

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Friendship Series – Week 1  
Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE “Alleluia Passacaglia” *Jeffery Honore*  
*Bells of Praise*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {Front Center} (Tim)

+OPENING HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” **ELW #377/Screen**  
*Verses 1, 2 & 5*

**Verse 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!

**Verse 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**

**Verse 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**

+GREETING {Front Center} (David Skinner)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

+KYRIE (cantor and congregation)

ELW pg. 120/Screen

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE (congregation)

“Glory to God”

ELW pg. 121-122/Screen

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: Mysterious and Divine Presence, Too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

(*After Prayer of the Day, please say, "Please be seated"*)

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WORD

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FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Jon Sasseville*)

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

ELW pg. 124/*Screen*

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Tim*)

Luke 24:13-35

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

Tim Krieg, Seminary Student

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

ELW #384/*Screen*

*Verses 1, 3 & 4*

**Verse 1**

That Easter day with joy was bright;  
The sun shone out with fairer light

When, to their longing eyes restored  
The apostles saw their risen Lord!

### Verse 3

O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
In this our Easter festival,  
For you will be our strength and shield  
From ev'ry weapon death can wield.

### Verse 4

All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
To you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
And God the Spirit, now we raise!

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

*Screen*

**C: 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.**

++THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*David Skinner*)

*Screen*

**C: 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.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

*(Pause. Greet People Up Front. Continue when people are finished. Do not talk over sharing of the peace.)*

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*David Skinner*)

*Screen*

L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically there is a QR code in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Please email prayers to [office@stlukesbloomington.org](mailto:office@stlukesbloomington.org). Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

"Alleluia"  
*Bells of Praise*

*Linda Lamb*

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## SENDING

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+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Tim*)

L: May 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, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

**ELW #391/Screen**

### Verse 1

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow.

### Refrain

Had christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain.

But now has christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen, arisen!

### Verse 2

My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.

### Refrain

**Verse 3**

Death's flood has lost its chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill

My passing soul deliver.

**Refrain**

+DISMISSAL *{Back}* (Tim)

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

***Altar Flowers Today Given by***

*Steve & Judy Ludwigson*

*In celebration of Jayson's birthday  
& Steve and Judy's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*