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Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Fugue in E Minor”

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Friends, the tomb is empty!

C: The stone has been rolled away!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

P: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

C: But God’s love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

P: Darkness cannot claim us!

C: Fear cannot bind us!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



OPENING HYMN

“Thine is the Glory”

#376

TEMPLE TALK

Martha Kannas



FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Monte



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#174



HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the

Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Monte

SERMON HYMN

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

#389 verses 1,2,4,5

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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: May the Light of Christ shine upon them

C: May the Light of Christ shine upon them

PEACE

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

Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."

OFFERING

Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Love Grows Here"

Don Besig

Becky Brunner, soloist

Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Open your hearts.*

C: We open them to God and to one another.

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

DISTRIBUTION - You will be invited to stand or kneel at the altar.

If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.

All are Welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN

"What Feast of Love"

#487, all verses

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with
your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share
the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

 **DISMISSAL**

P: Is it true that God loves the world?

C: Amen. This is true.

P: Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

C: Amen. This is true.

P: Is it true that God brings light out of darkness and life out of death?

C: Amen. This is true.

P: Then let us go as those whom God has called, to bear witness to the love of God, to be beacons of light and proclaimers of hope. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

 **POSTLUDE**

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

Arranged by Robert McWilliam

+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

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Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, April 8	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday, April 10	1:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
	6:00 pm	Confirmation (L)
	7:15 pm	Synergy
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday, April 12	Church Office Closed	
Sunday, April 14	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Education Hour

Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Martha Kannas, Executive Director of Exploit No More, a nonprofit organization that responds to the impact of sex trafficking through community education, housing and supportive services. She will share in worship during a Temple Talk, and lead us in Human Trafficking 101 during Education Hour. Did you know that the Greater Milwaukee Area has some of the highest human trafficking activity in the United States? Learn about what it is, how to identify it, and how to support survivors by attending her presentation.

Starting April 14, "Baptized We Live" –4 sessions during Education Hour on what it means to be Lutheran Christians. Pick up a book at the Welcome Center (\$5) and join us!

SYNERGY RESUMES – High School youth group (grades 9-12) will resume on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:15 PM. Join us as we have an interactive Bible study together, snacks, drinks and maybe a special pizza surprise! Even if you haven't come to church in a while, come join us! All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will resume Wednesday, April 10 at 6PM.

FUNDRAISER:









The youth attending the National Youth Gathering will be selling **Emil's pizzas** **April 14 – 28**. You can look for them at church, or watch for an e-mail on how to place an order. Orders will be handed out after worship on May 19.

MILWAUKEE MILKMAN GAME – BATTER UP!!! Join us for a fun church outing to cheer on the Milwaukee Milkmen as they take on the Kane County Cougars. Saturday, May 11 6PM Gametime. \$17 per ticket. We will meet at Franklin Field, but if you need a ride, please let us know! Sign up at the church welcome center, or online at www.slchurch.org/sign-ups. If you have any questions, please contact Heather at heather@slchurch.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

- June 10th-14th – Music Camp
- July 29th – August 1st - Vacation Bible School

**** EASTER PRAISE PACKS ****

-  • Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church and hold it up high. At the end of the service turn your candle off.
-  • Take out the smooth stone and hold it tight during times of prayer. This stone symbolizes the tomb Jesus was put into on Good Friday.
-  • Wave the Palm leaf to move to the music.
-  • Look at the booklet in your bag. Look at the pictures for today to follow along with the readings.
-  • While listening to Pastor's Sermon, take a look at your children's bulletin. Can you make any connections between what is on there to the sermon?
-  • Fill out a prayer slip or two (attached on your clipboard) and place them in the offering plate. Help our Lenten prayer chain grow!
-  • Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, peace sign, or say hello
-  • Place the sticker on your shirt to remember that you are a child of God and He loves you!