

# *Sunday, April 16, 2023*

## *Second Sunday of Easter, Year A*



*Ringling of Bell*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, with love that lives forever.  
C: **Amen.**  
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
P: For a word at the dawn of creation which spoke water and life into being.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
P: For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
P: For the river that carried Moses to safety, building a bridge between mothers and nations.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
P: For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
P: For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
P: For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

ELW 385

- 1      **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2      **The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3      **Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4      **Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you.    C: **And also with you.**  
All: **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.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

### PSALM 16 We read responsively

- L: 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."
- C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**
- L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**
- L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C: I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### A READING FROM: 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.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 20:19-31

**C: GLORY 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 OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON Intern Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

HYMN *We Walk by Faith*

ELW 635

- 1 **We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**
- 2 **We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 **Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:**
- 4 **For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 **And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

#### APOSTLES CREED

**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

SHARING THE PEACE — *The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY —GLOBE OFFERING...

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God,

**C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: *Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *The Peace of the Lord*

ELW 646

- 1 **The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:  
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,  
and also for all of God's children.  
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,  
and also for all of God's children.**

- 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:  
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,  
so open yourselves to receive it.  
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,  
so open yourselves to receive it.
- 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:  
The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,  
so open yourselves now to share it.  
The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,  
so open yourselves now to share it.

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### BENEDICTION

P: The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.  
C: **Amen.**

#### HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises*

All vss.

ELW 379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

*Ring of Bell*

#### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie Rogness    INTERN—Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid    ASSISTANT—Patricia Hoffman  
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## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SUN/APR 16	9 AM	WORSHIP – IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	Stewardship Mtg (tentative)
	10 AM	Internship Mtg
	7 PM	AA
MON/APR 17	7 PM	Ed You Mtg
WED/APR 19	6 PM	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:30 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL
THU/APR 20	5:30 PM	Sons of Norway
	7 PM	AA
SAT/APR 22	9-NOON	SKYWARN Training (J.Braaten)
SUN/APR 23	9 AM	WORSHIP – IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 PM	AA

**INTERGENERATIONAL FUN DAY:** Sunday April 30, 9:50–10:45 -- FOR ALL AGES!! We gather in the fellowship hall for a lively round of Generation Jeopardy plus sharing of Church & Sunday School Memories. This is part of Intern Kris' Internship Project. Come for Treats – Stay for Friendships.

**YOUTH Fundraiser: Mother's Day Caramel Rolls** - Help support our Youth summer ministries by purchasing homemade take-and-bake caramel rolls. COST: 6 rolls/ \$12 dollars —12 rolls/ \$20 dollars. ORDERING: Sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Or contact Sarah Hildebrandt -- [smhildebrandt7@gmail.com](mailto:smhildebrandt7@gmail.com) Or Intern Kris Kincaid - [firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com](mailto:firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com) ORDER & PAY by Thursday May 4. (Checks payable to First Lutheran Church Youth). PICK UP frozen rolls on Saturday, May 13th (2 to 4 pm) or Sunday, May 14th (before 11am). Supported by Thrivent Action Grant.