



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together. *There is no communion today.*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

### *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

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

*L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! C: Amen.*

*L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. (pour water into font/silence for reflection)*

*L: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.*

*L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.*

*L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.*

*L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, C: Amen.*

### *Gathering Song – How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand hath made;  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain.*

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain.*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
*Refrain.*

### *Prayer of the Day*

**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.**

### *Scripture Readings*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 p. 885

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

Psalms 16 p. 430

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

**<sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**<sup>8</sup> I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**<sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

**ALL: <sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

1 Peter 1:3-9 p. 983

<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.

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*Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1*

\*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

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

John 20:19-31 p. 883

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue 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.**

*Sermon*

*Song of the Day– Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing*

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me

*Refrain:* Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song rising up in me *Refrain x2*

## *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 "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*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.*

## *Offering*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://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 – Breathe (lyrics on screen)*

## *Offering Prayer*

**Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## *The Great Thanksgiving p. 107*

## *Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108*

## *Announcements*

- Coming up: Apr 24-26 Synod Assembly; VBS June 15-19; Sept 13 GWOH Sunday

## *Closing Song – Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Refrain:* Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain.*
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.*
3. Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;

and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain.*

*Blessing*

*L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.*

*Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! C: Thanks be to God.*

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