

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #131 “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

GREETING

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

L: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

L: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord’s resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

Pew Bible pg. 1143

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens praise him in the heights.

C: Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

C: Praise him, heaven of heavens and you waters above the heavens.

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.

C: He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps.

C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

L: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

L: kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: young men and maidens, old and young together.

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Pew Bible pg. 1278

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:29-31

(Before reading) *L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(After reading) *L: The Gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #346 "When Peace, like a River"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: 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

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

LBW #352 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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*Springtime, new life, resurrection, hope.
God, help me hold onto an Easter focus all season long.*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

LouAnn Baugher Family of Robert Flessner
Family of Rena Shebesta (great-granddaughter/Geri Remmers)
Family of Courtney Schoolcraft (niece/Paul & Linda Keith)
Family of John Schade

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey
Joan Mathis	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Joyce Keith	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Bob & Sue Selby	Merrill Wattjes
Joan Percival	Michael Markarian	Joyce Williamson	

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Mildred Flessner
Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

TABLE GUILD	Sondra Sipes, Midge Seim
ACOLYTES	Ivie Albers, Daphnie Albers
BULLETIN GREETERS	Joan Mathis, Geri Remmers
GREETERS	Jeannette Arbuckle, DeAnn McMorris
LECTOR	Sondra Sipes
PRAYER LEADER	Shirley Friemel
WORSHIP STEWARD	Ron Howe
USHERS	Wendy Watkins, David & Debbie Keith

WELCOME TO WORSHIP This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin (John 20:24). Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace. Welcome!

FLOWERS TODAY are provided for *Joyce Keith* in celebration of her 89th Birthday on March 30th by her family.

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Earl Smith* in memory of his and his wife, *Roberta's*, 40th Wedding Anniversary on April 7th.

50+ POTLUCK will be held this Tuesday, April 9th, at 11:30 a.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. Based on the turnout of this potluck, a decision will be made on whether to continue having them. Please bring a dish to share and come and enjoy this time of food and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY With a jam-packed life, what's missing is space - space for God to speak, room for you to hear. It's time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Join the women's Bible study group for a five-week study, starting on April 14th, and discover Sabbath margin - the boundary God enables us to put around things we enjoy. Praying that you can attend - blessings to you all.

CARD SHOWER Please help us celebrate with a card shower *Joyce Higgins'* 89th Birthday on April 16th. Cards may be sent to: *Joyce Higgins*, 533 Garden St., Rantoul, IL 61866.

PRAYER CONCERNS UPDATE The prayer concerns list has been updated to include only the names of those that have contacted the church office. If your name or a loved one's name has been removed and you would still like it to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office and we will gladly add them back to the list. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is in need of cotton sheets. These are used for liners in the quilts. So while you are doing your spring cleaning and have extra sheets, please think of the quilters. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 210

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 2nd Quarter are still available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, April 8

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, April 9

11:30 a.m. 50+ Potluck

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM



Funeral Meals

Funeral meal donations are an important ministry that we provide to our families after the loss of a loved one. Needed are salads and desserts to be provided for the funeral meals.

We are updating our list of people who are willing to make donations for these meals. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sunday, April 7th, if you would be willing to provide for these meals.

Please fill out this form even if you have filled one out before. The names and numbers we receive from this insert will be the ones that we call.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024 – April 13, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, with great joy we celebrate the Festival of our Lord's Resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the Resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Numbers 14:1-45	Psalms 119:65-72	Mark 13:28-37
Monday	Numbers 15:1-41	Psalms 119:73-80	Mark 14:1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 16:1-19	Psalms 119:81-88	Mark 14:12-31
Wednesday	Numbers 16:20-50	Psalms 119:89-96	Mark 14:32-50
Thursday	Numbers 17:1-13	Psalms 119:97-104	Mark 14:51-65
Friday	Numbers 18:1-32	Psalms 119:105-112	Mark 14:66-72
Saturday	Numbers 19:1-20:29	Psalms 119:113-120	Mark 15:1-5

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen