

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter

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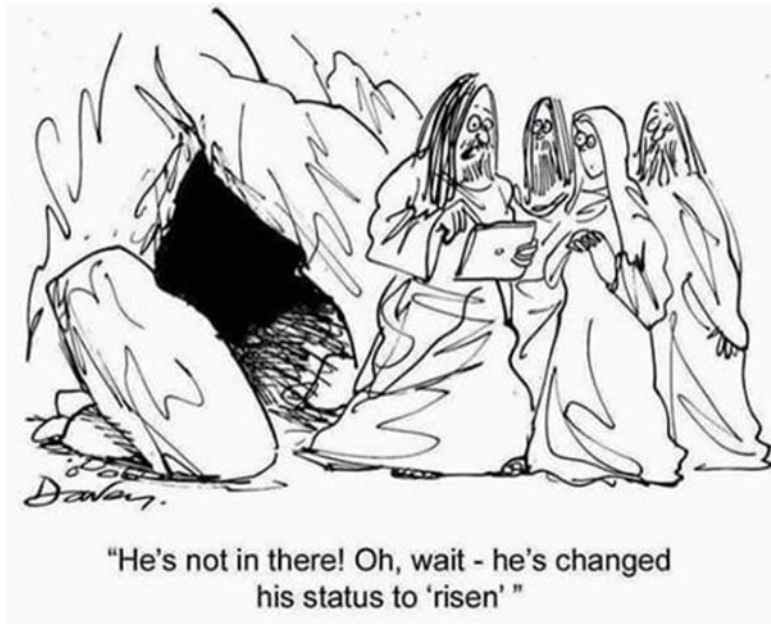
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We extend the warmest welcome to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.

Holy Communion is open to all. In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms and the minister will pray with and bless you.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please rise, in body or spirit.

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the tomb brings us to the promise of life eternal. **C: Amen.**

P: In this blessed Easter season, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another
(*We pause for reflection*)

P: God of Resurrection Hope,

C: we confess that we set our minds toward things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O' God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

C: Amen!

GATHERING HYMN: *Name That Song – Lift your voices (or kazoos) in praise*

Hark the herald angel said, "Why seek Jesus with the dead?

He's not here, as you can see, grave cloths lie where he would be.

On your way now, tell the others, Jesus will be with his brothers.

Sisters, too, he wants to see on the hills of Galilee."

Hark the herald angel said, "He is risen from the dead!"



GREETING

P: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Leader, followed by a staff for All, then another staff for All, and finally a staff for the Leader. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves have the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!'. The third staff has the lyrics 'To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!'. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Leader
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

All
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

Leader All
To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

² **Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³ Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴ **Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵ Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, ia.

Assembly

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the

disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ 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."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY: *Deck the Halls*

Deck the halls with Easter lilies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Dance a jig and sing the sillies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
At the devil, mean, old bloke, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
On whom God has played a joke, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Devil thought he'd won the battle, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Pranced around high in the saddle, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Did not know God's special plan, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
To resurrect the Son of Man, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Merry Christians rejoice and sing, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Now's the triumph of our King, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Lord of Life is ris'n this day, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Let the world rejoice and say, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Songs of joy to Christ our head, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Lives again who once was dead, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Life was purchased by his loss, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Died our death upon the cross, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.

NICENE CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed,

C: 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

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities (*current issues of concern may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, especially those we lift before you now, or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING

Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, hslceldersburgmd.org/give. We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in our ministry. Please rise, in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray together. Gracious Provider,

C: You set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are". The third staff has the lyrics: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff has the lyrics: "Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff concludes with the lyrics: "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a clear, legible font, and the lyrics are centered under the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

P: When the earth was a formless void, entrenched in chaos,

you formed order and called your creation “good.”

P: You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P: O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and
leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the
language of our hearts:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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

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

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in God's grace, from now and until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send hope to conquer hopelessness, 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone and let the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *God Bless You Merry Sinner*

God bless you merry sinner, you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Savior has lived and died for you,
and lives again as King of Kings, of saint and sinner, too.

Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.

Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

In Jerusalem at Calvary that dismal Friday morn,
amid the pain and suffering eternal life was born.
It came with arms outstretched to us, right through the curtain torn.

Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.

Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

So sing an alleluia, for our Savior's victory,
and shout to all "Hosanna!" that we have been set free

from sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity.
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

A: Our purpose is to love God,

C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.

“We all serve as ministers in the mission of the Church.”

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ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Sunday (04/27) 9:30 am – Holy Humor Sunday
12:00 pm – Easter Egg-stravaganza!

Sunday (05/04) 9:30 am – Sunday Morning Worship with Communion
11:00 am – Children and adult Sunday School

Please contact Vicar Tom via call/text at 443-841-9634, or by email at HSLC.pastor@comcast.net if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.

Volunteers

| | <i>THIS WEEK (04-27-2025)</i> <i>Holy Humor Sunday</i> | <i>NEXT WEEK (05-04-2025)</i> |
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| Greeters | Linda Larson | TBD |
| Ushers | Bill Dodson Dave Larson | TBD |
| Acolyte | Henry Kallemyn | TBD |
| Assisting Minister | Lily Kallemyn | TBD |
| Communion Assistant | Laura Blum | TBD |
| Lector | Lisa Hollinger | TBD |
| Altar Care | Lorraine Markosky | TBD |