

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

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PRELUDE *Spirit Alive*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God,

with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *'Come, Now is the Time to Worship'*

Spirit Alive

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. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

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. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *'Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!'*

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GOSPEL READING: *John 20:19-31* ~ **Glory to you O Lord.**

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. ~ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE: *Pastor Brenda Wicklund*

OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC: *'Because He Lives'*

Ladies Trio

OFFERING PRAYER: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your
abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true
vine. Amen.

APOSTLES CREED:

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 THE PEOPLE:

Response: God of grace, **Hear our prayer**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may greet and share Christ's peace with one another with a handshake or hands folded.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *'Beautiful Savior'*
'You Servants of God'

ELW 838

ELW 825

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *'Christ Is Risen! Alleluia'*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

Website: www.orlcpc.com ~ Phone: 320-629-2985 ~ Office Email: orlcoffice@gmail.com

Sunday (7th)

8am Prayer
9am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
NO Adult Bible Study
5pm Club 456 (Youth)

Monday

9am Quilting
5:30pm APFY Board Meeting
5:30pm COJ Board Meeting
7:30pm AA

Tuesday

1pm Befrienders
2pm Lakes & Pines Tax Clinic
4pm Women of ORLC Meeting
4:45pm Finance
5:30pm Executive

6pm Worship Team
6:30pm Healing Prayer

Wednesday

6:30am Men's Breakfast
9am Audit Team
3pm Kids of the Kingdom
6pm JH Youth Group
7:30pm SH Youth Group

Thursday

8am Sonrisers
1pm Grief Group
7pm Council

Saturday

8:30am W/ELCA Spring Gathering
Noon: Lakes & Pines Tax Clinic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Bible study will resume after church next week on the 14th.

NEW!! CLUB 456: Club 456 is a new once a month program for our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who are looking for ways to grow deeper in their faith while having fun! Mark your calendars on April 7, May 5, and June 2 from 5 to 6:15.

JH YOUTH GROUP: Jr. High Youth Group will kick off April 10 for all 7-9th graders who wish to join in on the fellowship and grow in their faith. Youth group will be from 6 to 7:15 with dinner provided

WELCA SPRING GATHERING: Saturday, April 13th at 8:30 AM at Emmanuel Lutheran Dell Grove. Theme: 'Reflecting God's Light Through Justice' Please join us for a day of fellowship, fun, lunch, singing, worship, displays and a bit of business. All women of the Church welcome to come!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Soon, the nominating committee and council outgoing members will be asking for people to step into the 4 church council positions that will be open this Spring. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of this church family. If you are feeling led, please contact Lois Bengtson, John Oare or Lyndon Hagestuen. Questions also can be fielded to this committee or Pastor John. Thanks everybody!

NORM OPHEIM SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST: Sunday, April 21 after the 9am worship service. Join us for breakfast! Free will offering with all donations going to the Norm Opheim scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to all senior youth who apply to assist them with their future college career.

TWINS BASEBALL GAME: Sunday, April 21st at 1:10pm. Limited tickets available, only \$13! Grandstand seating- Join us for a family fun event at the twins game! Rides are on your own unless individual students (6-12 grade) would like to attend the game.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING: April 28th immediately following the 9 am worship service. Please stay and get an update on church programming and council member voting. A quorum is needed.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Wanting to make ORLC your home church and family in Christ? Connect with Pastor John and make it official Sunday, April 28th where we will welcome you on New Member Sunday!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Anderson family AND Gary Drewa in honor of Lynn's birthday.

RADIO SPONSOR: Dave & Mary Jo Mettler
(Tune in by turning your radio dial to Anthem Country 106.5FM or WCMP 1350AM)

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: Collection drop off: 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

GREEN TIP: April 7, 2024

“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.” –Acts 4:34-35. According to the United Nations, in 2015, some 734 million people lived on less than \$1.90 per day. However, they estimate that the COVID pandemic has pushed approximately half a billion people below the international poverty line. This week, think of ways to support those in need in your community. Donate money, resources, or time to local organizations.

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PRAYER TEAM: Tim and Maria’s home

Missionaries walk boldly into some of the darkest areas of the earth. They confront spiritual and physical oppression that we can’t imagine. Pray that the Light of God would shine through them, uplifting darkness and oppression as they share His love!

Tim and Maria Steadyheart, along with their sons, Elliot and Amos are our missionaries to Kazakhstan. Today we pray for the village of Tashkarasu where they make their home. We pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus there, and also protection, as it is illegal to preach the gospel in Kazakhstan. We pray for wisdom in blessing their neighbors in unconventional ways, and the circle of teammates that are able to support other. Some are working on details to finalize permanent residency. *Galatians 6:9, “And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.”*

ORLC PRAYER LIST: *Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers._*

TO PRAY FOR:

Gail M, Jon R, Bill & Shirl W, Jeneice C, Areatha W, Eleanor F, John A
Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of ‘the least of these’ and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts