Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024

As We Gather - Easter made a difference in the lives of so many people! In the core community of believers, it wasn't a matter of something to believe but how to make a difference in the way a person lived. The other disciples had let Thomas stay with them until Jesus reappeared. It must have been a tense time, but uniquely bearable because they had met their Lord, alive. That change, the difference that Easter made, wasn't limited to the apostles; the entire group shared all they had, living testimony of Jesus' presence with them. How will you be different after hearing this great Good News?

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

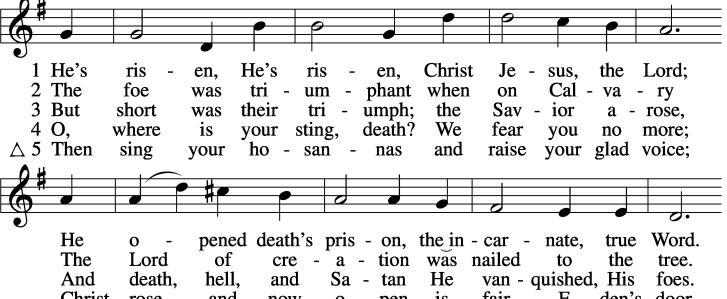
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation:

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

 Δ Please stand after a brief interlude



Christ rose. and now o - pen is fair E - den's door. Pro claim the blest tid - ings that all re - joice. may



Break forth, of hosts heav in iu bi - lant en, song tan's do - main did the In Sa hosts shout and jeer, The His con - quer - ing Lord lifts ban ner on high; For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone; hon and praise Lamb Laud, the that slain: or, to was



their prais earth. And and moun - tain sea, pro - long. es Je whom the For was slain. vil fear. sus e ones He lives, will die. He lives, and nev er - more yes, Re - deemed His and for - giv are own. en. we now With Fa Spir it He shall reign. ther and er ev

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Please remain stand

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up P to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

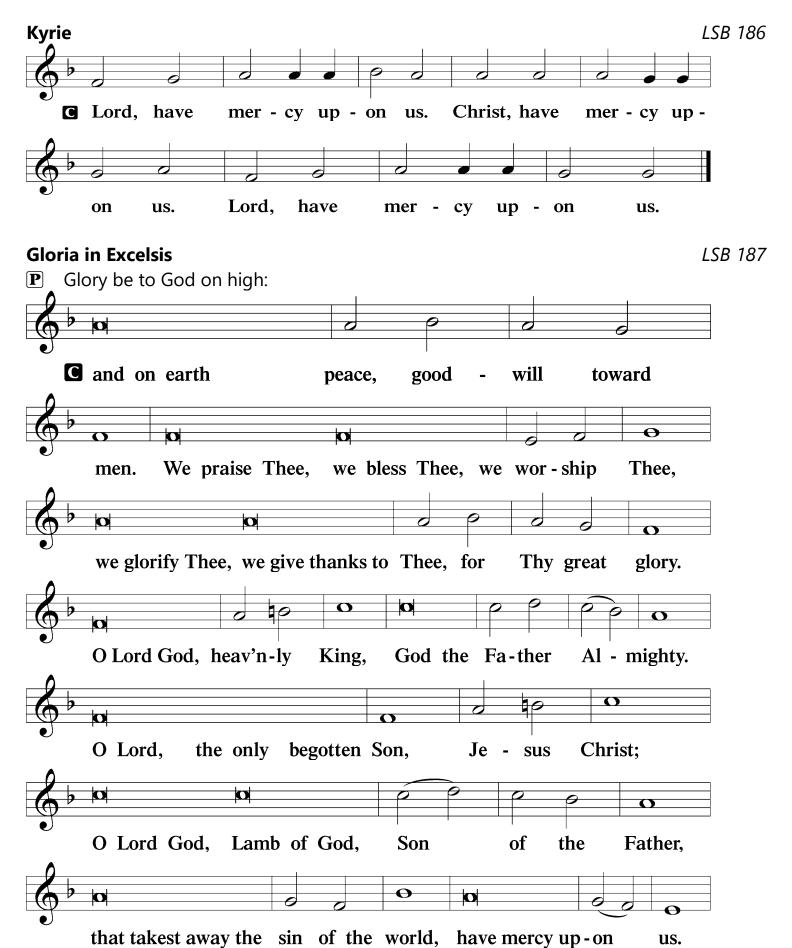
- Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- on his name;* C make known his deeds among the | peoples!
- Sing to him, sing prais- es to him;* $[\mathbf{P}]$ tell of all his | wondrous works!
- Glory in his | holy name;* C let the hearts of those who seek the |LORD rejoice!
- Seek the LORD and his strength;* \mathbf{P} seek his presence con- tinually!
- Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,* C his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.
- He remembers his covenant for- | ever,* \mathbf{P} the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.



