



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
10:30 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *All My Hope*

Easter Call to Worship

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who, in his great mercy, has brought us to life again
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus (x2)

Greeting

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.

Kyrie

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The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
to be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak **(repeat)**

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Gospel: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Frambach

Song of the Day: *All My Hope*

Light in my darkness peace for my soul
You are my rescue You never let go **(REPEAT)**
All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You
Here in my weakness always the same
Your love is my shelter Your life is my way

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You **(REPEAT)**
Constant Savior friend forever Lord You have my heart
Sure foundation never failing Lord You have my heart
All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You
All the earth beneath You all my life before You
With every breath my soul will rest in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

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Apostles' Creed

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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 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 Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Music: *Thine Is the Glory*

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- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!



Scan code to give now.

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain**

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Preparing for the Table

...So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread and share the one cup. **Thanks be to God!**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *Broken for Me*

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Refrain

Broken for me, broken for you;
the body of Jesus broken for you.

1 He offered his body, he poured out his soul;
Jesus was broken that we might be whole. **Refrain**

2 Come to my table and with me dine;
eat of my bread and drink of my wine. **Refrain**

3 This is my body given for you;
eat it, rememb'ring I died for you. **Refrain**

4 This is my blood I shed for you;
for your forgiveness, making you new. **Refrain**

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

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.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *All the People Said Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely

When you feel afraid, you're not the only

We are all the same, in need of mercy,

to be forgiven and be free

It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

Refrain

And all the people said Amen, whoa

And all the people said Amen

Give thanks to the Lord,

for His love never ends

And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter

weak or strong, you know love is what we're after

We're all broken, but we're all in this together

God knows we stumble and fall

and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **Refrain**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry for another start

for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Refrain x2**

And all the people said Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *All the People Said Amen*

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

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(312) 626-6799

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Passcode: 456037

Altar Flowers today are provided by Mark & Nancy Oehlert in celebration of April 15th birthdays of Ben Klein, Josie Boyle & Nancy Oehlert.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, April 19	6:00 PM	Confirmation

Graduate Information Request...

We are putting together a list of graduates: high school, college, grad school. We'd love to offer them a blessing and share their graduation news with the entire church. Contact the office 582-7371 or office@lordoflifedbq.org

Thank You

From Kurt Hansen: Thank you for your thoughts, cards, and prayers after the death of my sister, Katy LaCanne. Your kindness in faithful Christian community is heartwarming. St. Paul would be proud of you. (Rom 12:15).

Parenting Today Conference

Join us for a FREE conference for parents and grandparents on Sunday April 30 from 1:30-3:00 pm at Lord of Life. Experts and professionals in the field helping you understand what your children are facing and offering resources for you to use. For more information please visit:
<https://www.lordoflife.online/parentingtodayconference.html>

Thrivent Action Team Cards Needed

If you are a member or own a product through Thrivent, and if you are able to apply for action cards, we need your help. Lord of Life is supporting a fundraiser for Almost Home in June and we need support. Please reach out to Pastor Paul or to the office for details and to let us know if you can help.

Youth Leadership Training Event Offered

Youth who are currently in grades 8 – 12 are invited to participate in this summer's Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event (WIYLDE), set for June 19 – 22, 2023, at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point. The event will feature Peer Ministry Leadership Training from Lyle Griner, National Peer Ministry Director. Peer Ministry Leadership Training is based on the Good Samaritan story to train youth in relational leadership skills. To learn more, visit <https://neiasynod.org/2023/02/wiylde/> or speak to Pastor Paul.

Prayer List

Anthony Windau
David & Kay Zepeski
Robert & Erika Ziegelmaier and family
Mike & Stephanie Ackerman and family
Earl & Angie Alexander
Pastor Paul & Lorice Amlin
Karin Anderson and family

Servants:

Sunday, April 16

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM	Kevin Cartee		Susan Hansen	Tim Shade & Sandy Arp
10:30 AM	Barry Pickart	Joan Cram	Barry Pickart	Joe and Sam Klinebriel

Sunday, April 23

8:00 AM	Jon & Rita	Steve Heer	Don & Kayleen Backhaus
10:30 AM		Nancy Davis	

Job Opportunity

Our cleaners, Hillary Custom Cleaning, are hiring janitors for office cleaning. If you or anyone you know would like to do this as a full or part-time or second job, please reach out to them: dell@hillarycustomcleaning.com or 563-552-9636. Flexible hours and great pay. Thanks!

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