

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**PSALM 1 AND JOHN 20:19-31**

***“DO NOT DOUBT BUT BELIEVE”***

*Doubting Thomas encounters the risen Christ.*

*Can doubt be part of faith? Or is doubt even an integral part of a growing faith?*

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY**

**APRIL 16, 2023**

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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P:** Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*Mark 12:28-31*

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
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**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

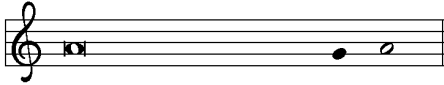
*2 Corinthians 13:13*

P: 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.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



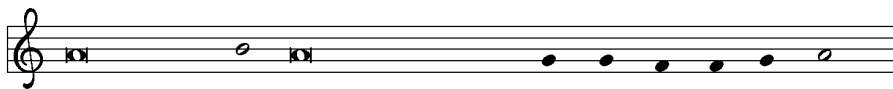
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

## \*THIS IS THE FEAST

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**C:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

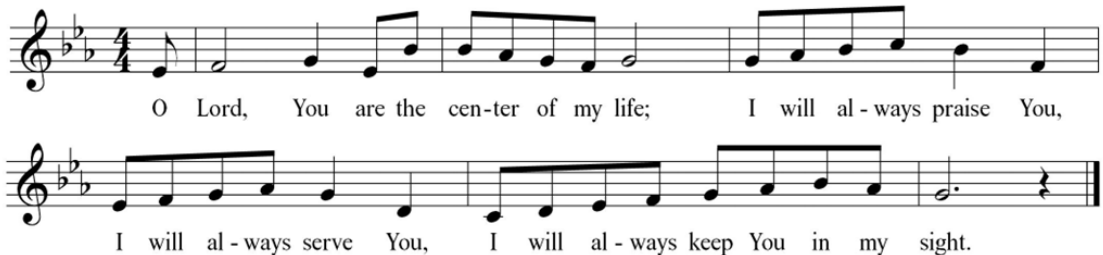
*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!*

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + **Kings and Prophets** : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

### PSALM 16

*“Center of My Life”*

Paul Inwood



O Lord, You are the cen-ter of my life; I will al-ways praise You,  
I will al-ways serve You, I will al-ways keep You in my sight.

Music: Paul Inwood  
© 1963, 1986 The Grail Refrain, 1985 Paul Inwood

Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, “You are my God.  
My happiness lies in You alone; my happiness lies in You alone.”

### *Refrain*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.



### **Refrain**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; Even in safety shall my body rest.  
For You will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let Your beloved know decay.

### **Refrain**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence,  
at Your right hand, happiness forever.

### **Refrain**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **1 PETER 1:3-9**

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



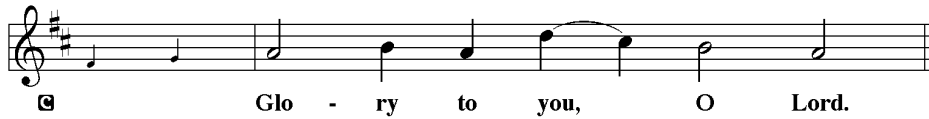
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*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 risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

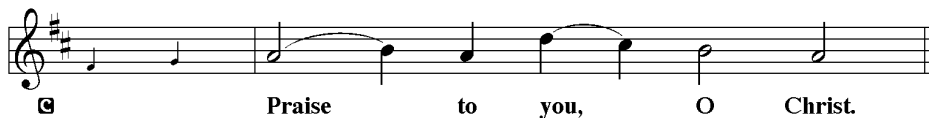
<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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

“Do Not Doubt but Believe”

Saint, Sin, and Song of King David - What Does it Have to Do with Us?

## A Blessing for the Doubter

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I can't see and touch the wounds of the risen Jesus like Thomas did, do I believe? Will my doubt lead to no faith or a deeper faith?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus blesses all who believe throughout the journey of faith now and forever.

**So What?** Spiritual maturation means one takes confession and forgiveness seriously and as a gift to grow in self-understanding - confess your sins to God regularly. Trust in His forgiveness in Christ. Trust God that your questions will be a way His Spirit grows you even when there is no clear answer yet..

