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# April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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Prelude: "Sing Hallelujah" - Arr. by Mark Hayes

#### **GATHERING**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(Stand if you are able)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism as the pastor begins)

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

### (baptismal water may be poured)

- P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.
- P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.
- P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.
- P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One,
- C: Amen



### Gathering Hymn: ELW 361

# The Day of Resurrection!



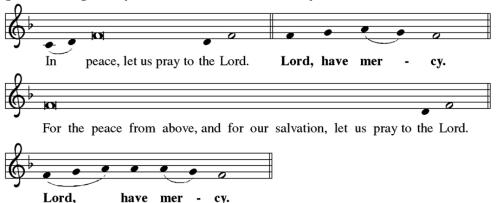
Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

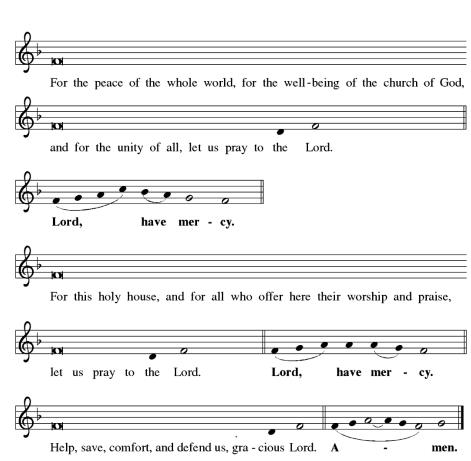
Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."





# **Hymn of Praise**





# **Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

C: Amen.

# First Reading- Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

L: A reading from the fifth chapter of Acts.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 150

L: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

C: <sup>2</sup> Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.

L: <sup>3</sup> Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

C: <sup>4</sup> Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.

L: <sup>5</sup> Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

C: <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah! .

# Second Reading - Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John.

Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

L: A reading from the first chapter of Revelation.

<sup>4</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



# The Gospel: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

P: The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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."

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

Kids Choir - "Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen"- David L. Ray

**Children's Sermon / Sermon** (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day:ELW 376

(Stand if you are able)

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

### **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**

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God,

# C: Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God,

### C: Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God,

# C: Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God,

# C: Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God,

### C: Your mercy is great.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God,

# C: Your mercy is great.

### Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

# **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

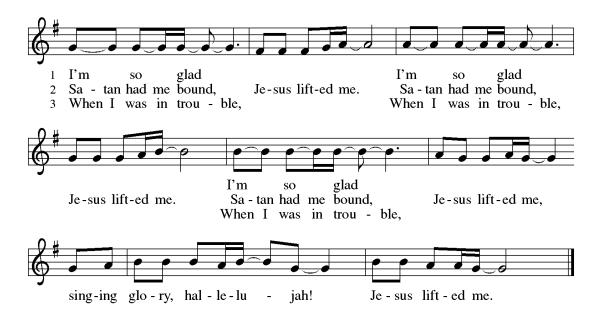
C: And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: This is the Day – Terry Kirkland

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

# I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

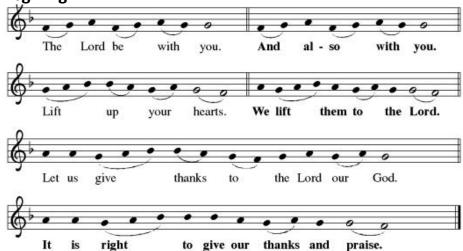
# **Offering Prayer**

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

### C: Amen.

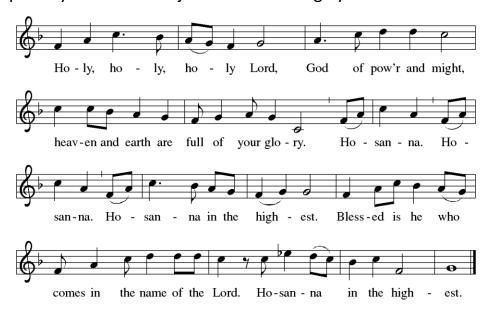
### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

