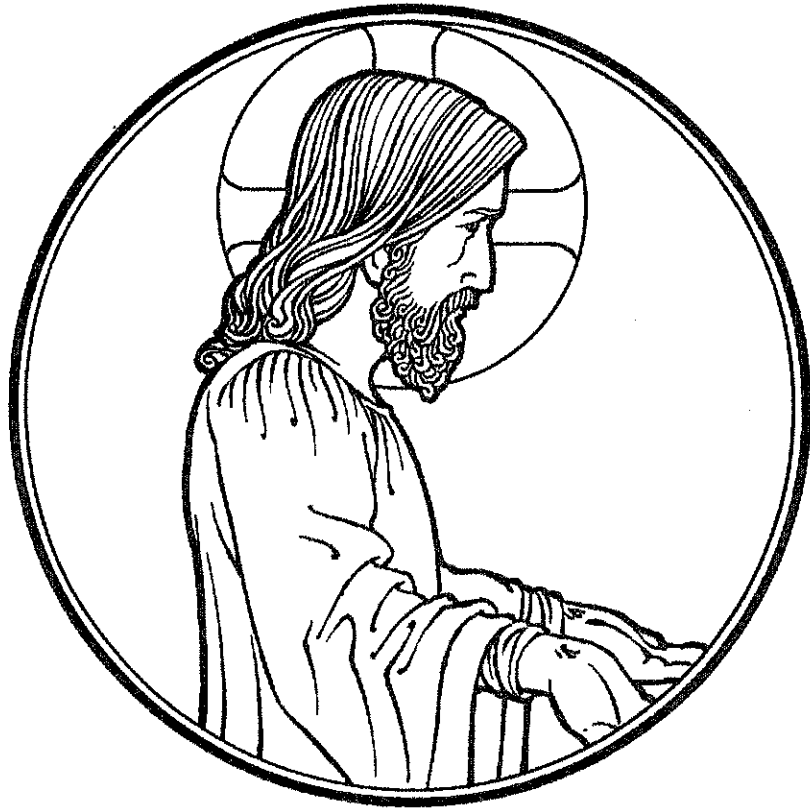


2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Service Setting 1

April 11th
8:00a.m., 10:30a.m.



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“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

LSB 480

- 1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT (Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)



A: Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alle- | luia!

**C: Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

A: Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alle- | luia!

THIS IS THE FEAST

**C: 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.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Silence for personal prayer.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please sit)

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'" ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:4-10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE

Matt. 28:7b; John 20:26a,c

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

P: He has risen | from the dead,*

and behold, He is going before you to | Galilee.

Eight days later Jesus came and stood among | them and said,* "Peace be | with you."

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel is read from the midst of the congregation to symbolize the living presence of Christ with His church.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 470

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)

Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Be seated as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

OFFERTORY

(Please stand)

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

☩ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ☩

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER *spoken in unison*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C: 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.

(Please sit)

(Those coming to communion are invited to approach the rail in family units.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”

LSB 490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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After all have communed

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart in ☩ peace.

C: Amen

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what
He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His
name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please turn and face the processional cross as it passes. When the recessional is ended, you may turn to face the altar.

“This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

1 This joyful Eastertide

Away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain*

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death’s flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

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Silent Prayer

P: Go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Servants of the Word.

Pastor: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman

Cantor: Mr. David Witt Video: Mr. Tim Yurk

Elders: Kevin Hoins 8 a.m. Acolyte: Victor Gaunt

Liturgical Note: *The paschal candle represents the light of the resurrected Christ who has overcome the darkness of death. It is first lit at the Easter Vigil and processed into the church. It will remain lit until Ascension. The paschal candle is also lit at baptisms and funerals. Why do you think that is?*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Expectant Mother + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Tom Rosenau
+ Dick LeBeau + Myra Fredricks + Maxine Weseman + Jerry
Blazer + Nadeen Debban + Naomi Leising + Kay Krueger + Dee
Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons **Military** + Tyler Mars
+ Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

Birthdays 4/11 Ben Hoins 4/13 Jon Botsch 4/15 Jen Christensen
4/17 Joyce Carroll, Stan Johnson **Baptism** 4/13 Wanda Portenier,
Sue Fintel 4/14 Hunter Dalland 4/15 George Gaunt 4/17 Amy
Russell, Jim Jacobs, Janie Hinrichs **Wedding Anniversaries** 4/17
Jerry & Janie Hinrichs

**Readings for Next Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 1 Peter 2:21-25,
John 10:11-16**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT PEACE

8:00 a.m. Divine Service and 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study Opening
in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 12th 4 p.m. L.W.M.L. Executive Board Meeting
7 p.m. Right to Life Board

Tuesday, April 13th 9 a.m. Prayer Service, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
6 p.m. Board of Finance 7 p.m. All Boards-Bible Study
8 p.m. Quarterly Council

Sunday, April 18th 9:30 a.m. Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, April 25th 9:30 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

9 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE STARTING MAY 2ND. On Sunday, May 2nd we will return to one service at 9 a.m. We will still rope off pews for social distancing. If we need to fit more people in we will begin adding people on the north west side.

Your Input Needed! Our Core Planning Team is working to put together a plan to direct our ministry efforts as a congregation in the coming years. We want our work to be based on God's word and tailored to our character as a congregation. To help us, please fill out the insert and put the form in the box in the narthex marked "core values".

Town Hall Meeting on the 18th. In an effort to make an educated vote and to promote consensus on whether or not we become an association member church of Heartland Lutheran High School we will be holding a town hall meeting during the **Sunday School hour on April 18th.** This will be an opportunity to share information and to discuss questions and concerns before we vote on the issue at the Voters' Meeting on April 25th.

Lifequote: "Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter clinched it for Paul. If God's Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me." • *lutheransfor-life.org*

The Congregation at Prayer

Speak aloud as much of this order of prayer as you are able.

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

The 10 Commandments

The Apostles Creed

The Lord's Prayer

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: Titus 3:5-8

Other Readings for the Week: *The Gospel Lesson on Monday, The Gospel Verse on Tuesday, The Epistle Lesson on Wednesday, The Gradual Verse on Thursday, The First Lesson on Friday & The Introit on Saturday.*

For Meditation: Did you choose to be born? When the Bible calls Baptism a "birth," how does that help you understand that your relationship to God is not something you choose for yourself but a gift that He gives?

*Pray in response to the Catechism and/or Readings for the Week. What is God teaching you to **thank** Him for? What sin is He teaching you to **confess**? What is God teaching you to **ask** for? You may also pray this week's Collect, as well as for the prayers of the church (found in the bulletin).*

Hymn— # 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.