

† Easter II †

“The Resurrection of Our Lord”



“The Gardener”
John 20:11-18

✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠
“Love the Creator & His Creation Like Jesus”
Saint Luke Lutheran Church | April 11, 2021

† Baptism — The Way of Faith †

Remembering Our Baptism Journey

Father, Creator of all heaven and earth, ✠ **you save us from our selfishness and make us your children through Baptism.** ✠ Through your Son, whose example we follow, ✠ **we die to Civilization's Way of arrogance, fear, and violence.** ✠ Through your Spirit, who dwells among us, ✠ **we are reborn in Jesus's Way of faith, hope, and love.** ✠ We pray that you will complete this work of Baptism within us, ✠ **as we daily surrender to you and listen to your every word.**

(the Christ candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is present among us)

♪ This is my Father's world, oh let me ne'er forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world, the healing is not done, the dead will rise to the earth's surprise, and earth and heav'n be one. ♪ (tune LSB 856)

Surrendering to the Creator

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ✠ **we surrender our minds, bodies, and whole lives to you.**

(we make the sign of the cross, touching forehead, heart, and shoulders)

We let go of control ✠ **and submit ourselves into your loving hands.** ✠ We leave behind our people-pleasing ✠ **and seek only your approval.** ✠ We walk away from our reliance on self, family, and nation ✠ **and trust you for everything we need.** ♪ *Take my life and all my heart, take my whole soul ev'ry part. Take my mouth and let it be, filled with your truth and mercy. ♪ Take my hands and let them love, with compassion from above. Take my feet and let them go, on the Way that Jesus showed. ♪ Take my things and my money, give me faith and set me free. Take my life and teach me how, to love all creation now. ♪ (tune: LSB 783)*

Resurrection Litany

Jesus is risen! ✠ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The tomb is empty! ✠ **Jesus has been raised from the dead!**

Death could not hold him! ✠ **Our Father is more powerful than death!**

Jesus is the first of many! ✠ **We too will be raised from the dead!**

Our bodies will live again! ✠ **And all creation will be restored and made new!**

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Song ✠ **LSB 474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”**

♪ 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!* ♪
 ♪ *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.*
 ♪ *Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me.*
 ♪ *Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright;
 Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.* ♪

Prayer of the Day

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, help us to hear you calling our names and bringing new life to your creation. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

(sit)

Listening to the Creator

We gather at the feet of our Lord Jesus, listening to his word and allowing it to change and shape our minds, decisions, and lives. ♪ *Listen to what Jesus teaches, listen to him every day. Listen as you walk and follow, listen also as you pray. Listen to him every moment, listen with an open mind. Listen to find peace and patience, listen so you will be kind.* ♪ (tune: LSB 770)

Remembering the Saints & Martyrs ✠ Rufina & Secunda

Father, we give you thanks for your Spirit-filled saints and witnesses who have gone before us and have embodied the Way of Jesus. Today we remember Rufina and Secunda who were daughters of a Roman Senator. When persecutions arose both of their fiances renounced Jesus, but Rufina and Secunda were steadfast and were beheaded in 257 AD for their faith. Help us learn from their faith and example, **Amen.**

Chanted Psalm ✠ *Psalm 75*



♪ *We praise you, God, for | you are near.*
 * *No one can exalt themselves | against you.*
It is the Lord alone | who judges:
 * *he brings one down, he lifts up | another.*
In the hand of the Lord | is a cup,
 * *he pours it out upon | all the earth.*
He will cut off the horns of all | the wicked,
 * *but the horns of the righteous will be | lifted up.* ♪

Law & Prophets ✠ Jeremiah 30:5-11

The Prophets reading comes from Jeremiah 30. ✠ **We listen with open hearts.**
 This is the word of our Creator. ✠ **Thank you, Lord, for speaking to us.**

Epistle ✠ 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

The epistle reading comes from 1 Thessalonians 2. ✠ **We listen with open hearts.**

This is the word of our Creator. ✠ **Thank you, Lord, for speaking to us.**

(stand)

† Holy Gospel † John 20:11-18

We stand for the word of Jesus. ♪ *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.* ♪ (tune: LSB 156)

The holy Gospel comes from John 20. ✠ **Jesus, we listen, ready to follow you.**

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. ✠ **We will trust and obey.**

♪ *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.* ♪ (tune: LSB 205)

(sit)

Message

† Repentance — The Way of Hope †

Confronting Our Past

Let us reflect on how the word of Jesus is speaking into our lives this day.

