels;* praise him, | all his hosts!

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13 Tone G

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<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon,*
   praise him, all you | shining stars!
<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest | heavens,*
  and you waters above the | heavens!
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD!*
   For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.
<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and | ever;*
  he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
  you great sea creatures and | all deeps,
8fire and hail, | snow and mist,*
  stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!
<sup>9</sup>Mountains and | all hills,*
  fruit trees and all | cedars!
<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all | livestock,*
  creeping things and | flying birds!
<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*
   princes and all rulers | of the earth!
12 Young men and maidens to- gether,*
  old men and | children!
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- | alted;*
   his majesty is above earth and | heaven.
<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for | all his saints,*
  for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!
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Epistle 1:3–9

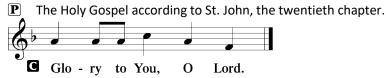
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 20:19–31



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."

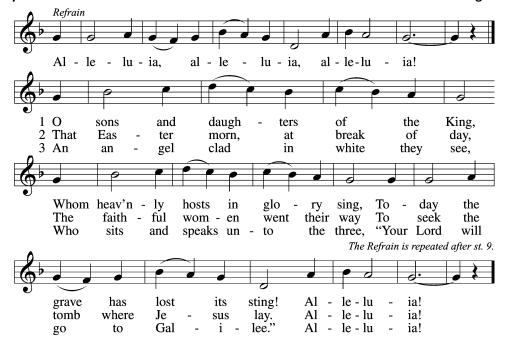
²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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.



471 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Hymn



- 4 That night the_apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

- When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia! Refrain

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

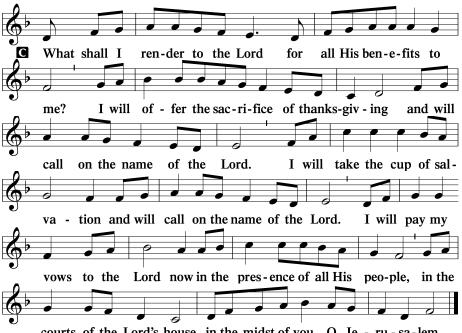
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With High Delight Let Us Unite

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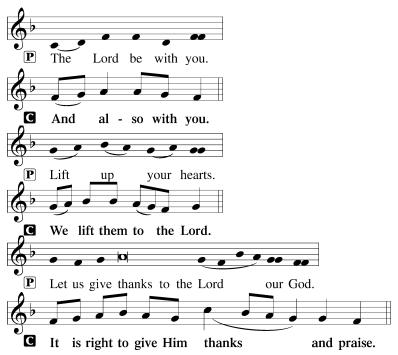
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Offertory LSB 159



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Preface LSB 160



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:

Sanctus LSB 161





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

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.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 ⅓ 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."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

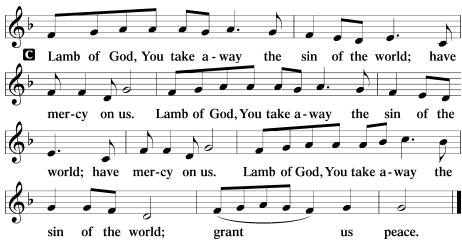
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

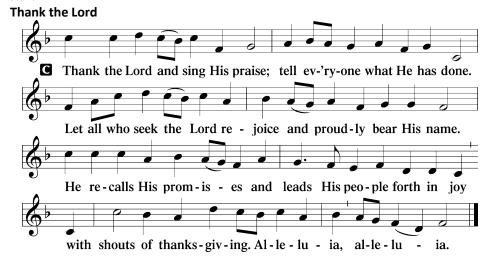
 in peace.
- C Amen.



- The words which absolution give
 Are His who died that we might live;
 The minister whom Christ has sent
 Is but His humble instrument.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free, In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.
- 8 Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

LSB 164

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.



Benediction LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





Postlude Postludium Gordon Young

Prayer List

Long Term Illness

Cynthia M. (Lundquist)

Michael Terzian

(Keeney) Brian Keeney Joyce (Kruse) Stacy Olson (Ryel) Brenda Ridgeway

(Amato)

Gretchen Sweetser

(Mincer) Mary Coffman (Coffman)

Mike & Suzie Characky

(Steen)

Annette & Jim Bodden

(Heaphy) Judy Fuchs

Surgeries and Illness

Karen Ude Nona Schmook Tricia Heiple

Patty Metcalf (Luecke)

Jan Tharp Mary Hill Wally Rose Mincer Joe Gabriel (Amato) Agapia Dragan (Luecke B)

Joanne Blanchard

(Clancy)

David Hawthorne Vicki Fisher Louise Bauer Betty Ude

Personal and Family Concerns

John Renick

Linda Rice (McAbee)

Nancy Stang Joann Kapugi

Kaufman Family

Debbie Leger

Sandi Rivers (Ryel) Wayne & Karen Mathis

(Steen)

Melissa Shipman-Bates & sons Will & Cooper

(Amato)

Teresa Fisher & children Colby & Audrey (Kaufman)

Homebound

Louise Bauer Warna Berryman Albert & Marianne Bugner Kathleen Fox

Judy Fuchs Joann Kapugi Suzie Karnatz Dianne Luecke Jan Nelson Nancy Stang Sue Smith Betty Ude

Compassion and Sympathy

Ministry Concerns

Our Preschool staff, children & families

Preschool Abbie Voiln (Montgomery) health concerns

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti

Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)

Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)

Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Mexico)

Jacob and Marie Sipes (Seminarian)

Scott and Veronica Missling (Seminarian)

Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

LWML Rummage Sale, Saturday, June 10th

The annual church rummage sale is coming up. This is a great opportunity to clean out your basement and garage for a worthy cause! All proceeds from the sale are used to financially support mission projects throughout the year. Contact Debby Zagone at (828) 891-2416 if you have any questions.

MISSION OF THE MONTH



The **Mission of the Month** for April is Blue Ridge Prison and Jail Ministries. In addition to cell-to-cell ministry, they also provide Bibles and other devotional materials, mentor the children of inmates, and provide group therapy for other family members of inmates. They realize that being incarcerated doesn't just affect the individual person, but their entire extended family as well.

Outreach & Community Concerns

5K RUN FOR LIFE

Open Arms Pregnancy Support Center will host its annual Run for Life 5K run and Fun

Walk on June 3, 2023 to raise support for women and teens facing unplanned pregnancies.

The race will be held at The Park at Flat Rock, 55 Highland Golf Dr, Flat Rock, NC 28731 with an 8:30 AM start time.

It is open to runners and walkers of all ages. Participants can go to https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/FlatRock/Run4for5k to sign up for the run.