

Second Sunday of



St. Luke Lutheran Church
Guest Speaker Nicole Wananda • 9:30AM • April 24, 2022

Prelude: *Debbi St. John, Pianist/Organist*

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Committee Financial Update: *Robert Hinsch*

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 and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"He Is Lord" 3X*

**He Is Lord; He Is Lord. He Has Risen From The Dead. And He Is Lord,
Every Knee Shall Bow, Every Tongue Confess That Jesus Christ Is Lord.**

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

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading - Acts 5:27-32

²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." ²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!" ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia" 2X (stand as you are able)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

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

Children's Message: *Nicole Wananda*

All Children Sing

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Hymn of the Day: "Open My Eyes Lord" 2X

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 <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. 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.

**Open my eyes, Lord. I want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch him, and say that I love him.
Open my ears, Lord and help me to listen. Open my eyes, Lord I want to see Jesus.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

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:

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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you especially: Jessica Huemann, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Roger Kurtti, Judy Carpenter, Lorraine Hinsch, Donald & Nancy Nord, Connie Hess, Larry Reese, Dan Hedeem, Matt Ludwig, Sue Majerus, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, and the family of Ken Bremer. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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.**

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: "*On Our Way Rejoicing*" #537

Vs. 1: On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe, Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Vs 2: Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and ever-more. [Refrain]

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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