(silence for reflection)

For serving the false gods of self, family, and nation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For trusting the technology and works of human hands, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
✠ For being hypocrites who misrepresent your name, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not living in restful harmony with land, animals, and each other, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not listening to and caring for our fathers and mothers in Christ, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For being violent to our bodies and your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not keeping our sexuality within marriage, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For trying to possess and control your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not being vulnerable and truthful with others, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For competing with others and not being content with our lives, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
Father, turn us back to walking in your Spirit. ♪ *Lord Father we have wandered and hidden from your face. Rescue your whole creation with your almighty grace. From trust in wealth and weapons and blindness to your Way, save us and all creation with your own hands, we pray.* ♪ (tune: LSB 449)

Will you turn away from the Way of Civilization and reaffirm the Creator's claim upon you through your Baptism into the Way of Jesus? ✠ **Yes, I renounce the Way of Civilization and pledge my full allegiance to Jesus.** ✠
Will you release all debts and grudges that you hold against anyone—including yourself and every member of this church? ✠ **Yes, I forgive all those who have hurt me, frustrated me, or owe me anything.** ✠
Our heavenly Father heals all those who return to his loving arms. You are forgiven and set free from all slavery to live life in the Way of the Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit! ✠ Amen.

(stand)

Song ✠ *LSB 479 “Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living”*

♪ *Christ is risen, Christ is living, dry your tears, be unafraid! Death and darkness could not hold him, nor the tomb in which he lay. Do not look among the dead for one who lives forevermore, tell the world that Christ is risen, make it known he goes before.* ♪

♪ *If the Lord had never risen, we’d have nothing to believe. But his promise can be trusted: “You will live, because I live.” As we share the death of Adam, so in Christ we live again, death has lost its sting and terror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.* ♪

♪ *Death has lost its old dominion, let the world rejoice and shout! Christ the firstborn of the living, gives us life and leads us out. Let us thank our God, who causes hope to spring up from the ground, Christ is risen, Christ is giving life eternal, life profound.* ♪

Waiting on the Creator

♪ *Our Father, bring your Rule and will to earth. Give what we need for worry-free rebirth. Bring peace among us and forgive us too, as we forgive and love in all we do.* ♪ *Protect us from all things that will mislead. Keep us from selfishness, violence, and greed. We place our lives into your hands this day. Teach us to listen and to walk your Way. Amen.* ♪ (tune: *LSB 637*)

(incense is lit to symbolize our prayers ascending to God and as its smell fills this space we are reminded of his presence among us)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪

Our Father in heaven, make your name holy, bring your Rule, make your will be done—on earth as in heaven. ✠ Father, heal your creation that we have harmed and destroyed by reuniting heaven and earth through Jesus and your Spirit. Bring your loving discipline, judgment, and peace upon us, all those in authority, and all creation. Open the hearts of all, so we may trust and obey the word of Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy.* ♪

Give us this day our daily bread. ✠ Father, be our provider and protector. Take care of us and heal our brokenness. Especially, we remember Charlene Sargent, Jack Wagner, Jan Zugelder, Jamey Story, Maggie Belcher, COVID-19 victims, the Disciple Garden, and those we name in our hearts... Father, give us exactly what we need this day and teach us to be content with that. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy.* ♪

Forgive us our debts as we forgive those in debt to us. ✠ Father, forgive us and free us from all that enslaves us. Help us to walk away from our addictions to Civilization’s Way so we may walk in Jesus’s Way. Empower us to forgive the debts and sins of all who repent, even our enemies, in the same way you have forgiven us. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy.* ♪

Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ Father, grow our trust in you and keep us from being tested when we are not yet ready.

Free us from fear, self-indulgence, competition, ownership, and violence. Comfort us in the hope that your creation and children will be renewed and raised from the dead. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

For all authority, power, and glory are yours—now and forever. ✕ Father, we thank you for all that you give—life, daily provision, and salvation from death and slavery. Empower us to celebrate your love through a life of patient courage, self-discipline, humility, generosity, and kindness. Help us to let go of being in charge so we might entrust our lives fully into your hands, trusting that you work all things to the good of those who love you. ✕ **Amen.**

† Communion — The Way of Love †

Sharing the Lord's Peace

We prepare to be united as one Body and communion at the Lord's table by sharing with each other the peace and love our Father has freely given to us.

(sit)

Offering

Everything belongs to our Father and is to be used to love each other in the same way Jesus has loved us. Therefore, we offer our entire lives as a living sacrifice to him while also offering gifts to support this communion.

Musical Offering

(stand)

Pledge of Allegiance

♪ We come before you, Lord, to bow. We lay our lives at your feet now. All things are yours, we own nothing! Our lives are in your hands this day. Give what we need, O Lord, we pray. Please protect us, provide for us! Watch over us, ever with us, always love us! ♪ (tune: LSB 816)

Lord Jesus, we pledge our obedience and every part of our lives to you...

I pledge allegiance to God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I pledge allegiance to Jesus the Christ, who is God's only Son and my Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He is coming to judge the living and the dead.

I pledge allegiance to the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life with God, now and always. Amen.

