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April 24, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**10:30 AM - Holy Communion/ ELW Setting 3
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Prelude - “Crown Him with Many Crowns” - Elvey

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection*)

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #382 - "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

(Stand if you are able)

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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.

Kyrie ELW Page 138

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast ELW Page 140

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wonded hands of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "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." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 118:14-29

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter"

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵**Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you,
LORD, prosper our days!**

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷**The LORD is God and as given us light. Form a procession with
branches up to the corners of the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.**

Second Reading- Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 142

The Holy Gospel - John 20: 19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John:

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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - Rev. Shirley Guider

Hymn of the Day - ELW #366 - "*The Strife is O'er*" vs. 1,2,3

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 and Intercessions:

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: Receive our prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

Offertory - Choir - "We Have Seen the " - Tanzanian Folk Song

Offertory Song - ELW 186 - Create in Me a Clean Heart O God

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (sung- page 144)

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.** People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.** People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Preface for Easter (sung by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 144

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 146

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

Hymn during Distribution- “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” - ELW #338

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: ELW# 389 - “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!” vs. 1,2,5

Dismissal:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. Shirley Guider
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Leo Grzelkowski
Altar Guild	- Barb Naska and Becky Praster
Lector	- Linda Sauter
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Kathy Hlavaty and Scott Gaun
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, April 24th - Second Sunday of Easter with Rev. Shirley Guider
- TODAY, Sunday, April 24th following service – Congregational Event: The Present
- Thursday, April 28th @ 6:30 pm – Care-A-Lot Open House
- Next Sunday, May 1st - Third Sunday of Easter with Rev. James Heckman
- The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.

- APRIL BIRTHDAYS- APRIL 26th - Robert Ziegenfuss; APRIL 27th - Nancy Moskella; APRIL 28th - Frank Mammana (85) and Tim Gadwell; APRIL 30TH - Alison and Emerson Rhine
- APRIL BAPTISMS - APRIL 24th - Landon Helfrich; APRIL 27th - Clayton Helfrich and Landon Frey; APRIL 30th - Ella Rose Michl
- APRIL "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" will go to support Care-a-lot
- The food basket located on the altar were donated by Barbara & Ben Naska to the glory of God.
- We will continue to collect food for our food banks through the end of April. They requested coffee, canned tuna or chicken (Lord's Pantry), jelly and pasta (Project Easton)
- WELCA will continue to collect donations to support Samaritan's Purse. They have erected a temporary hospital for refugees, in Poland just across the border from Ukraine. There is a container in the narthex; or WELCA envelopes available.

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Steven Streletz; Carolyn Williams and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello ; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner. Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Debbie Schultz; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving: Bobby Starling

For those in Health Care: Sara Aquino; Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer; Mary Crouse; Sara Deal Den Herder; Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharon Streletz.