

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



LUKE 2:1-20 AND JOHN 20:19-31

***“THE HUMBLE MANGER, DOUBTING THOMAS
AND EASTER JOY”***

*The risen Christ creates a community of forgiven sinners.
Let us rejoice in His Presence always.*

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021**

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

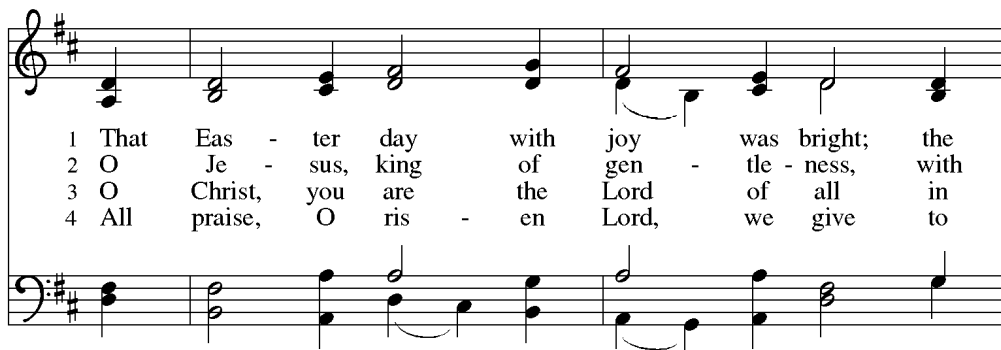
P: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

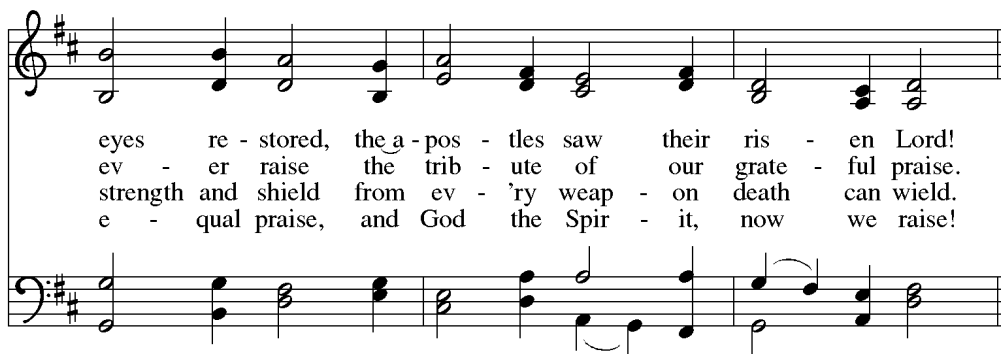
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” ELW #384


1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave 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 owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregational refrain:



How good and how pleas-ant it is, when kind-red live to-geth-er in un-i-ty.

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing, flowing down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, flowing, flowing down upon the collar of his robe,

Refrain:

³It is like dew, the dew of Hermon flowing, flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Refrain:

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STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

What does it matter that Jesus is born, unless you know that Jesus is born for you?

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰**But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will**

be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

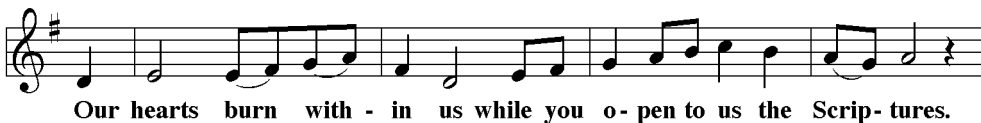
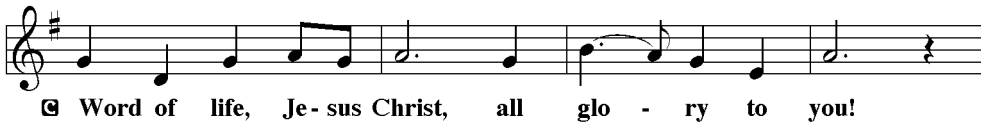
¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

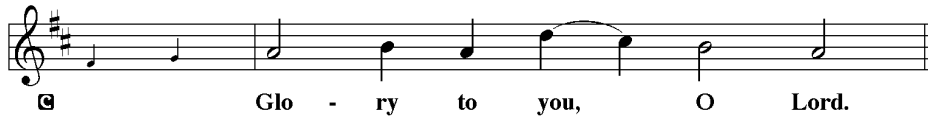


GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

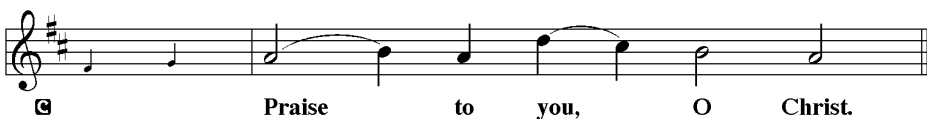
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Humble Manger, Doubting Thomas and Easter Joy”

The Birth of the Messiah

The Gifts of Doubt and Faith - Story of Thomas

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: The joyless practice of religion is not of the risen Christ but a caricature of a true and living faith. Why do I just go through the motions and miss the very gifts of God?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: In the risen Jesus may we rejoice and laugh, question and explore, trusting in Him we know all will ultimately be well.

