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## **Second Sunday of Easter**

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

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## Prelude: "The Church's One Foundation"

### OPENING

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia

### GATHERING

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

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*(Stand if you are able)*

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Gathering Hymn: ELW 389

### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## INVOCATION

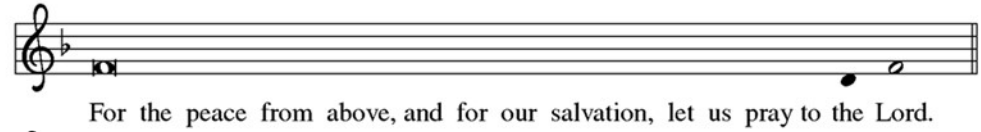
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

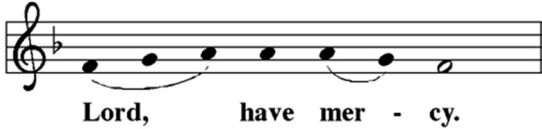
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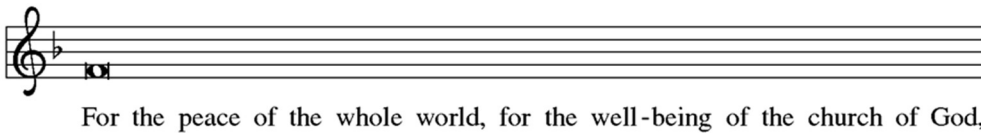
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



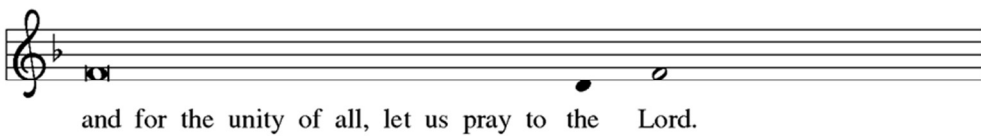
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



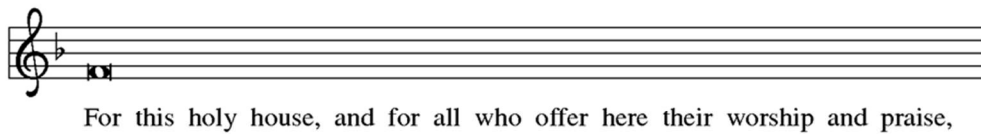
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



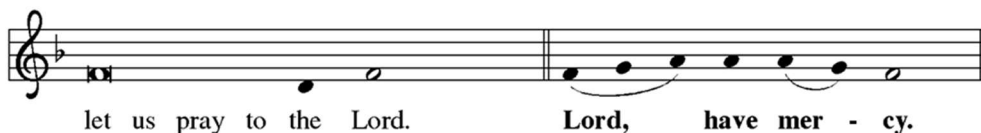
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



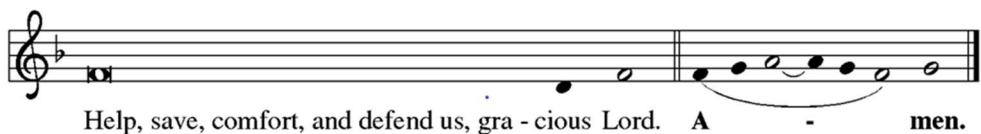
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

## First Reading- Acts 2:14a,22-32

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

L: A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 16

L: <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

L: <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**C:** <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

**L:** <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**C:** <sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

**L:** <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**C:** <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

**L:** <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Second Reading- 1 Peter 1:3-9

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

**L:** A reading from the first chapter of 1 Peter.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

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 were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue 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.**

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



Hymn of the Day:

ELW 385 (*Stand if you are able*)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**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: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially those we mention now or in the comfort of our hearts*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING –**

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**Choir Anthem: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – Sacred Harp hymn, arr. Austin C. Lovelace**

