



**April 11, 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**

His resurrection gives us *peace*.



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.  
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.  
 Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811-87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867-1941, alt.  
 Tune: C. F. W. Walther, 1811-87

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*We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. It is a supper established by Jesus for his disciples. St. Paul further states that the supper is an expression of a oneness of belief and faith. If you are not a member of the WELS or ELS, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. Thank you.*

**STAND**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Acts 3:12-20 (NIV84)**

When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup> “Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

### PSALM 16

*read responsively by the pastor and congregation*

Keep me safe, O God,\*

**for in you I take refuge.**

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;\*

**apart from you I have no good thing.”**

I have set the LORD always before me.\*

**Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*

**my body also will rest secure,**

because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*

**nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;\*

**you will fill me with joy in your presence.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**1 John 5:1-6 (NIV84)**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

*STAND*

**M:** The Gospel is from John, chapter 20, beginning at verse 19.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31 (NIV84)**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples 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 nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of  
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**SERMON**

**Peace Be With You**

**John 20:19-31**

**OFFERING**

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS**

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*(Silent prayer.)*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

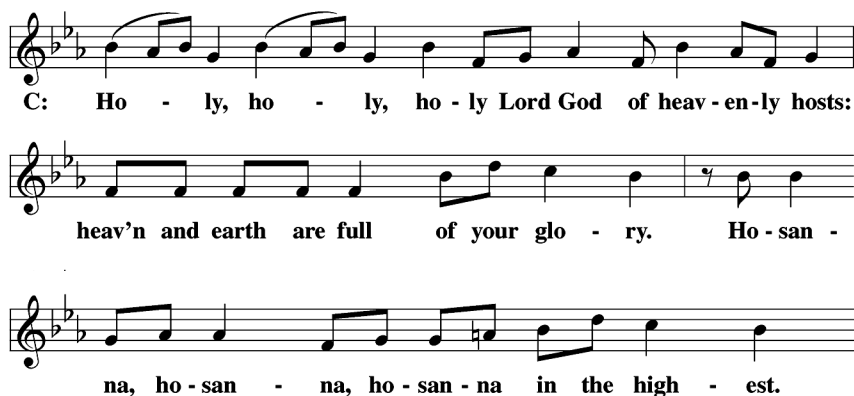
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

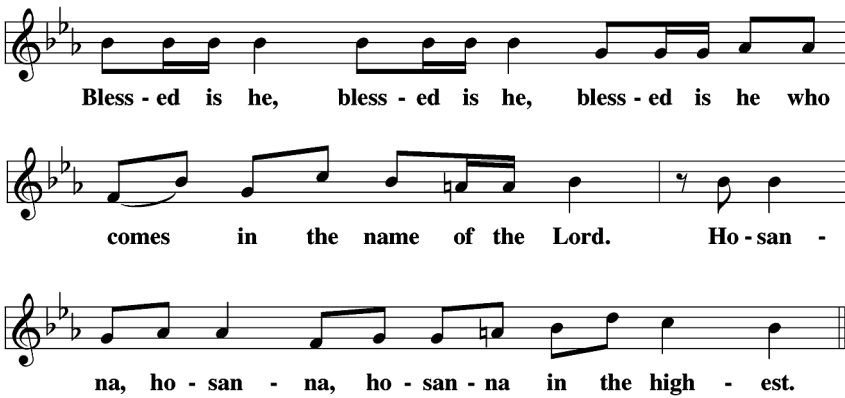
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.





## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

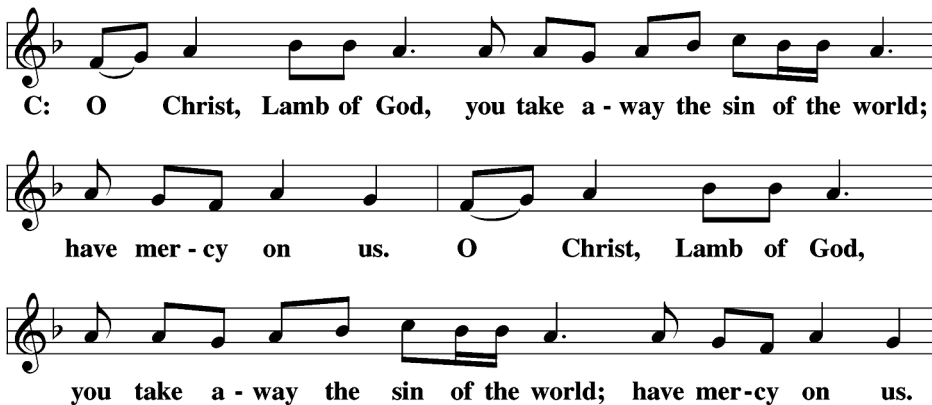
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

## DISTRIBUTION

*We will commune by families or individuals. Come forward in the center aisle. Return by the side. Please stand directly in front of the front pews. Pastor will bring Communion to you. Only touch one individual cup. A basket is available for empty cups as you return.*

## HYMN

### O Sons and Daughters of the King

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came their Lord most dear And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'"/>

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 On that first morn - ing of the week, Be - fore the  
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, For thus he  
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
day be - gan to break, The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek,  
spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
came their Lord most dear And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
He doubted that it was the Lord.  
Alleluia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
"My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me."  
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign.  
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570-1615, alt.

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## THANKSGIVING

STAND

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love  
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives

152 (v 5-8)

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793; Desc. Paul G. Bunjes, b. 1914

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# *Announcements*

## **In Our Prayers**

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Ashley Covell - expecting in May

Emily Nolte - expecting in October

Roma Gould and Judy Solem - shut-ins

## **Wednesday Bible Class**

Resumes April 21 with our study of the Psalms, 7:00 pm on Zoom.

## **Shop at Hy-Vee to Help the Homeless**

The month of March is now over. Lincoln Heights earned \$11 in the red bag program. Thanks to all who purchased bags.

## **Building Fund Update**

\$18,690 donated as of 4/4/2021.

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday:

*Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 1:1-2:2,*

*Luke 24:36-49*

## **April 2021 Forward in Christ**

The April issue of Forward in Christ is available on the table outside the sanctuary or at [forwardinchrist.net](http://forwardinchrist.net).

Some highlights in this issue include the following:

Five hundred years ago, on April 18, 1521, Martin Luther took a stand at the Diet of Worms. Read about this historic event in Lutheranism on page 30, then experience a modern-day confession of faith on the back page - all for the sake of the gospel.

Ever get a psalm, hymn or spiritual song stuck in your head? Two authors this month share stories from their past that tell how these “songs of the heart” strengthened their faith and brought them comfort.

Find these on pages 12-13 and 34.

April’s WELS Connection highlights the Central Africa Medical Mission, which has been providing much-needed medical care to the people of Africa for the past 60 years. Experience what life is like at the Lutheran Mobile Clinic on pages 22-23.

## THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

April 11 - 18

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Bible Class
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Nuer Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Monday	4:00 pm	Catechism Tutoring
	5:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday		MN Pastors' Conference
Wednesday		MN Pastors' Conference
	5:00 pm	Catechism Class
Thursday		MN Pastors' Conference
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
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