



Alleluia Lutheran Church is a growing multi-ethnic community of Jesus' disciples, gathered into authentic relationships by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacrament, and sent by the Holy Spirit to transform lives with Christ.

Easter 2 + April 11, 2021



The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need

transforming lives with Christ!

¡transformando vidas con Cristo!

Jesus is Lord!

¡Jesús es Señor!

God welcomes everyone.

Dios les da la bienvenida a todos.

Everything we have belongs to God.

Todo lo que tenemos pertenece a Dios.

Everyone is on God's team.

Todos están en el equipo de Dios.

Everyone needs a neighbor like us.

Todos necesitan vecinos como nosotros.

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

The assembly stands.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

GATHERING SONG *The Day of Resurrection!*

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.

4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X.L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesang-buche*, 1833

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We come before you, O God our Creator...

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

God of our tomorrows, **we confess our sinful condition before you.**

We desire something better than what we have and what we are.

We know ourselves too well and see our human frailty. We know

our temporary gods are vulnerable and will crumble under the

test. We realize our desires are fickle and backfire on us at the

worst times. God of our tomorrows give us your forgiveness. Let

us see, today, the promise of something better in our lives.

Our god is a tomorrow God...

Praise God for the gift of forgiveness in the risen Christ.

The Pastor gives the Absolution. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:1--2:2

A reading from 1 John.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world .
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O 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..
The gospel of the Lord . **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

The assembly stands to affirm our faith.

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this second Sunday of Easter, let us pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with the words “Send us your peace, O God.”

O faithful God...Hear our prayers for the church:

Send us your peace, O God.

Grant the beauty...Hear our prayers for the earth:

Send us your peace, O God.

Grant the power...Hear our prayers for this country:

Send us your peace, O God.

Grant the abundance...Hear our prayers for a world of good will:

Send us your peace, O God.

Grant the well-being...Hear our prayers for the sick:

Send us your peace, O God.

Grant each of us ...Hear us as we pray for ourselves:

Send us your peace, O God.

We praise you...Hear our prayers for life beyond our understanding: **Send us your peace, O God.**

In praise for the new life...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us stand and sing as Jesus taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly stands for the Blessing and Sending.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, bless you and raise you
to new life, both now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!

Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to transform lives with Christ. Proclaim the
Resurrection. **Thanks be to God.**

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Week at A Glance

Sun 4/11 *Alleluia Worship@9AM*
Mon 4/12 *Troop 3 Meeting @7PM*
Tue 4/13 *Pack Meeting @7PM*

Scripture Readings & Gospel

for next Sunday, April 18

1st Reading Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Check the Alleluia **online calendar** for more scheduled events and group meetings.

Please adhere to Alleluia's re-opening Guidelines for your health and well-being. Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet and wear a mask. Be safe and God Bless!

Weekly Special Offerings—Please bring **canned or boxed food** for St. John's food pantry. Many thanks!

<i>Sunday Servants</i>	<i>April 11, 2021</i>	<i>April 18, 2021</i>	<i>April 25, 2021</i>
<i>Reader</i>	DeAnn	Kevin	Tina

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