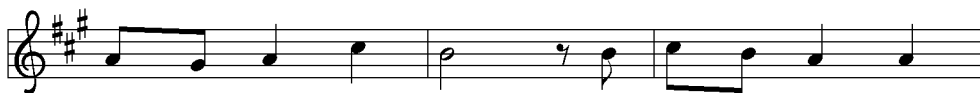
### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Walk by Faith”

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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 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 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  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
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:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**\*THE NICENE 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.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## 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 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

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

We walk by faith and not by sight; With gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, Nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you are you are, With full and endless sight.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Michael D. Costello

## THE MEAL

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

### \*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

**\*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.**

## \*LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## \*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!*

*Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

## SENDING

### \*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



**\*SONG OF SIMEON**

*Luke 2:29-32*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



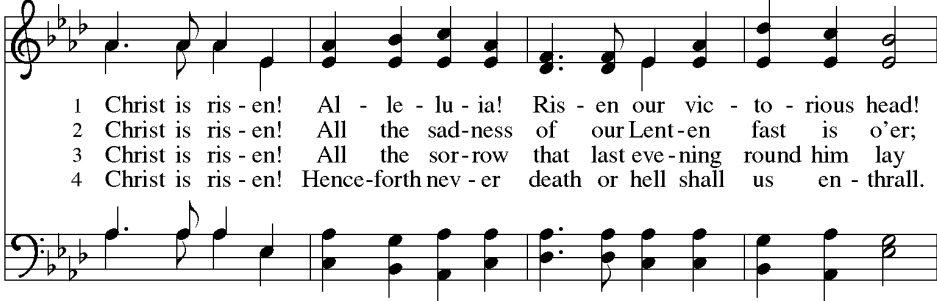
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

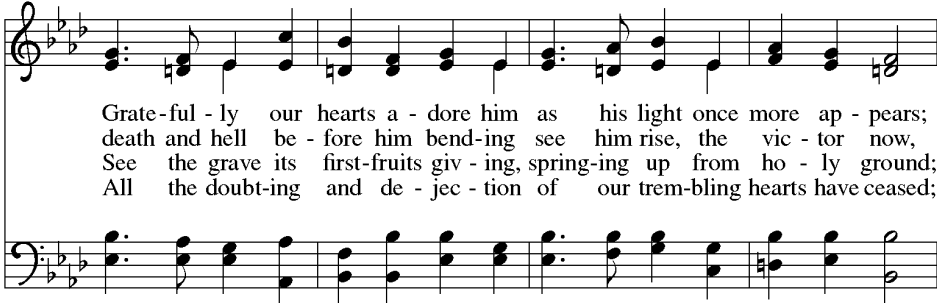
**\*BENEDICTION**



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 - turns 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!

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, and the bottom two are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!' and 'Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'.

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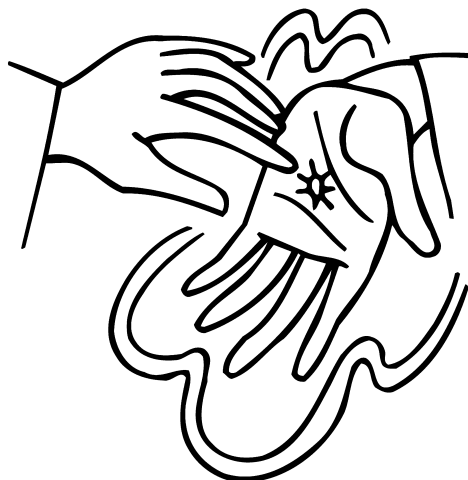
**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Myra & Gene Weaver.



**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director .....	Kathie Riebe
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Assistant Minister .....	Pam Overcash
Lector .....	Nancy Witman
Acolyte.....	Cameron Bell
Crucifer .....	Bram Comer
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Debra Hoffman & Gene Weaver

**Lutheran Chapel Verb Café  
Sunday, April 23**

Join us next Sunday, April 23 for a congregational lunch catered by Kyle Fletcher’s BBQ immediately following worship. Afterwards, Dr. Keith Copeland will lead the *Verb Café* and guide us in a discussion to discern together what God wants Lutheran Chapel to do going forward. Where do you envision Lutheran Chapel to be in the next ten years? What steps did it take to get to this place? What obstacles had to be overcome? Please plan to stay for good food and fellowship, and to participate in the Verb Café.