So What? Laugh and rejoice in Jesus Christ. Doubt and fear go together in crazy ways. Dare to question, to explore, and trust Christ will grow you through it all.



HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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Glory to God 817

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. *Jude 20*

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Jude 21*

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

“O Rejoice Ye Christians, Loudly”

J.S Bach

CHANCEL CHOIR

Philippians 4:4-7

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O rejoice, ye Christians, loudly,
For your joy is now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done;

Tell abroad His goodness proudly,
Who our race hath honor'd thus,
That He deigns to dwell with us.

Joy, O joy beyond all gladness!
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of grace is shining.

See, my soul, thy Saviour chooses
Weakness here and poverty,
In such love He comes to thee.

Nor the hardest couch refuses;
All He suffers for thy good,
To redeem thee by His blood.

Joy, then joy beyond all gladness!
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of grace is shining.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

SENDING

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

ELW #377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Steve & Susan Jackson in honor of their 53rd Anniversary.

PARISH NEWS

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: If there are any high school or college graduates that would like to be recognized on Sunday, May 23rd during the 10:30 service, please contact amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org with information by Friday, May 7th.

SPROUTS: Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, April 14 at 6 pm**. We will be meeting **April 18 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

OWLS: On **Thursday, April 22**, the OWLS will be meeting at the pavilion for a picnic dinner beginning at 5pm. Please bring your favorite fast food or take-out meal and join Amy and friends for fun and fellowship. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Tuesday, April 20.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the May newsletter are due by Monday, **April 19**.

YOUTH SUNDAY: April 25 during 10:30 service. Roots youth will be reading the lessons and gospel, presenting the children's sermon, serving as greeters and ushers, and offering some special instrumental music selections.

BOOK CLUB: The Women's Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, May 20** at 6pm at the pavilion to discuss *Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* by C.S Lewis. Please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are interested.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

Please share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list with the church office (704-864-6491), call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: BT & Pauline Bradley, Kori Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Johnny, Katherine & Eli Carpenter, Elona Collins, Kathy Finch, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Bill Robinson, the Sanders Family, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, Vicky & Phillip Clontz, Jennie Ehlers, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Sherry Hester, Janice Inman, Paula Kadel, Eva Ann McLean Kendrick, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Pr. Tommy Lineberger, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Caitlin Reece, Paul Scarlata, Dakota Shuford, Judi Truesdail, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, and Claudia Zibell

WEEK 15: APRIL 11 to APRIL 18, 2021

04/11 Morning Reading: Luke 11:1-28—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 17, 18
04/12 Morning Reading: Luke 11:29-54—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 19, 20, 21
04/13 Morning Reading: Luke 12:1-31—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 22, 23, 24
04/14 Morning Reading: Luke 12:32-59—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 25, 26
04/15 Morning Reading: Luke 13:1-22—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 27, 28, 29
04/16 Morning Reading: Luke 13:23-35—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 30, 31
04/17 Morning Reading: Luke 14:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 1, 2
04/18 Morning Reading: Luke 14:25-35—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 3, 4, 5

Song Of Praise “*Thine Is the Glory*” ELW #376

Next Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:30 Morning Prayer: Matthew 5:38-48 & Luke 24:36-48

NO Zoom Sunday School

10:30 Holy Communion: Matthew 5:38-48 & Luke 24:36-48 ~

“Teaching Wisdom, Eating Fish, and Resurrection Life”

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

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| Sun-11 | 8:30 am | Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Chapel) |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School via Zoom |
| | 9:30 am | Roots Devotional via Zoom |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 11:30 am | Confirmation Class (Family Life Center) |
| | 5:00 pm | Luther Choir |
| | 5:45 pm | Crossroads Choir |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| | 8:00 pm | Faith Group (Prayer Hut) |
| Mon-12 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| Tues-13 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 10:00 am | Clothing Closet Workday |
| Wed-14 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 6:00 pm | Sprouts via Zoom Handbells |
| Thur-15 | 8:30 am | Preschool |

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_____ Member _____ Visitor _____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
