

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 AND JOHN 20:19-31

“DOUBT AND FAITH: ST. THOMAS”

Doubt is an intrinsic part of faith - challenging, clarifying, and centering us on the risen Christ rather than our own agendas.

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

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!

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: **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. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

**²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118

“Let Us Rejoice”

Marty Haugen

Congregational refrain:

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad;

— this is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad! —

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His mercy endures forever,
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Refrain:

2. The hand of the LORD has struck with pow'r, His right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the LORD.

Refrain:

3. The stone which the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone,
the LORD of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



☞ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



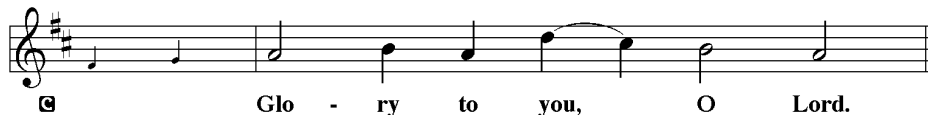
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***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 unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

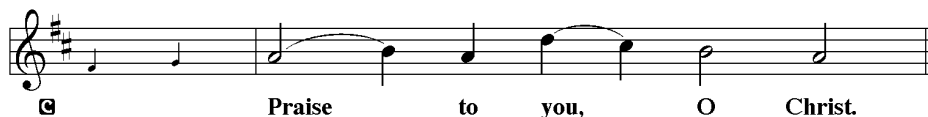
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced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



Holy Humor

On the Gift of the Psalter

Is Doubt Part of Faith?

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: In the midst of doubt, I just throw all these stories and teachings away as an idle tale. God doesn’t fit my standards then I will either create my own god or reject God altogether. After all, it is up to me isn’t it? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: The risen Jesus comes to Thomas, comes to us, in the midst of doubts and gives His Spirit, His peace, and a living faith that will see us through now and forever.

So What? Laugh and rejoice in Christ. Doubt and faith go together in crazy ways - trust Christ, dare to question, and to explore. Can doubt grow understanding? It did for Thomas, right?



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

***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: 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.

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.

ANTHEM

“O Laughing Light”

O laughing Light, O firstborn of creation,
Radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy, bright, and blessed:
You shine upon us.

Day’s light is fleeting, eternal;
We look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.
You shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you!
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you!
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!
You shine among us. You shine among us.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: 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.

AM: 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**

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

ELW #382

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turms to life once more;
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

***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 Steven & Susan Jackson in celebration of their 54th anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director	Roger Myers
Music Director	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte	Hunter Clark
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger
Lector	Trish Ratchford
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES: The Simple Evening Prayer Service will resume Wednesday, **April 27 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.** We hope you'll join us!

W&M MEETING: The next Worship & Music Committee meeting will be held on **April 28 at 6pm** in the Conference Room.

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, May 7.** We are very blessed with more clothing than usual and so we need volunteers for every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-12:00 until the Giveaway day. *On May 7 we need help with setting up beginning at 8:00am and breaking down at 1:00pm.* Breakfast biscuits, snacks, water, and sodas will be available for all volunteers that day. Please prayerfully consider helping us in this service to our community.

YOU'RE INVITED: The congregation of Lutheran Chapel is invited to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Terry and Trish Ratchford *immediately following the 10:00 service on May 1.* No gifts please - your presence is their present.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Judy Brandt, Todd Carpenter, Larry Collins, **family of Tonya Dowdy**, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dan Lineberger, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Ed Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Eula Brazell, Bill Bridges, Ellis Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Mary Collins, **Michael Deacon**, Brooke Ensley, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Brenda Heins, Jack Jeffries, Paula Kadel, Ernestine Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Robbie and Cathy Lewis, the family of Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Mike Palmer, Rita Pasour, Anna Rider, **Ellie Riley**, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Judi Truesdail

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491), Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493).

PRAYER ROSTER - Pray for one another. (*Ephesians 6:18*)

Sunday: Roger Myers

Thursday: Hannah Myers

Monday: Jeanette Myers

Friday: Doug Nigbor

Tuesday: David Myers

Saturday: Heather Nigbor

Wednesday: Seth Myers

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Easter*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	9, 16	30, 33	66, 93	99, 100	114, 115	118, 124	147, 148
PM	23, 24	47, 49	96, 98	111, 113	116, 117	145, 146	149, 150

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 17: April 24 to May 1, 2022

04/24 Morning Reading: Luke 18:1-23—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 19, 20

04/25 Morning Reading: Luke 18:24-43—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 21, 22

04/26 Morning Reading: Luke 19:1-27—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 23, 24

04/27 Morning Reading: Luke 19:28-48—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 1, 2

04/28 Morning Reading: Luke 20:1-26—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 3, 4, 5

04/29 Morning Reading: Luke 20:27-47—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 6, 7

04/30 Morning Reading: Luke 21:1-19—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 8, 9

05/01 Morning Reading: Luke 21:20-38—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 10, 11

Songs of Praise: “*Thine Is the Glory*”

ELW #376

“*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*”

W&P #90

Wednesday, April 27 - Evening Prayer

Psalm 10 and Exodus 20:1-2, 13 ~ *“Fifth Commandment”*

Sunday, May 1 ~ Holy Communion

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12-14 and John 21:1-19 ~ *“Do You Love Me?”*

The *“Our Daily Bread”* devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

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 24 - SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

- Sun-24** 9:00 am Luther Choir & Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Confirmation (Family Life Center)
 5:00 pm Crossroads Choir
 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-25** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-26** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- Wed-27** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
 7:00 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- Thur-28** 8:30 am Preschool
 6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)