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS- Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring  
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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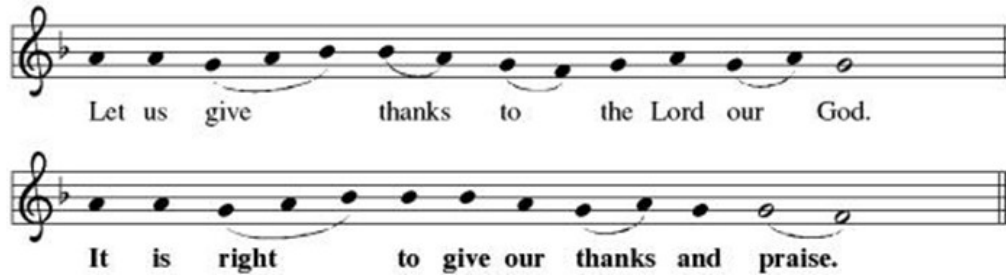
### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray, Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



P: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving

thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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 new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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



**SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 494**

**For the Bread Which You Have Broken**



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.  
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**Prayer after Communion**

**P:** Let us pray, Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song : ELW 654**

**The Church's One Foundation**



- 1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## Announcements

### DEDICATION OF CHURCH BUILDING GROUNDBREAKING

P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: in the name of Christ. Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are gathered to ask God's blessing as we set apart this ground for the building of an addition to the church.

A reading from the third chapter of 1 Corinthians verse 10-11,

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

### Meditation on the Building

#### Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you laid the foundation of the earth, you determined its measurements, and you stretched the line upon it, when the morning stars sang together and the heavenly beings shouted for joy. You fill the whole world with your presence; all the earth is holy ground. We bless you for the good things of your creation that will be shaped into a place of worship and witness, and especially today for this land, which we set apart for the building of an addition to your house. You spin the stars around the heavens, you are the dwelling place of light: make this to be a place where your glory dwells in the light of your word and teachings. You give birth to the rain, your waters break forth in the desert: may your gracious blessing descend like

dew from heaven upon all whom you will gather here for learning and fellowship and send us forth to serve. We praise you for the joy of beginning a work in your name and for all whose gifts and labor have prepared for this day. May we soon celebrate your presence in the house of your church, and, in the time to come, praise you forever in our eternal home; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Groundbreaking**

**C: <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! <sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

P: With faith in Jesus Christ this work is begun and this ground is broken in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

***We join together in turning over the earth.***

P: Let us pray. O Lord our God, in you every good work has its beginning. Grant that what we have undertaken this day to the glory of your name may be successfully completed to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Today we welcome and give thanks for:

Our architect – Alan M. Hawman, III of Emmaus

Our Engineering Firm – Scott P. McMackin

Cowan Associates, Inc, Quakertown

Our Project Manager – Ryan Kazmierski

Valley Builders General Contractor of Emmaus

Our Building Committee – Kathy Hlavaty, James Miller, Donald Mundt, James

Nicholas, & Pat Zion

Out Church Council – Cathy Muller, President

Bea von Watzdorf, V. President

Elizabeth Roberts, Secretary

Jack Pyne, Treasurer

Ken Anderson, Financial Secretary

Mark Harwick

Kathy Hlavaty

Nancy Moskella

Kat Wagner

We also want to thank the Zoning Board, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors of Durham Township for their support and help through this process.

Lastly, we express gratitude for the wisdom, guidance, generosity, and courage that has been bestowed upon this faith community, enabling the ministry of Jesus Christ to flourish and shine brightly on this hill.

