



2nd Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

L: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. (water may be poured into font)

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

*Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst, cleanse our hearts, wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **C: Amen.***

Sharing the Peace

*L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

Gathering Song – All the People Said Amen (lyrics display on screen)

1. You are not alone if you are lonely, when you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

*Refrain: And all the people said Amen. Whoa-oh, and all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends. And all the people said Amen.*

2. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter. Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together. God knows we stumble and fall,
and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all. *Refrain.*
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart,
blessed are the persecuted and the pure of heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start.
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. *Refrain. (2x)*

Prayer of the Day—**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.**

Scripture Readings

Acts 5:27-32 p. 889

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."
²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.
³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 150 p. 500

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Revelation 1:4-8 p. 994

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20:19-31 p. 883

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.**

Children's Message and Sermon

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Song of the Day – Shout to the Lord

Verse: My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. *(Repeat verse and refrain.)*

Ending: Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "God in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Song – They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain.*
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Refrain.*
4. All praise to the Father from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain.*

***Offering Prayer* – Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

We eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

- Tomorrow night: 6:30pm potluck dinner with evening bible study to follow
- Confirmation & youth group today!
- ELCA women & friends, you're invited to a free virtual event: Planting Gardens of Faith, 11am-1pm April 30. Zoom ID 828 991 4407 Password ASWO
- Coming up: Senior Recognition May 8th, Confirmation Sunday May 15th

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done. C: Thanks be to God.

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