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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

(Please stand when indicated by *)

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Fanfare and Revel on “*Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound*” (Ameigh)

GATHERING

* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56

* HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* LBW# 143

* Greeting & Kyrie LBW p. 57-58

* Hymn of Praise (“*Worthy is Christ...*”) LBW p. 60-62

* Salutation LBW p. 62

* Prayer of the Day

P Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:5-9

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had

formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

R Here ends the reading.

Psalm 148 (*read responsively*)

L ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

C ²**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

L ³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

C ⁴**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

L ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they were created.

C ⁶**He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

L ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

C ⁸**Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

L ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

C ¹⁰**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**

L ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

C ¹²**Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

C ¹⁴**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 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.

R Here ends the reading.

* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 63

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* 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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *When God Breathes*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *God Himself is Present*

LBW# 249

Holy Baptism

LBW p.121-125

* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 65-66

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair Fund. During the month of April, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the NALC Disaster Response. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Let the Trumpet Sound* (Sleeth)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

- * Offertory (*"Let the Vineyards..."*) LBW p. 66-67
- * Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus LBW p. 68-69
- * Words of Institution LBW p. 69
- * Lord's Prayer LBW p. 71
- Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion LBW p. 72
- At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*
- * Post-Communion Canticle (*"Thank the Lord..."*) LBW p. 72

SENDING

- * Benediction LBW p. 74
- * HYMN: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* LBW# 147
- * Sending

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C Amen, amen, amen

Postlude: Trumpet Tune on *"Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound"* (Ameigh)

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Noah Cauble's 18th birthday on April 8 from Greg & Angie Poole and Family.*

Those Serving Today:

Altar Guild & Communion Assistants: Vivian Sprinkle & Patsy Lyerly

Lay Reader: Patsy Lyerly

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Larry Barringer, Wade Leazer & Adam Thompson

Connector: Jennifer Curlee

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter & Ron Vellines

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 (p. 56-76)

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Stewardship Update

<i>Maundy Thursday 10:30 a.m. (4/6)</i>	11
<i>Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. (4/6)</i>	58
<i>Good Friday 1030 a.m. (4/7)</i>	11
<i>Good Friday 6:30 p.m. (4/7)</i>	48
<i>No Sunday School in observance of Easter</i>	
<i>Easter Sunrise 7:30 a.m. (4/9)</i>	68
<i>Easter 10:30 a.m. (4/9)</i>	134
<i>Current Offering received (4/9) will be included in next week's bulletin.</i>	
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

Union News

Sunday's Activities, April 16:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Unwise King ~ 1 Kings 6:11-38; 11:1-11

Adult Sunday School Class: Jesus Cooks Breakfast ~ John 21:1-14

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 2:5-9; Psalm 148:1-14; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Sermon: *When God Breathes*

We welcome into our Church Family
through Holy Baptism today, Robin Augram.

2:00 p.m. Church Council

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells (B'n B)

3:30 p.m. Youth Worship preparations

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, April 18

2:00 p.m. Tea Time with the Mary & Martha Circle
Refreshments will be served.

6:30 p.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)

Wednesday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday's Activities, April 23:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: Provided for Prophet ~ 1 Kings 17

Adult Sunday School Class: Jesus Reinstates Peter ~ John 21:15-19

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Doris Shepherd and Family on the death of her sister, Janet Dunning.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care)

Homebound Members – Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Genevieve Baker, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Vernon Overcash, William & Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Jean Ray (Asbury Health & Rehabilitation Center, Room 213 Dillworth Hallway, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215), Debbie Rinehart, & Wayne Vellines

Continual Prayer – Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton's mother), Pastor George Bradshaw (Junior Morgan's Pastor Friend), Bill Broadway, Glenn Eagle, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Garrin Kluttz (Jean & James Kluttz grandson), Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Danny "Chocolate" Myers (Frank Merrell's friend), Effie Vellines, Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmation Students: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, & Lucas Wilhelm

How Can You Serve?

Sunday School Department invites the congregation to donate pennies during the month of April. Please drop off pennies in the jar located in the Narthex or in the Joy Sunday School Classroom.

PART NINE: Ten Commandments

The Introduction: *I am the Lord your God.*

The First Commandment: *You shall have no other gods before me.*

What does this mean? *We should fear, love, and trust God above all things.*

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 6)



OUR MISSION:

*Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)*

OUR VISION:

One Relationship at a Time

BE OUR GUEST

Can't wait to see what God can do!



Next Sunday's Activities, April 23:

Sermon: *On the Road Again*

2:00 p.m. Social Ministry

3:30 p.m. Youth Worship preparations

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Luther League Middle/High School Youth at Salem

Deadline to turn in Gerald Bame Scholarship applications.

Deadline for Newsletter articles.

Nikki Nguyen has reserved the Altar Flowers for April 23.

Dear Friends and Family.

Once again, I have been accepted to return to Slovakia with the Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) mission team. My experience last year was such a blessing. When I first joined this team, I had planned to work in the music part of the camp program, but due to many changes happening (especially the war in the Ukraine and many refugees staying in Slovakia) I ended up teaching a class of 1st graders. Me, a teacher? Never in my wildest dreams have I never considered myself a teacher. That required a lot of planning and preparation. I am more of a fly by the seat of your pants kind of gal who can usually get an outline together then fill in the blanks as I go. I was faced with real lesson planning. I guess I did ok. This and other situations taught me things about myself I never knew before.

This year's trip will be July 13-31. The total cost of the trip will run between \$3000 - \$3200. This includes food, lodging, supplies and airfare. Because prices of airline tickets vary, the exact amount will not be known until they are purchased in a few months. Because each member must raise the total amount to cover expenses, I am asking you to consider sharing this opportunity with me by praying and potentially financially supporting as the Lord leads you. Before doing so I urge you to visit SON's website, listed below, to learn more about the organization. It is much bigger than just me you will be supporting. It will tell you much more information than I can include in this note.

Pray for those who are living in the former Soviet Communists bloc countries. Slovakia is just one country the network sends short term missionaries to each year. They need to know there is a Father in heaven who loves them. Pray for me as I begin preparing and to know what He wants me to do as I reach those I meet. Pray to consider joining me in this opportunity financially as you are led.

After prayerful consideration if you feel able to assist financially, please do so by mailing checks to the address on the next page or use SON's online donation link. Either way, your gift is tax deductible. Please DO NOT write my name on any check that is mailed, instead include the donation coupon to identify where the funds are to be used.

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely, Mary Hutchens

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