

**DO NOT
DOUBT
BUT
BELIEVE**

JOHN 20:27



APRIL 12, 2026



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

CHORUS

VERSE 1

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing When the evening comes

CHORUS

VERSE 2

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger
Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

CHORUS / INSTRUMENTAL

VERSE 3

And on that day When my strength is failing
The end draws near And my time has come
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years And then forevermore

CHORUS / END

CHORUS

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

END

Yes, I will worship Your Holy name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR SABRINA LYNN AGUILAR

(11:00)

(turn to page 11)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

A: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

A: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Silence For Reflection

A: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 16

Easter In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

L: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A READING FROM

1 PETER 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is

revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-31

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. John, beginning in the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

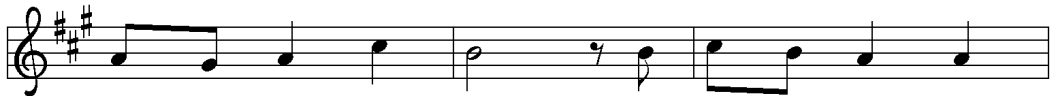
MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith (ELW 635)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

APOSTLES' CREED

(9:00)

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 into hell. 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

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MISSION MOMEMNT

MILAGRO Women's Center

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, all using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics: "In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done." The second staff has lyrics: "In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done." The third staff has lyrics: "In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - pair - ing,". The fourth staff has lyrics: "in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done." The music ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

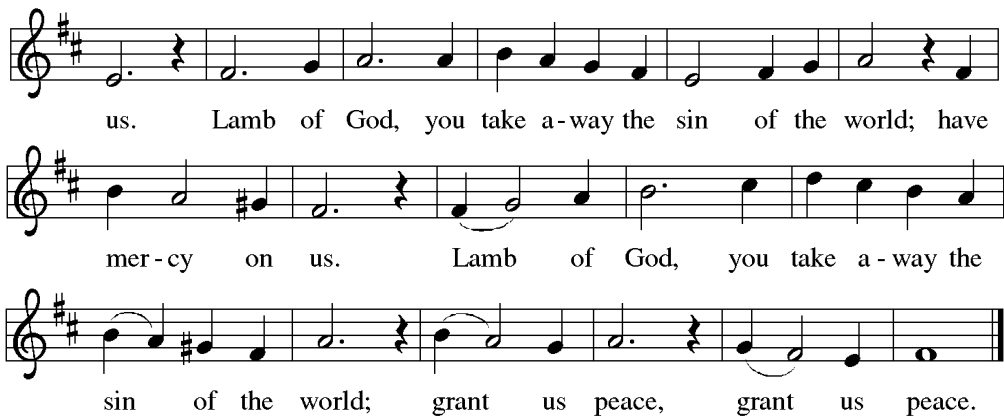
Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Peace
by Ed Cash

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382)



1.Christis ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-rioushead!
3.Christis ris-en! All the sor-row that lasteve-ning roundhim lay
4.Christis ris-en! Hence-forthnev-er death or hellshall us en-thrall.

5



Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.
We areChrist's,in him for-ev-er we havetri-umphed o-ver all.

9



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

13



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

17



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

21



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: Jesus is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A: Day by day, God's Holy Spirit is nurturing and growing our faith. This faith encourages us in tough times and helps us to be grateful for all that we have. May we stay close to the risen Jesus through prayer, worship, and service, so that this gift of faith may be a strength to us always. We continue to share this life-giving faith far and wide until...

C: Everyone knows that God loves them!

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

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THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *(11:00)*

PRESENTATION OF SABRINA LYNN AGUILAR FOR HOLY BAPTISM

(Parents and sponsors respond to a short series of questions)

Congregation responds to question

L: People of God, do you promise to support Sabrina and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Parents and sponsors respond to a short series of questions regarding their faith)

Congregation joins in the apostolic confession of faith

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 into hell. 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

HOLY BAPTISM OF SABRINA LYNN AGUILAR

WELCOME

(A Baptismal Candle is presented)

L: Let us welcome Sabrina, the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

Ministers: The People of God

Pastor: Chris Hermansen

Minister of Youth: Kris Perkola

Director of Worship and Music: Steve Belfield, Interim

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Lamb of God

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