

2 SAMUEL 11 AND JOHN 20:19-31

"Doubt and Faith - The Resurrection Appearance to Thomas"

ANTE COMMUNION 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 27, 2025

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Easter 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

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

- 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

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 John 1:8-9

Exodus 20:1-17

Mark 12:28-31

Unknown

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**

*GLORY TO GOD

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

¹In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." ⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he

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wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." ¹⁶As Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. ¹⁷The men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well. ¹⁸Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting; ¹⁹and he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling the king all the news about the fighting, ²⁰then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, 'Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? ²¹Who killed Abimelech son of Jerubbaal? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead too.'"

²²So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. ²³The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us, and came out against us in the field; but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. ²⁴Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall; some of the king's servants are dead; and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." ²⁵David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one and now another; press your attack on the city, and overthrow it.' And encourage him."

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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 from Genesis to Revelation. <u>*The + marks where we are now.*</u> *Memory verse is in bold.*

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

PSALM 51:10-12



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- 14. The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- 15. Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

Refrain

- 18. The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- 19. Open for me the gates of righteousness:
 - I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20. "This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter."

21. I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

Refrain

27. The Lord is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

- 28. You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- 29. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
 - God's mercy endures forever.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and 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, ⁶ and 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 6:68

Alleluia. Lord to shall we go? You



the words of eternal Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

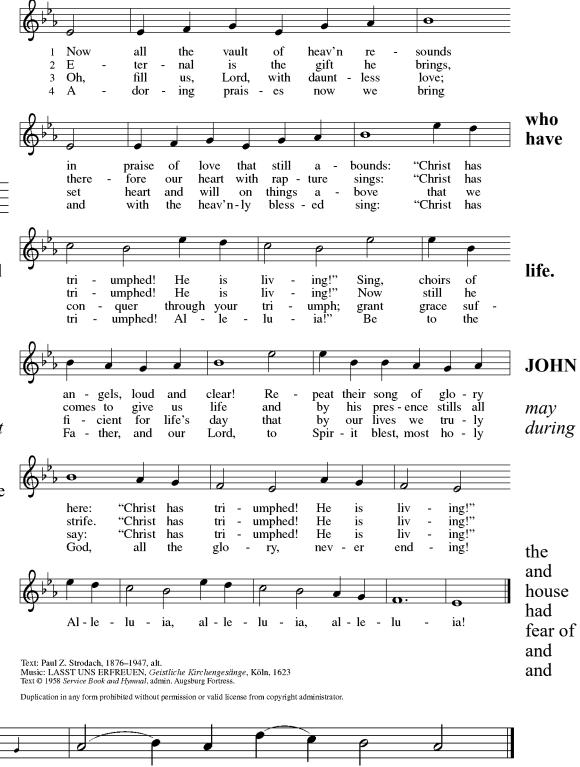
20:19-31

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

Response after the announcement:

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, first day of the week, the doors of the where the disciples met were locked for the Jews, Jesus came stood among them

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Christ.

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."

to

you,

Praise

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

"Doubt and Faith"

King David, Man After God's on Heart and Sinner The Encounters with Thomas

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: 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 will either create my own God or throw out God altogether. After all, it is up to me isn't it?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus 'ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus comes to Thomas, comes to us, in the midst of doubts and gives His peace that will see us through now and forever.

So What? Doubt and faith go together in crazy ways. Trust Christ, dare to question and explore. Laugh and rejoice in Christ these 50 days of Easter.

*HYMN OF THE DAY "The Day of Resurrection!" ELW #361

***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.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

"We Walk by Faith"

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(In Unison)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

Pravers 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

AM: 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.

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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Psalm 51:10-1

Philippians 4:7

Matthew 6:9-13

1 Timothy 2:1-4

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Chorale Prelude"

Healey Willan

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS: To the Glory of God in memory of Gloria Lineberger given by Dan Lineberger

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister	
Lector	Josh Carpenter
Acolyte	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month	David Zibell and Rob Andrews



GENERAL INFORMATION: 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 attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



LOVE OFFERING FOR APRIL: Our love offering for April is the Lutheran Services Carolinas, a faith-based health and human resources organization serving children, families and seniors in the Carolinas. They serve in **Gaston County** through foster care, providing services to people with developmental disabilities, and partners with the Senior TLC program and Dallas High School Apartments.

THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages **Wednesday, April 30** at 7:00 pm. An episode of The Chosen will be watched with discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel. This will be the service for Eastertide.

CLEAN UP DAY: Please join the property team for the clean up day on **Saturday, May 17** from 9 am-12 pm. Your participation would greatly be appreciated!

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee's next clothing giveaway is **Saturday, May 17** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

CHURCH PICNIC: Save the Date - The Congregation Picnic will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th** at 6:00 pm.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES: Please remember that we have our <u>major food drive for</u> <u>Crisis Assistance Ministry</u> during the month of April. This ensures that CAM has adequate food supplies for our neighbors in need. Of course, we collect food all year long, but let's make this month even better by shopping for food items on sale or bulk sales. You can place food items in the blue box in the Sunday School hallway or in the basket in the narthex. Always make sure to check the expiration date on all food items. Keep our Social Ministry team busy! As always, thanks for your generosity.



Sunday, April 27	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 4-6 pm 8:00 pm	Fellowship Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Executive Council Meeting Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) Life in Christ Lutheran Mission (Chosen Mission) Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, April 28	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, April 29	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, April 30	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Evening Suffrages, The Chosen (Chapel)
Thursday, May 1	8:30 am 9:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Friday, May 2	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, May 3	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 18—April 27 to May 4, 2025

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

05/02 Morning Reading: Luke 22:1-20—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 12, 13

05/03 Morning Reading: Luke 22:21-46—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 14, 15

05/04 Morning Reading: Luke 22:47-71—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 16, 17, 18

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, **Gabe Brown**, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Larea Falls, Jameson Franklin, Jerry Green, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, Bill Riddle, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, "Spike" Stevens, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, and recovery in the North Carolina mountains.

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)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Thursday, May 1 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study 2 Samuel 11 "David, Saint and Sinner" Sunday, May 4 ~ Antecommunion

Job 19:1-27 and John 21:1-19 "Do You Love Me?"



4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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The Day of Resurrection!



Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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