

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

OPENING PRELUDE Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Handbell Choir Dan R. Edwards

Bruce Tippette

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

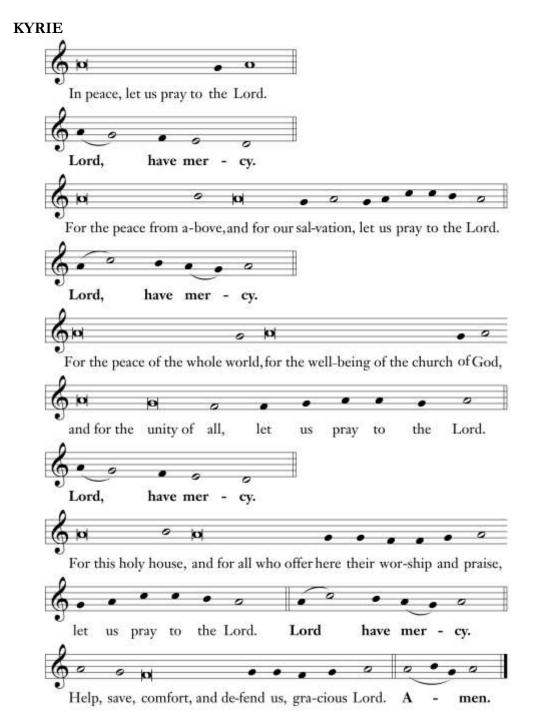
The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer. After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen. We sit.

WELCOME

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

Now 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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133



¹How good and how pleas- ¹ ant it is, when kindred live togeth- ¹ er in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- ¹ on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar ¹ of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the ¹ hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- ¹ evermore.

SECOND READING 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to Saint John.



When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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." A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.



We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Carter SERMON Vicar Norris We stand. HYMN OF THE DAY 456 Baptized in Water **BUNESSAN** SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00) p. 227 NICENE CREED (8:30) We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. We sit.

✤ MEAL ♣

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) Doubting Thomas arr. Mark Schweizer O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heav'n, the glorious King O'er death and hell rose triumphing, Alleluia, Alleluia!
When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word, Alleluia, Alleluia!
"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, my feet, I show to thee, Not faithless, but believing be," Alleluia, Alleluia!
No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side, "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried; Alleluia, Alleluia!
How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win, Alleluia, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) I Am the Resurrection and the Life Gallus Dressler I am the resurrection and the life.

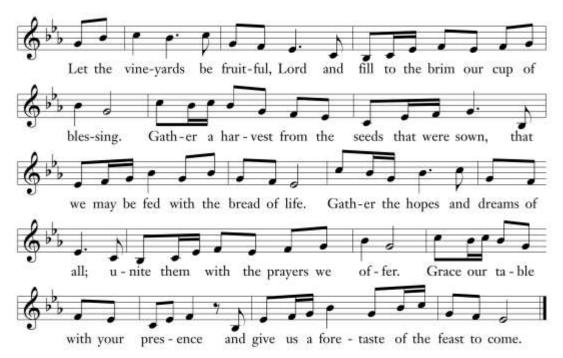
All who believe in me will be living,

all who believe in me will live though they are dying,

and everyone who lives and believes in me, they will nevermore perish.

We stand.

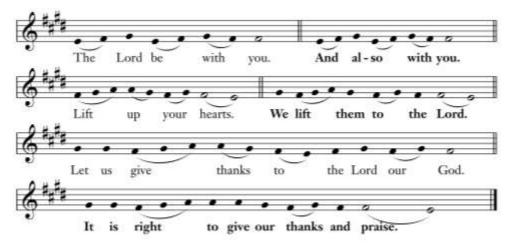
OFFERTORY HYMN



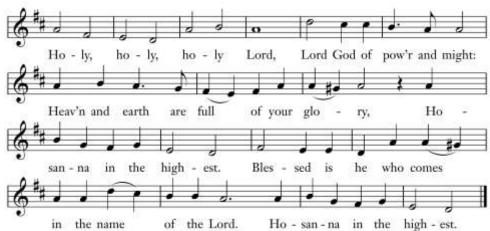
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit**.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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.

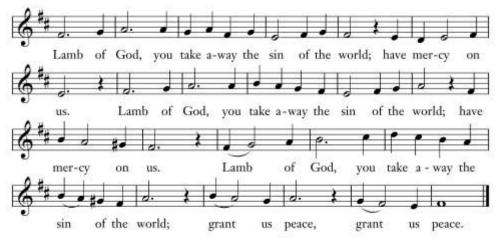
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *and each person may respond* Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 363 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain **Hymn** 482 I Come with Joy GAUDEAMUS PARITER DOVE OF PEACE

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS



Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Sending +

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and + give you peace.



