



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

PRELUDE

Awake, My Heart with Gladness (arr. Paul Manz)

WELCOME

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

C O Lord, our God, we give you thanks for the gift of baptism.

P O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us.

C Empower us to be living signs of your new heaven and new earth as we join your work in the world.

P Blessed be God, who calls us Beloved, + Jesus who bears the cross, and the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Let us confess our sin and acknowledge our brokenness in the presence of God and one another.

Kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the path to join your work in the world; In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's grace stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (ELW 377)

1 **Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

2 **Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

3 **Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

4 **Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.**

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

GREETING

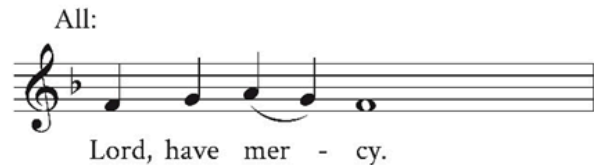
P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Cantor:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God,
and for the unity of all. Let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise. Let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb
Who was slain,
Whose blood set us free
To be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and
Strength, and honor,
Blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who as slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

Final Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

C 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14^a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²“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 ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "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. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

R Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

Refrain *Sing Refrain following cantor introduction and at "R"*

You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;
In your pres - ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

Verses: Cantor

- 1) Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune, never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope. **R**
- 2) From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety, through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me. **R**
- 3) So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely, you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ 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 ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE

Laura Gaulty, FaithTrek Coordinator

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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."

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 that are

not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forever Emmanuel (Dakota Road)

We are not a - lone, we are not a - lone, with
 Fill us with your love, fill us with your love, with
 Lead us to your peace, lead us to your peace, where

ev' - ry breath, through ev' - ry storm, we are not a - lone.
 hearts of grace for ev' - ry - one, fill us with your love. Sing
 hun - ger and op - pres - sion cease, lead us to your peace.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le lu - jah, for - ev - er Em - man - u - el. Sing

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le lu - jah, for - ev - er Em - man - u - el.

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition, respond with, “receive our prayers.”

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Recent concerns: Ruby Augustine, Nyakhan Douth, Julius Swen (job search), Janice Schnier, Jane Zatechka, and Velda Schmidt. *Those with ongoing concerns:* Marge Wessels, Pastor Bill Peterson, Mary Brass, Vern Westberg, Michael Dalton and Beth Strasheim. *Those who are part of our homebound community:* Sylvia Kempf, M. Joyce Hansen, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Rod Price, De Hansen, and Margrett Wehland. *Condolences:* family of Rev. Robert (Bob) Wessels on his passing.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE OF CHRIST IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

Brave Be

MUSIC OFFERING

Christ Arose (arr. Babcock & Voss)
Boyd & Masako Bacon, piano & organ

Musical Offering response:

P To God be the glory.

C **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his wounded side.
Alleluia!**

Father, who the crown shall give,

Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One,
C **you call us to believe and bear fruit. Make the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed... *(here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:
C **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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

By Faith (Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend)
Kari Hoeft, vocal

COMMUNION HYMNS

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (ELW 373)

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"

**All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.**

2 Love's redeeming work is done,

**fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell.

Death in vain forbids his rise;

Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious king!

Where, O death, is now your sting?

Once he died our souls to save;

where your victory, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!

Praise to thee by both be giv'n.

Thee we greet triumphant now:

hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,

everlasting life is this:

thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,

thus to sing, and thus to love!

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

- 2 **Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.**

- 3 **Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.**

- 4 **Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

5 **Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C **Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P 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.**

SENDING HYMN

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (ELW 386, VICTORY tune)

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing with heav'n - ly
 2. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose
 3. On this most ho - ly day of days, be laud and

hosts to Christ - our King: to - day the grave has
 faith has con - stant been, for they e - ter - nal
 ju - bi - lee and praise: to God your hearts and

lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!
 voice - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

to refrain

DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ Lay in Death's Bonds (Johann Sebastian Bach)

Lead Pastor: Erin Heidelberger
Associate Pastor: Andrew Kitzing
Cantor: Kari Hoeft
Live Streaming: Kathleen Simley

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