## 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.

**BABY SHOWER:** Please join us for a baby shower honoring *Hannah & Seth Myers* on TODAY in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. The proud parents are expecting a baby girl. They are registered at Amazon and Babylist. Proud grandparents are Jeanette and Roger Myers.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please submit articles for the May newsletter by Monday, **April 17**.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at The Captain's Cap in Belmont (670 Park Str.) on **Thursday, April 20** at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, April 29**. They are in desperate need of shoes for men, women, and children!!!

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION:** Mozart called the organ the "king of instruments." Lutheran Chapel has a great organ and has been abundantly blessed for many years with its sacred music thanks to the faithful diligence of **Lisa Burch**. Please plan to attend the Retirement Reception for Lisa on **Sunday, April 30** immediately following worship to honor and thank her for serving God and His people in this place.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** Please remember to bring your donations of food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. There are crates in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the blue CAM box in the hallway of the Sunday School rooms to place your food donations. Thank you for your generosity to help feed those in our community.

**MUSICAL EVENT:** The **Raleigh Ringers** concert is at Christ Lutheran Church on Providence Road in Charlotte at **4:00 on May 7**. Tickets are available through the Christ Lutheran Church office (704-366-1595).

**GIFTS FOR HERITAGE OAKS:** Items that are always needed: *bathing wipes, body wash, fluoride toothpaste and toothbrush, mouth rinse, rash care cream*. Give as God leads you. Let us help elders in our community to God's glory!

**NC SYNOD ASSEMBLY:** The North Carolina Synod Assembly is meeting on **Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3** at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Lutheran Chapel may send two delegates to participate. Are there any volunteers to serve as delegates for this gathering? Room and board expenses will be covered by the church. Please contact Pastor Michael or our President Crown Hoffman if interested.

## 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:** Faye Anne Boyette, Ann Edwards, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, **Dru Huffstickler**, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Linda Boben, **wife Carol and family of Bill Bridges**, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Stephanie Hale, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Janice Inman, **Rick Knowles**, Jackie Mango, Janie Mixon, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Paul Rundzieher, **Frank Sanders**, Diane Shytle, Dakota Shuford, Bishop Tim Smith, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

### 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>
<b>AM</b>	9, 16	30, 33	66, 93	99, 100	114, 115	118, 124	147, 148
<b>PM</b>	23, 24	47, 49	96, 98	111, 113	116, 117	145, 146	149, 150

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 16 April 16 to April 23, 2023

- 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  
**04/19** Morning Reading: Luke 15:1-10—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 6, 7, 8  
**04/20** Morning Reading: Luke 15:11-32—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 9, 10, 11  
**04/21** Morning Reading: Luke 16—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 12, 13  
**04/22** Morning Reading: Luke 17:1-19—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 14, 15  
**04/23** Morning Reading: Luke 17:20-37—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 16, 17, 18

**Songs of Praise:** “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” ELW #365  
“*This Is the Day*” W&P #141

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



**Wednesday, April 19 ~ Evening Prayer**

Luke 24:44-49 “*The Risen Jesus Fulfills Law, Prophets and Psalms*”

**Thursday, April 20 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Psalms 1 “*The Gift of the Psalter*”

**Sunday, April 23 ~ Service of the Word**

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Luke 24:13-35 “*The Road to Emmaus*”

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023**

- Sun-16**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              **11:00 am    Baby Shower (Family Life Center)**  
              11:45 am    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-17**    8:30 am    Preschool
- Tues-18**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday  
              **7:00 pm    Cantamos Choir**
- Wed-19**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              6:00 pm    Chapel Ringers  
              7:00 pm    Evening Prayers (Chapel)
- Thur-20**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)  
              **11:00 am    OWLS @ The Captain’s Cap in Belmont**