SENDING HYMN 499 O Lord, We Praise You GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! CLOSING VOLUNTARY O Lord, We Praise You

Heinrich Scheidemann

Soli Deo Gloria Christus Resurrexit

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Providing Service Next Sunday

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WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of my dad, Dr. David Fletcher Hord commemorating his birthday on April 7 by Mary Jo and Stan Whitley.

We welcome Parker Graylynn Milholland into the Christian Family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Graylynn is the daughter of Joel and Anna Milholland. Her sponsors are Will Dulin, Maggie DeBaugh, Sarah Milholland and Jarrett Nykamp. The baptism was officiated by Graylynn's paternal grandfather, Bill Milholland.

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the "Friendship Register." Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

We offer a toddler nursery during the service. If you would like to use the nursery, please ask an usher for directions. The nursery is for children ages newborn to 4.

Our Homebound Member is Ms. Marion Morgan, Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Room 201, Clemmons, NC 27012. Please send Marion a note.

Join the Youth of Augsburg on April 21 for a Roaring Good Time at the Gatsby Gala. The evening begins at 7:00 P.M with a dessert reception and a night of 'Who Done It.' 1920's dress encouraged but not required. To join us, please contact the office to confirm your spot. This will help the planning team make sure there are enough desserts to go around. Once you have confirmed, you will receive the secret door code and additional information for your night at the Full Moon Speak Easy! A Freewill offering will be collected to support the 40 Youth and Adults traveling to Houston, Texas June 26-July 1 for the ELCA Youth Gathering. This triennial event is a life-changing experience for our youth and your support is appreciated immensely. Please contact Vicar Emily or Robin Welch with any questions you might have! **The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund** committee will meet for its Spring Quarter meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 13. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, April 15. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to "put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met."

Lutheridge/Lutherock Summer Camp: If you're sending your child to Lutheridge or Lutherock this summer, please remember that there is financial assistance from the Hine Fund (up to half of the tuition) available to those that request it. All requests for this summer camp assistance should be submitted to the Hine Fund committee no later than May 1. Please specify the program and week your child will be attending camp, which location, the amount of the tuition, and how much you have already paid to Lutheridge or Lutherock.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you–or someone you know–could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Readings for next week: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Worship attendance for services last week: 176 at 8:30; 338 at 11:00; 59 visitors.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

"O. M. Genesis" Study: Pastor Paul's Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:45 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom.

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. We are studying Hebrews. Bring your Bible.

7:18 Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings at various locations.

Calendar for April 8–April 15

8 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30a Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship (Family Life Center) 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 9 Monday Pastor Wollner out through April 12 Vicar Norris out through April 12 6:00p Continue in My Word (Youth Room) 6:00p Adult Handbell Choir (Handbell Room) 10 Tuesday 7:00p Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Lounge)

11 Wednesday

6:30p Bagels

7:15p Adult Choir II (Choir Rehearsal Room)

7:18p Youth Bible Study (Various locations)

12 Thursday 10:00a Quilt Ministry (Youth Area) 6:15p Adult Choir I (Choir Rehearsal Room) 6:30p Finance Ministry Team Meeting (Covenant Classroom) 7:30p Council (Youth Area) 13 Friday Women's Retreat — April 13 through April 15 15 Third Sunday of Easter 8:30a Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship (Family Life Center) 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Jubilate Choir Rehearsal (Youth Choir Room)

11:00a Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

12:30p Youthrans

3:30p Music Exploration (Youth Choir Room)

4:00p Confirmation Class (Various Locations)

5:00p Lobchor (Adult Choir Room) 5:45p Youth Croup

5:45p Youth Group (Family Life Center)

More Cottage Gatherings Added!

More than 200 Augsburg disciples have signed up to attend a Cottage Gathering with Pastor Paul. Five additional dates have been added to make plenty of room for all who want to participate. These Cottage Gatherings are designed to deepen relationships between Pastor Paul and the congregation and to hear the vision of what God has in store for the next few years at Augsburg.

Each Cottage Gathering will last about ninety minutes and will be held either in a home or at the church. Some are scheduled during the day, some in the evenings, and some on a weekend. Child care will be available at a few of the locations. We are hopeful that each of you will be able to attend one that will suit your schedule and location. If you don't see an available date that will work for you, let us know.

It is easy to sign up for one of the Cottage Gatherings. If you have any questions or would be willing to host an upcoming gathering, please contact the church office (336-722-8144), Kathy Carr (336-407-8224) or Kathy Nelson (336-682-0857).

Scan the QR code to find the signup or go to our website.





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