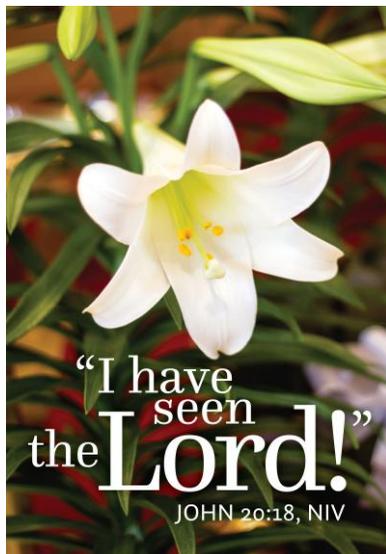


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Second Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025  
8:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

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

**Gathering Music**

Walk by Faith  
Lisa Walton, soloist  
Glenn Hinderliter, percussionist

Camp

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Easter Greeting and Gathering Dialog**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!  
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!  
**Give God praise for God's mighty deeds!**  
**Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!  
**Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!  
**Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Praise God with cymbals and drums!  
**Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Come, let us worship God!

Words and Music by  
Leona Von Brethorst

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 120$   $A^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}13$   $E^{\flat}$   $A^{\flat}$   $A^{\circ}7$   $E^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $E^{\flat}$

I will en - ter His gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will

$A^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}7$   $A^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}13$   $E^{\flat}$   $A^{\flat}$   $A^{\circ}7$   $E^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $G/B$   $Cm$   $Cm7$

<sup>3</sup> en - ter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I

**CHORUS**

$Fm7$   $B^{\flat}7$   $A^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}7$   $E^{\flat}$   $E^{\flat}$   $A^{\flat}$   $E^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $Cm$   $Cm7$

will re - joice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I

**1** **2**

$Fm7$   $B^{\flat}7$   $A^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}7$   $E^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}7/F$   $E^{\flat}/G$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}7$   $A^{\flat}/B^{\flat}$   $B^{\flat}7$   $E^{\flat}$

will re - joice for He has made me glad. will re - joice for He has made me glad.

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

We pray.

**God of the resurrection, you open the tomb**

**and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us.**

**In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,  
touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for  
others.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new  
life. In the name of Jesus we pray.**

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**Reading** Acts 5:27-32

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Acts.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel** John 20:19-31

Translation: NIV

The Good News from John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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."

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!" 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."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp

*We rise in body or spirit.*

**Word in Song**

He Lives

Skinner, McClarney, & Smith

**See the tomb where He laid. See the stone rolled away.  
He is risen. He is risen. He's alive.  
See His hands, see His feet. Touch His scars and believe.  
He is risen. He is risen. He's alive. Oh He's alive.**

**He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen. Jesus lives.**

**Hear the shackles breaking free. Hear the song of the redeemed.  
He is moving. He is moving. He's alive.  
So take this freedom, take this love. Can you feel it rising up?  
He is here. He is here. He's alive.**

**CHORUS: He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen. Jesus.  
He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen.  
Jesus lives. Jesus lives.**

**You took all our shame, left it in the grave  
We're forgiven, we're forgiven  
The work forever done, only by the blood  
It is finished, it is finished.**

**CHORUS: He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen. Jesus.  
He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen.  
Jesus lives. Jesus lives.**

**He is risen. He is risen. He's alive.**

## **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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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**

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition:*

God, who is and was and is to be,  
**receive our prayers.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,  
trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the  
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

## Offering Song

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## Offering Prayer

We pray.

Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts.

Bless them with your miraculous power, that they may become mighty gifts of love, justice, and peace – gifts with the powers to heal our world. In your name we pray.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

From the rubble of chaos, you shaped a sanctuary for creation.  
You formed us in your image, your Holy Spirit breathed peace into us,  
inviting us into gardens of wonder.  
But we chose to hide ourselves behind the locked doors of sin and death.  
When we would not respond to your gracious invitations,  
Jesus came to free us from all sin.

With our ancestors of faith, with our children and grandchildren,  
with everyone who sees you coming, we sing our glad praise to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of surpassing greatness.  
Everything that breathes praises you.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Word in Meal**

Send your Spirit of holiness to transform these simple gifts into your grace surpassing  
all fear, and to bear witness of your enduring love.  
Through the bread which is broken, we are made whole once again,  
so we might minister to those who live behind the locked doors of oppression.  
By the cup which is shared, we are able to believe, even when we cannot see,  
that your peace is coming to everyone.

And when our lives have ended, when we are gathered in grace and peace  
with our siblings from all time, we will join our hearts in praising you,  
God in Community, Holy in One, who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, who is, who was, and who is to come,  
hear us as we pray as you have taught us:

**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**

Receive the gift of new life.  
Come to the table of grace.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of communion**



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

*Refrain*



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

**There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken.  
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light.  
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven.  
Jesus is alive.**

**There's a reason why we are not overtaken.  
There's a reason why we sing on through the night.  
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal.  
Jesus is alive.**

**CHORUS: Praise the King He is risen. Praise the King He's alive.  
Praise the King death's defeated. Hallelujah He's alive. Hallelujah He's alive.**

**There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous.  
There's a reason why the dead are made alive.  
There's a reason why we share His resurrection.  
Jesus is alive.**

**CHORUS: Praise the King He is risen. Praise the King He's alive.  
Praise the King death's defeated. Hallelujah He's alive. Hallelujah He's alive.**

**The grave could not ignore it when all of heaven's roaring.  
Hell where is your victory? Death where is your sting?  
The world could not ignore it when all the saints are roaring  
Hell where is your victory? Death where is your sting?**

**CHORUS: Praise the King He is risen. Praise the King He's alive.  
Praise the King death's defeated. Hallelujah He's alive. Hallelujah He's alive.**

**Hallelujah He's alive! Hallelujah He's alive! Hallelujah He's alive!**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Prayer after communion**

We pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen**

# **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **Blessing**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



*¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!*  
 1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.  
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.  
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



*Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.*  
 Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.  
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



*No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.*  
 Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?  
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.  
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



*¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.*  
 Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.  
 Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!  
 Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
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