

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ 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!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ 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!” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon *(you may be seated)*

Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson

Hymn of the Day: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” #377

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world at the end of the Sunday School year.

**Vs 1: Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Vs 2: Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. [Refrain]**

**Vs. 4: Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. [Refrain]**

**Vs. 5: City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of Life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! [Refrain]**

Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong” .
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, & all in need. *A brief silence.*

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities’ leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O’Brien, Kellie Peterson, Kay Kurtti, Shawn Frederixon, and Donald & Marcy Jonas. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you** P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord. P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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 Meal & Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“Sing Alleluia”

**Vs 1: People, all, come sing and shout; God is in us dwelling.
Spread the joyful news about; sing with voices swelling.**

**Vs 2: Ev’ry one a child of God, sister or a brother.
All who know the love of God, share with one another.**

**Vs 3: For the gifts that we receive, come with thankful giving.
Let the promise we believe light the life we’re living.**

Refrain: Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; raise your voices, shout with joy; sing praise to God, the Savior.

“Hallelujah”

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing: *(stand as you are able)*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *“Shine, Jesus Shine” #671*

Refrain: Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land, With the Father’s glory, Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire, flow river flow, Flood the nations, With grace & mercy, Send forth Your word Lord, & let there be light.

Vs 1: Lord the light of Your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus Light of the world shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

Vs 2: As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace to love the Lord & serve your neighbor,

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



St. Luke Lutheran
Pastor Eric Hanson
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Second Sunday in Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives & make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *“Alleluia”*

Vs 1: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 2X

Vs 2: He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior. 2X

Vs 3: He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy. 2X

Vs 4: I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him. 2X

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

First Reading: Psalm 16

¹Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” ³I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.” -
⁴Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. ⁵Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. ⁷I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. ¹¹You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *“Celtic Alleluia” (stand as you are able)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X

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