Thanksgiving

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✕ **And also with you.** ✕ Lift up your hearts! ✕ **We lift them to the Lord!** ✕ Let us give thanks to our Creator! ✕ **It is right to**

give him thanks and praise! ✠ Praise and thanks are due to you, Father, ✠ for you provide, protect, love, and renew us and all creation! ✠ We are grateful that you bring heaven and earth together through Jesus's love for all creation!

♪ Joyful, joyful we adore you, Creator of all that lives! Earth and heaven praise and thank you, for your love and all you give! Fields and forests, fruit trees and birds, thunderstorms and starry skies, seas and mountains, and grazing herds, praising you who never dies! ♪ (tune: LSB 803)

✠ Words of Our Lord Jesus ✠

On the night before our Lord Jesus was crucified, he revealed his Way of rescuing all creation from the Way of Civilization. Before supper, Jesus humbly washed the feet of his students and enemies. He said, "Follow my example. Love each other in the same way I have loved you." During supper, Jesus then took the bread and broke it. He gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is being given for you. Do the same for each other in my memory." After supper, Jesus then took the cup and gave thanks. He said, "This is my blood which is being shed for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sin. Do the same for each other in my memory." *♪ When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus. So as we share this feast may we, remember your love for us. Help us now to follow your Way, and to walk in your goodness. Always make us one in you. ♪ (tune: LSB 384)*

Invitation to the Table

We gather around Jesus's table, trusting that he is truly giving his whole self to us through this bread, wine, and communion. As we receive the Lord's gifts, we commit ourselves to laying down our lives for each member of this church in the same Way that Jesus has laid down his life for us. We invite all Baptized members of the holy universal Church, who give their undivided allegiance to Jesus and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in this mysterious communion of heaven and earth.

♪ REFRAIN: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. ♪ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. REFRAIN. ♪ Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. REFRAIN. ♪ Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. REFRAIN. ♪ For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. REFRAIN. (tune LSB 155)

(sit)

Sharing the Bread & Wine

(stand)

Sent to "Do the Same in My Memory"

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the bread of life ✠ **your body, given for us.** ✠ You judge us and heal us with your love and mercy ✠ **your blood, shed for us.**

✠ Now help us to do the same in your memory ✠ as we share our whole lives with the church and care for all your creation, including our own bodies.
✠ Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit so we may always reflect your love. ✠
Amen. *♪ If Christ still lay within the tomb then death would be the end, and we should face our final doom with neither guide nor friend. But now the Savior is raised up, so when a Christian dies we mourn, yet look to God in hope—in Christ the saints arise! ♪ (tune: LSB 444)*

Blessing

May the Father bless you and hold you in his hands. May the Son empower you to love all his creation in the way he has loved you. May the Holy Spirit fill your body and give you a peace that is free of all anxiety. ✠ **Amen.**

Song ✠ *LSB 480 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

- ♪ He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord, he opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song and earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong. ♪*
- ♪ The foe was triumphant when on Calvary the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree. In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer, for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear. ♪*
- ♪ But short was their triumph, the Savior arose, and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes. The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high, he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die. ♪*
- ♪ O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more, Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door. For all our transgressions his blood does atone, redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own. ♪*
- ♪ Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice, proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign. ♪*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Scripture Study: Revelation - Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm as we immerse ourselves in the powerful and metaphor-rich vision that is recorded in the book of Revelation.
- Table Talk - Join us on Mondays at 6:00 pm for our table talk discussions on “The Patient Ferment of the Early Church.” Kevin and Luke are leading us in a discussion about the character and practices of the early church and how we can shape our own direction and life as a church in similar ways.

Weekly Calendar | April 11 - 18, 2021

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| Sun Apr 11 | 8:30-9:10 am | Individual Confession & Forgiveness |
| | 9:30 am | The Divine Liturgy "The Gardener" John 20:11-18 |
| | 10:45 am | Food & Fellowship |
| | 11:15 am | Text of the Day Study |
| Mon Apr 12 | 8:30-11:30 am | Pastor Luke's Office Hours |
| | 6:00 pm | Table Talk: "The Patient Ferment of the Early Church" |
| Tues Apr 13 | 8:30-11:30 am | Pastor Luke's Office Hours |
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| Wed Apr 14 | 8:30-11:30 am | Pastor Luke's Office Hours |
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| | 6:00 pm | Scripture Study: Revelation |
| Thurs Apr 15 | | |
| Fri Apr 16 | | Pastor Luke's Sabbath |
| Sat Apr 17 | | |
| Sun Apr 18 | 8:30-9:10 am | Individual Confession & Forgiveness |
| | 9:30 am | The Divine Liturgy "He Breathed on Them" John 20:19-23 |
| | 10:45 am | Food & Fellowship |
| | 11:15 am | Text of the Day Study |

Thought of the Week

"We should be obedient to God rather than those who have arrogantly made themselves leaders. We will bring great danger upon ourselves if we surrender ourselves to the purposes of men." (1 Clement)

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