

**SERVICE OF THE WORD  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 16, 2023  
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.**



*We Gather in Jesus' Name*  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*Prelude (a time for silent meditation)*

**Announcements**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LBW #143***

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| 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds<br>in praise of love that still abounds:<br>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br>Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!<br>Repeat their song of glory here:<br>"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;<br>set heart and will on things above<br>that we conquer through your triumph;<br>grant grace sufficient for life's day<br>that by our lives we truly say:<br>Christ has triumphed! He is living!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,<br>therefore our heart with rapture sings:<br>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br>Now still he comes to give us life<br>and by his presence stills all strife.<br>Christ has triumphed! He is living!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!              | 4 Adoring praises now we bring<br>and with the heav'nly blessed sing:<br>"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"<br>Be to the Father, and our Lord,<br>to Spirit blest, most holy God,<br>all the glory, never ending!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!                            |

***Greetings***

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

**And also with you.**

***Kyrie***

♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.

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

♩ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

♩ and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

♩ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

♩ let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. ♪ A - men

## Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [1] Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [2] Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [3] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [4] For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray . . . 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.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### *Children's Sermon (9:30 service)*

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>"You that are 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 freed him from 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**

#### **Psalm: Psalm 16**

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

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

<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.

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th Chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day: “Living Hope”**

Verse 1

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

### ***Apostle's Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 Intercession**

Each prayer ends with . . . Hear us, O God. The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**

### **Sharing of the Peace** (nods, waves)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**The Offering** Please leave your offering on our website: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW\\_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**



## **Blessing**

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.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Song: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV #612**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### **OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD**

- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another
- + To **know** the Word of God
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



### **SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Worship Leader	Gail Oines
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	George Henry

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER**

Today's Worship Leader is Gail Oines will lead the Service of the Word.

### **GUEST REGISTER**

If you are visiting with us today, please sign our Guest Book in the narthex.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Rhona and Alan Slawter in memory of Alan Slawter.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Maundy Thursday 12 Good Friday 10  
Easter Sunday 8:00 am 27 9:30 am 70 **Total 97**

### **PASTOR MATT ON VACATION MONDAY, APRIL 10 RETURNING TUESDAY APRIL 18**

Pastor Matt will be out of the office for vacation from Monday, April 10 returning Tuesday, April 18. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.

## **CHANGES TO APRIL OFFICE HOURS**

The normal office schedule of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will change starting April 10 to the following:

Monday, April 10, Tuesday, April 11, and Wednesday, April 12, 9 to 2 Fran will then be out of the office, returning for Monday, April 24, Tuesday, April 25, and Friday, April 28. The adjusted schedule for May will be posted in the May Newsletter.

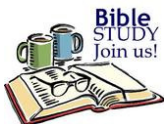
## **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>Financial Report For February 2023</b>		
	<b>Rec'vd for February 2023</b>	<b>Budget for February 2023</b>
Current	\$9,551.53	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,191	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$44	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$817	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,778.43</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>
	<b>Recv'd YTD 1/1-2/28/23</b>	<b>Budget YTD 1/1-2/28/23</b>
Current	\$21,353.96	\$34,562.00
Mortgage	\$4,772.00	\$3,796.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$154.00	\$268.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,102.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,381.96</b>	<b>\$38,626.00</b>



### **CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND PRACTICES**

Practices of the Choir and Praise Band are on **Wednesday evenings; next practice is April 19. Praise Band begins at 6:30, Vocal Choir practice begins at 7:15.** All are welcome and encouraged to join; no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra, Music Director or Pastor Matt for more details.



### **THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMING APRIL 27**

Bible Study will resume at 7:00 pm on Thursdays beginning April 27. We will continue to study The Sermon on the Mount. We will continue to meet by Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMc02MlVv\\_dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMc02MlVv_dz09)



### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

During the month of March our church donated 100 lbs. of food to the Warminster Food Bank. As you know, the price of food has skyrocketed! The need has increased as well. If we could increase our giving, it would be greatly appreciated. If each family would contribute 2 or 3 items each month it would make a difference. Thanks for your continued support. Nancy Slight/Social Ministry.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28**

The week of July 24 – 28, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m.–noon will feature **OPERATION RESTORATION** for students age 4 through completion of grade 6. Learning with friends makes Bible School fun! As they make connections between Bible stories and actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life, such as feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest. Students will employ art, music, science and storytelling in this creative program, along with outdoor play and a snack each day. Registration forms are available.

### **STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.**

Stitch club meets on Saturdays **at 10:00 a.m.** Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!



**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 16**

8:00 am Service of the Word  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
9:30 am Service of the Word  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open  
10:45 am Adult Bible Study

**MONDAY, APRIL, 17**

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**

6:30 pm Praise Band Practice  
7:15 pm Choir Practice

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

10:00 am Stitch Club

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL, 23**

8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open  
10:45 am Adult Bible Study