### C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:

C: 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

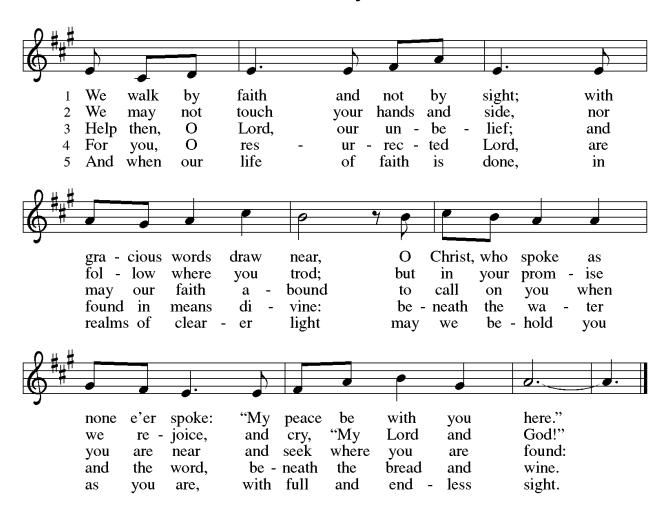
P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



### **Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine** (please follow usher)

### **SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 635**

# We Walk by Faith



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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# **Prayer after Communion**

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

### C: Amen.

### **Announcements**

### **BLESSING**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

### C: Amen

### **Sending Song: ELW 392**

# Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Marche Heroique by St. Saens

Our Outreach envelopes for April will be given to Care-A-Lot scholarship fund.

			ANNOUN	<u>CEMENTS</u>		
APRIL	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS	
27	Nancy Moskella				Clayton Helfrich,Landon Frey	
28	Tim Gadwell					
29	Ben Naska, Jr,					
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine				Ella Rose Michl	
		<u>T</u>	HIS WEEK'S	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Sunday, April 27		9:15 AM	9:15 AM		Adult Sunday school in the library	
Second Sunday of Easter		10:00 AM	AM		Communion Worship	
		1:35 PM			IRON PIGS GAME	
Monday, April 28		1:00 PM- 3:0	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM		Admin Office Hours	
Wednesday, April 30		10:00 AM - 2	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours	
			10:00 AM		Mid-week Choir Rehearsal	
			12:30 PM		Care-A-Lot Board Meeting	
			7:00 PM		VBS Meeting @ Trinity	
Thursday, May 1			10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours	
		12:00 PM			Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
			1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Saturday, May 3			11:30 AM- 1PM		Mother's Day Tea Party @ Trinity RSVP req'd	
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Sunday, May 4		9:15 AM	1		Adult Sunday school in the library.	
Third Sunday of Easter			10:00 AM		Communion Worship	
PALM Pulpit Exchange			5:00 PM- 7:00 PM		Confirmation @ St. Peter's Riegelsville	
Monday, May 5			1:00 PM- 3:00 PM		Admin Office Hours	
Wednesday, May 7			10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours	
			10:00 AM		Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, May 8			10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours	
			12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
		1:00 - 3:00	РМ		ble Study @ Hlavaty's	
		1.00			anning Meeting @ Upper Tinicum	
Saturday, May 10		10:00 AM	10:00 AM		VBS Decorating Meeting at Trinity	
Sunday, May 11		9:15 AM			Adult Sunday school in the library	
Fourth Sunday of Easter			10:00 AM		Communion Worship	
Monday, May 12			1:00 PM- 3:00 PM		Admin Office Hours	
l			7:00 PM		Council Meeting	
Wednesday, May 14			10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours	
			10:00 AM		Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, May 15			10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours	
			12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
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WELCA Meeting

10:00 AM

Friday, May 16



### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; David Sauter; Joanne Ziegenfuss

### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella

Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Bradley Mundt; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Lisa Ridge; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

#### For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Jayne Miller.

### For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Vivian Harwick; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: <a href="mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com">joanmammana@icloud.com</a>

# **Worship Assistants**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman		
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams		
Altar Guild	Val McGinn and Barb Naska		
Greeter(s)	Miriam Anderson		
Acolyte	Tucker Wagner		
Lector	Scott Gaun		
Head / Communion Usher	Miriam Anderson		
Council Communion	Dealers' choice		
Counting Team	Cathy Mueller and Scott Gaun		
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson		
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner		
Custodian	Dianna Streletz		