

Easter 2 — April 27, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing,

ELW 386 vs. 1, 4-8

Apostolic Greeting

L 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.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Hallelujah. Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. This is the feast of victory for our God. Hallelujah Hallelujah.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L Let us pray: 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

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "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." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might 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."
Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**



Psalm 118:14-29

- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength¹ and my song,
and has become¹ my salvation.
- ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents¹ of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the¹ LORD acts valiantly!
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the¹ LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ **I shall not¹ die, but live,**
and declare the works¹ of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun-¹ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o-¹ver to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the¹ gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks¹ to the LORD.
- ²⁰ “This is the gate¹ of the LORD;
here the righ-¹teous may enter.”
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have¹ answered me**
and you have become¹ my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the build-¹ers rejected
has become the chief¹ cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the LORD has¹ this been done;**
it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it.
- ²⁵ **Hosanna!¹ O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, pros-¹per our days!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house¹ of the LORD.
- ²⁷ **The LORD is God and has giv-¹en us light.**
Form a procession with branches up to the corners¹ of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I¹ will exalt you.
- ²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the¹ LORD is good;**
God’s mercy en-¹dures forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8

⁴ 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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! 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. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 142

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel according to John in the 20th. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." 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 come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

We Walk By Faith

ELW 635

Reception of New Members

to St. Paul's ELW pgs.234-237

Marlene Battistoni

Linda Hamm

Lori Howe

Colleen Roller

Carmella Sanzo

Prayers of the People

L: Blessed are as those who have not seen and yet believe in the Lord of Life who lives on,
we pray for ourselves and all our neighbors' needs.

AM: For the whole Church, born of God's gracious gift of new life in Christ, that we may labor together to bring blessings to every heart and soul. Especially today we pray for our newest members and partners in faith, Lord have mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the nations of the world, that they may experience the conditions needed for all humanity to know the harmony intended by God. Especially we pray for those who are victims of cruelty, hatred or violence, Lord have mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the natural world, that we may stand in awe at the mystery and majesty of creation,
and see there the fingerprints of the loving Creator, Lord have mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: For children - all children - that they may be spared the worst ravages of danger and harm, and may grow in a world focused on their thriving, Lord have mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: For grateful hearts, that filled with the Spirit of the living Lord, we may respond with generous hearts, Lord have mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any needs you now life out loud or in silence.....Lord have mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

L: For all these, and any other needs you see, Lord, we offer our prayers, Lord have mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all. C And also with you.
 Please share a sign of peace with one another.

The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.

Anthem: Hallelujah, We Shall Rise Words and music by J.E. Thomas, arr: Molly Ijames

In the resurrection morning when the trump of God shall sound, we shall rise, in the morning we shall rise. Then the Saints will come rejoicing and no tears will e'er be found. We shall rise, we shall rise. We shall rise. We shall rise Amen. In the morning in that resurrection morning when death's prison bars are broken in the morning we shall rise. In the resurrection morning what a meeting it will be, in the morning we shall rise. When our fathers and our mothers are our loved ones we shall see, we shall rise in the morning. We shall rise, we shall rise! In the resurrection morning we shall meet him in the air, we shall rise, in the morning we shall rise. And be carried up to glory to our home so bright and fair, we shall rise, in the morning we shall rise. In the morning, we shall rise, Amen. In the morning, in that resurrection morning when death's prison bars are broken we shall rise, in the morning we shall rise, we shall rise! In the morning we shall rise! We shall rise!

Offertory Hymn ELW 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending. v.1

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

- L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.**
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L 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: .

Sanctus

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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**

The Agnus Dei pg. 146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,**

Lamb of God.

All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW 803
with the Contemporary Choir

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **C Amen.**

Postlude

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

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The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take

Kay Ackley
Francine Ahrens
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Joyce Almsted
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Eli Boda
Diane Boscarino
Kathleen Bowler
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Nancy Campbell
Carol Cianciolo
Cheryl Corey
Emma Cortina
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Sigrid Devita
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Mark Ebbeskotte
Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo
Bruce & Liz Falls
Eric Fernandez
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Ashley Friday
Rosemarie Foth
John Fox
Joan Gerard
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Charles Hilton
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Ann Jones
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck
Maria Koskovich
Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis

David Little
Rebecca Little
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Audrey & Ernie Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Holly Schaff
Judy Schaller
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Patricia Weingart Seymour
Rob Simon
Matt Simpson
Dana Steele
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Dana & George Steele
Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling
RuthAnn Stone
Diane Tanner
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll
Susan Tycienski
Steve Warner
Renee Woodard
Clarence & Priscilla

Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Shirley
Steve
Lou W.
Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Terry
Joe
Rosie
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken
Kathy
Jaxson
Gail
F.C.H.
Chantel

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Judy Schaller

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson

S/W Anderson James Ernst
USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Family and Friends of Gerald Casson

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Annual Meeting Part II	5/4	8:00 am
Finance Meeting	5/7	6:30 pm
Blessing of the Bikes	5/10	10:00 am
Council Meeting	5/12	7:00 pm
Church Picnic	5/18	After Service
Yankee Chorale Concert	5/18	4:00 pm

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
and in person Wednesday mornings at
10:00 am.

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



May 30-31, 2025

**See pastor if you would like to
attend.**

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$3,371
Shortfall	(\$1,190)
YTD shortfall	(\$17, 953)

Minimalist bulletin

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CONFIRMATION PROJECT 2025

Please bring your **CLEAN** redeemable bottles, bagged and ready to go to Friendly Hands. We are hoping to fill the Friendly Hands Food Bank van with bottles for recycling as well as any and all types of canned soup or Ramen and boxed or canned Mac & cheese. Food items can be left on the table in the Narthex and bottles should be brought by Sunday, May 3rd. Jeremy & Kyle will be there before church to thank you for supporting them with their Confirmation Project.