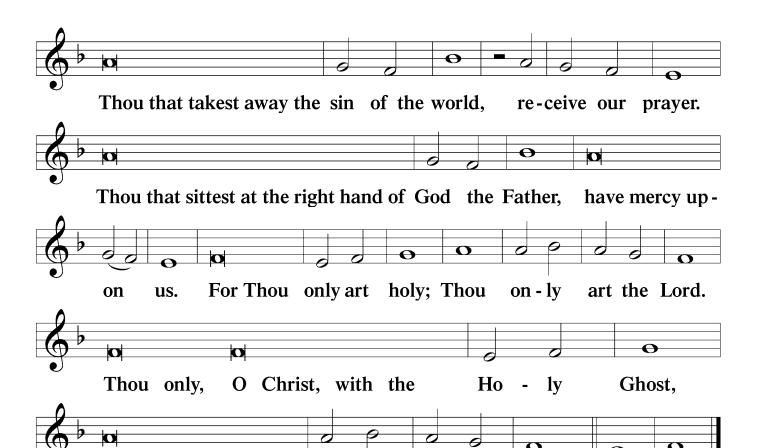
G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



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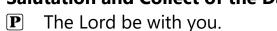
of

God the Father.

A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

art most high in the glory





P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand





Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Month: See, What a Morning (Resurrection Hymn)

- See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
 With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
 Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
 As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
 See God's salvation plan,
 Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
 Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
- See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, Will sound till He appears, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
- One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
 Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
 Honor and blessing, glory and praise
 To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
 And we are raised with Him,
 Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
 And we shall reign with Him,
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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Sermon: "Be a New Lump"

I Corinthians 5:6-8

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "We Walk By Faith" Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)– Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



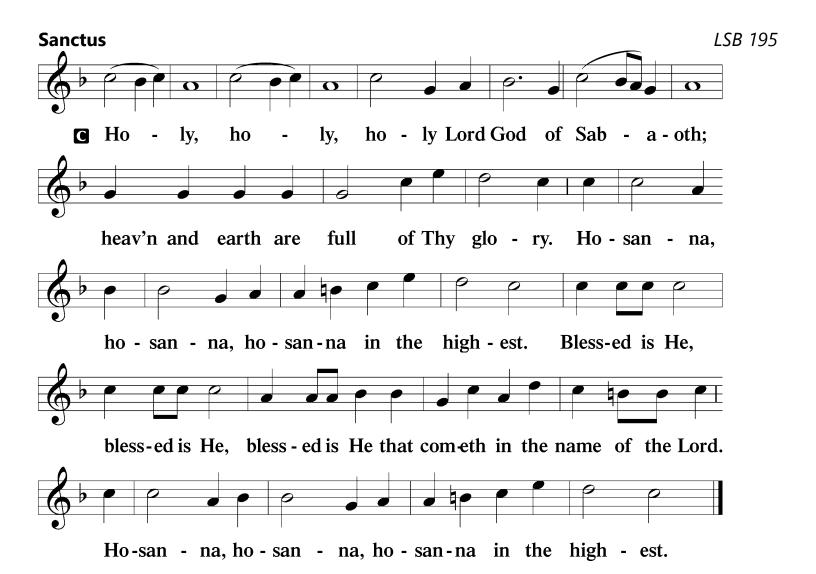
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 Words of Our Lord

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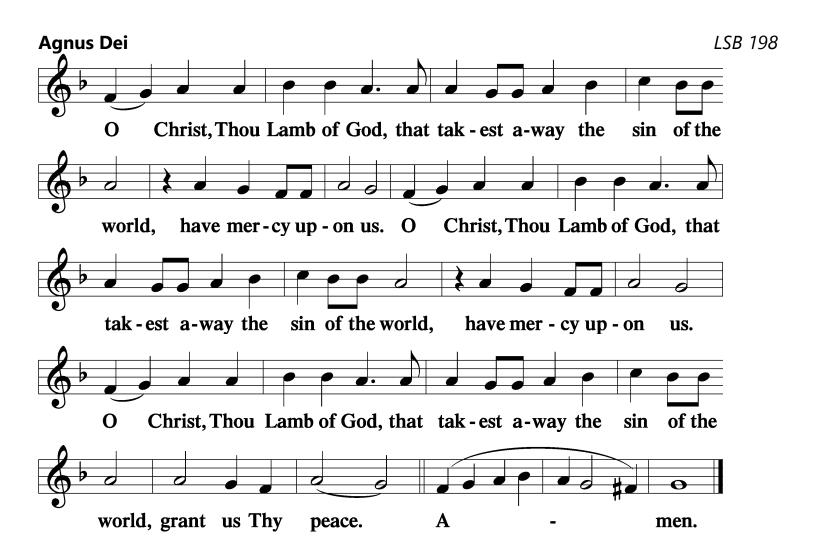
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