**Postlude:**

Our Outreach envelopes for April are supporting Donate Life/Gift of life in honor of organ donation month.

| <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> |                |                        |                |
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| April                | BIRTHDAYS      | ANNIVERSARIES          | BAPTISMS       |
| 12                   |                | Barbara & Mike Altemus |                |
| 13                   | Ben Naska, Sr. |                        |                |
| 14                   | Joshua Roney   |                        |                |
| 16                   | John Wagner    |                        |                |
| 18                   |                |                        | Laura Helfrich |



**Prayer List**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Barbara Altemus; David Antoni; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Joan Mammana; Paul McGinn; Bradley Mundt; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss; Pat Zion

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Hans Buss; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Christine Connelly; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Charlie DeLorenzo; Nancy Edelen; Rose Elcavage; Marissa Embardino; Carol and Leon Errico; Barbara Foster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Barea Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplín; Devon Kramer; Jake Kramer; Linda Lyle; Colleen Marshall; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Stacy Mecham; Helen Mundt; Hunter Nebbia; Keith Newcomb;

Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jax Reidinger; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Lillian Staiger; Donna Storm; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Janet Vanderlely; Karen von Ruffer-Hills; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Ann & Henry Wong and Family; Barbara Yob.

**For those who are Homebound:** James Altemose; Cheryl Mesko

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:** Al Boorse; Althea Crouse, Esther Crouse; Jayne Miller; Dennis Phillipps; Ruth Sauter; Jami Silfies; Jeff Starling; Linda Wetherill; Wayne Yeisley

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: [joanmammana@icloud.com](mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com)

**Worship Assistants**

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| Preacher                    | Rev. James Heckman                         |
| Organist and Choir Director | Carolyn Williams                           |
| Altar Guild                 | Bea von Watzdorf and Miriam Anderson       |
| Greeter(s)                  | Nancy Moskella                             |
| Acolyte                     | Oaklee Wagner                              |
| Lector                      | Kathryn Wagner                             |
| Head / Communion Usher      |  |
| Council Communion           | Bea vonWatzdorf, Cathy Mueller, Kat Wagner |
| Counting Team               |  |
| Technology & Livestreaming  | Ken Anderson                               |
| Administrative              | Kathryn Wagner                             |
| Custodian                   | Dawn Margeson                              |



This week-PEACE

“HEART” work-How can we bring more peace into our world? Our community? Our own lives? How can YOU be a more peaceful person? Write or draw your ideas and answers in your journal or chat with someone about them.

Next Sunday April 19: SELF CONTROL represented by grapes.

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

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| <b>Sunday, April 12</b><br>Second Sunday of Easter | <b>10:00 AM</b><br><br>5:00PM-7:00PM             | <b>Communion Worship</b><br>Groundbreaking Ceremony<br>Confirmation Class @ St Luke Ferndale |
| Monday, April 13                                   | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM                                 | Admin Office Hours   |
| Tuesday, April 14                                  | 7:00PM   | Council Meeting  |
| Wednesday, April 15                                | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM<br>7:00 PM                    | Office Hours<br>VBS Planning meeting at Trinity  |
| Thursday, April 16                                 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>12:00 PM<br>1:00 - 3:00 PM | Office hours<br>Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim<br>Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's                    |

## Upcoming Weeks

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| <b>Sunday, April 19</b><br>Third Sunday of Easter  | <b>10:00 AM</b><br>After Worship<br>5:00PM-7:00PM            | <b>Communion Worship</b><br>Donate Life Speaker<br>Confirmation Class @ Durham                        |
| Monday, April 20                                   | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM   | Admin Office Hours  |
| Wednesday, April 22                                | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM   | Office Hours  |
| Thursday, April 23                                 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>10:00 AM<br>12:00 PM<br>1:00 - 3:00 PM | Office hours<br>Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal<br>Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim<br>Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's |
| <b>Sunday, April 26</b><br>Fourth Sunday of Easter | <b>10:00 AM</b><br>After Worship<br>1:30 PM                  | <b>Communion Worship</b><br>Durham Dialogue<br>Iron Pigs Game   |
| Monday, April 27                                   | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM   | Admin Office Hours  |
| Wednesday, April 29                                | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM   | Office Hours  |
| Thursday, April 30                                 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>10:00 AM<br>12:00 PM<br>1:00 - 3:00 PM | Office hours<br>Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal<br>Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim<br>Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's |



The altar flowers for today's service were  
donated in loving memory of  
  
**Bob and Glen Newcomb**  
  
from Lynn and Tim Leichaliter