

Easter Sunday 2021  
Sunday, April 4, 2021

Season of Easter 2021  
Sunday, Apr 4, 2021 to Sunday, May 16, 2021

Lectionary and Worship Notes

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**Sunday, April 4**

**Easter Sunday**

*Theme: Uncertainty that all is right when all is still very wrong*

**Lessons**

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter preaches to Cornelius and his family*

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*St. Paul reminds us what is of first importance: Christ died for our sins and is raised to new life in accordance with the scriptures*

Mark 16:1-8

*The women approach the tomb and discover it is empty, then in fear and amazement they run away.*

**Prayer of the Day**

Triumphant Jesus, the women came to your tomb, expecting what we would all expect, to finalize your burial. Yet you were not there. What do we do now that you are not there? The women were not sure either. Help us to proclaim this Good News in ways that give its mystery the full power of changing lives according to your resurrection. In your holy name, we pray.  
Amen

**Living the Creed**

Use the greeting "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" with everyone you meet today. How many reply "He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!"  
Create a resurrection garden landscape using the PDF as a guide.

**Worship Assistant:**

Doug Cruce

**Usher:**

Rose Sandstrom

**Musician:**

Janice Algren

**Flowers:**

Angela Bradley-Volz

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**Sunday, April 11**

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

*Theme: The risen life experiences peace even in the midst of all life's complications*

## Lessons

Acts 1:12-26	<i>The disciples choose a replacement for Judas</i>
Psalm 1	
1 John 1:1-2:6	<i>A life in Christ is a life within the light of Christ</i>
John 20:19-31	<i>The Risen Jesus meets the disciples and brings them peace.</i>

## Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, we stand in the open door of your empty tomb, uncertain how to take the first steps in this new life you have given us. With a gentle nudge, you send us into the world bearing the gift of your new life for all. Fill us again with your breath of peace that we may confidently proclaim your good news. In your holy name we pray. Amen

## Living the Creed

Worship Assistant:	Pam Best
Usher:	Steve Erlandson
Musician:	
Flowers:	Dean and David Sandstrom

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**Sunday, April 18**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Theme: The risen life experiences a communal bond with the larger community*

## Lessons

Acts 2:37-47	<i>The entry of the Spirit on Pentecost leads to a growing movement of Jesus' followers</i>
Psalm 133	
1 John 2:7-17	<i>Living in the light of Christ is living in the love of Christ</i>
Luke 24:13-35	<i>The Risen Jesus walks with disciples to Emmaus and is revealed in the breaking of the bread</i>

## Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, every day you journey with us, yet our own worries and concerns blind us to your presence. Then you welcome us to your table and in the broken bread and wine we see you clearly once more. Let us see you each day as we break bread with our family, neighbors and friends and strangers, until all see you. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

## Living the Creed

Worship Assistant:	Chip Algren
Usher:	Diane Carlson
Musician:	

Flowers:

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**Sunday, April 25**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Theme: The risen life brings the experience of servant leadership*

Lessons

Acts 6:1-7

*The growing movement of Jesus' followers needs more leaders to see ministry is done fairly for everyone*

Psalms 23

1 John 2:18-28

*Abiding in Christ gives us confidence when he returns*

Luke 24:36-49

*The Risen Jesus meets the disciples, eats with them, and commissions them as his witnesses.*

Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, it is easy to grumble about who is not with us in our time of worship; yet why would they if they haven't been told about your Good News? Empower us once more as your witnesses, give us hands to serve, and a voice to speak your love. We have seen you; help us help others see you as well. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed

Worship Assistant: Jim Johnson

Usher: Linda McGuire

Musician:

Flowers:

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**Sunday, May 2**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Theme: The risen life interrupts our ordinary life and transforms us*

Lessons

Acts 8:26-40

*Philip meets an Ethiopian official and proclaims the Good News*

Psalms 119:33-40

1 John 3:11-24

*Love is more than speech, but in action*

John 21:1-14

*The Risen Jesus meets 7 disciples as they fish, and has breakfast with them*

Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, your Good News disrupts the ordinariness of our lives. Nothing will ever be the same now that we proclaim you are risen. Yet we approach this new life with great caution, and great hesitation, and uncertainty about leaving behind our old lives. Show us this new way, lead us that we may confidently grow into the new life you offer. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed

Worship Assistant: Judy Sanberg

Usher: Ted Hanson

Musician:

Flowers

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**Sunday, May 9**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Mother's Day*

*Theme: The risen life is an experience of healing – both physical and spiritual*

Lessons

Acts 9:32-43

*Peter's healing ministry in Lydda and Joppa*

Psalm 30

1 John 4:7-21

*God is love, those who abide in love abide in God*

John 21:15-25

*The Risen Jesus reconciles with Peter*

Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, our bodies carry the imperfections of this world, the diseases and viruses and bacteria that all try to break us down. At the same time, our souls carry the burden of stress and worry and fear and doubt. You provide the gift of healing. This gift revives the soul and renews the body. Lift us into this newness, draw out of us all that ails us, and grant us the joy of living as a whole person in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed

Worship Assistant: Doug Cruce

Usher: Rose Sandstrom

Musician:

Flowers: Pastor Jamie

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**Sunday, May 16**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Theme: The risen life is inclusive of even those we have tried to keep out*

Lessons

Acts 11:1-18

*Peter shares with the leaders in Jerusalem his experience with Cornelius' family*

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-12

*Faith in Christ leads us to victory over the influences of the world*

Matthew 28:16-20

*The Risen Jesus gathers with his disciples in Galilee and gives them the Great Commission*

Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, this good news is pretty spectacular, it is incredible to think just how much you love us – individually, as a small community of believers, as members of a privileged society, as residents of a globe we call earth. This circle of who is included in your good news just keeps getting wider all the time, yet our human failings lead us to keep some out. Renew us in the Good News that your love is for all, lead us to welcome everyone – EVERYONE – within this spectacular good news. In your holy name we pray. Amen

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