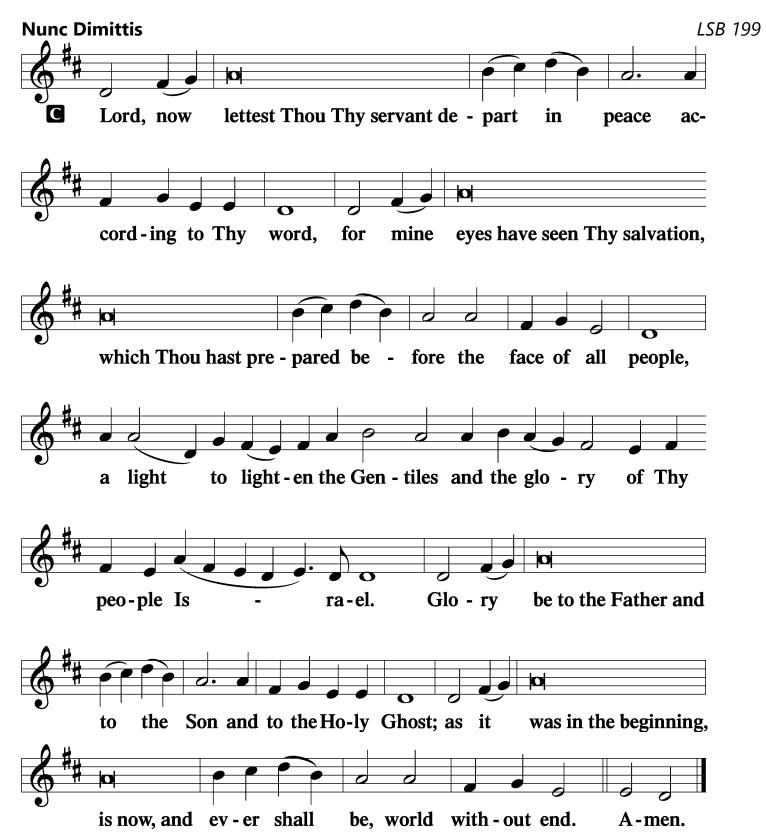




Distribution

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only) LSB 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King LSB 763 When Peace, like a River

Stand



Thanksgiving LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



(Saturday)

- P Let us pray together.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

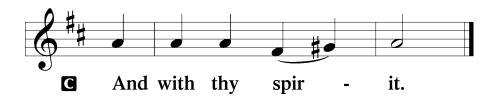
(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

life - blood

G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



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Closing Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LSB 851 1 Lord glo You bought With Your ry, have of us 2 Grant dear Lord. You Glad us hearts, to give ly, 3 Won - drous You giv To hon have our or en 4 Lord bought With Your of glo You have ry, us life - blood price, Nev - er grudg - ing as the for the Your own. shine of free - ly of With the Your sun hum - blest char Your In mys - te rious i own ty

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Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Saturday	
Elder	•
Lector	•
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson
Sunday	
Elder	George Czanko
Lector	
Greeter	Joann Shepker
Audio	Kim Kaniecki
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters
LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	
Pastor	
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Kim Kaniecki
Greeter	
Audio	
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	GFX: / Stream: Andrea Hazzard
Altar Guild	Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Easter II – How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

FLOWER SPONSOR – No Flower Sponsor this week. **BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (**SUNDAY**) – Team 1 is serving today; team 2 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. April free-will offering will go to Central America Missions.

ELDERS MEETING TODAY (SUNDAY) – There will be an Elders Meeting today after service.

CANCELLED - PRIVATE COMMUNION AND BIBLE STUDY- Private Communion and Thursday Bible Study are cancelled this week.

RECIPES WANTED BY APRIL 7TH - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit. Deadline is April 7th.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – Today, Sunday, April 7th after the service, the Board of Stewardship would like to take the opportunity to show the church's appreciation of the volunteers who serve. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon (fried chicken, sides, and cake), where you can either help us thank these people; or come and give us the opportunity to thank YOU! (No free will offering necessary).

LWML ZONE RALLY – The LWML Winter Haven Spring Zone Rally will be held this Saturday, April 13. Mary Martha and Christ Lutheran are the hosts for this rally! Our rally theme will be "Jars of Clay," 2 Corinthians 4: 7 which reads, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." This will also be the theme for our Florida/Georgia District convention to be held in Orlando, Sept 13-15. The Winter Haven Zone is responsible for the decorations for the convention and we will be working on items at the rally. Our "Gifts from the Heart," for this Zone rally will be socks and undies for the Honduras Orphan children! There is a box in the Narthex to

bring these gifts and the other Churches in our zone will also be asked to bring their own gifts from the heart. Carlos Orellana will give us a presentation on the Central American Missions! We need boy's and girl's underwear and socks, all sizes! These need to be new and packaged with sizes on the package. Thank you for your sacrifice for these beautiful children!

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS – The Mary Martha Quilters meet each Tuesday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Anyone who would like to join them is welcomed.

SATURDAY LECTORS NEEDED – If you would be willing to volunteer to serve as a lector during the Saturday Service, please contact the church office at 682-7802.

USED HEARING AIDS: Used hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – Every Tuesday from 9 am -1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Easter 2 – **John 20:19** – "**Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,** '**Peace be with you.**'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Pastor – Volunteering @ Sun n Fun all week
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday	Mary Martha Meeting @ 9 am
	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	No Private Communion
	Jr. Confirmation @ 7 pm
	Choir @ 7 pm
Thursday	No Bible Study
	Civitan Meeting @ 11 am
Friday	
Saturday	LWML Zone Rally @ 8 am
	Bible Study @ 4 pm
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am