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“Sharing Christ, Serving People”

Sunday, April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE: "It Is Well With My Soul"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 150

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

C: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

L: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord!

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

(Please sign Welcome Pad)

*LITURGY of Adoration – pages 18-23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with PASTORAL 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "The Old Rugged Cross"

*RESPONSE: **Praise God, who blesses from above;
Praise Jesus Christ, God's living love;
Praise God, whose Spirit in us lives;**

We praise you God through what we give. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER with PRAYER OF SERVANTHOOD

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. We give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and change, you are with us, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others. Grant that we may be united in

love for each other and for those we haven't yet met. Grant us wisdom, patience, and perseverance as we work through the details and challenges of the ministry you have placed before us. Continue, O Lord, to bless the work of our hands. Bless the work of our hands. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John 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, ⁵and 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 ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “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.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE with JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

HYMN #364 “Sing Alleluia, Christ Does Live”

MESSAGE – in Scripture and Hymn

Readings for Holy Week Manual – pgs. 151 (bottom) - 160

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Were You There?”

*Stand as able

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

John 20:21

IN OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Ministers	All who serve Jesus Christ
Pastor	Rev. Beth Rohn-Habegger
Liturgist & Scripture Reader	Bill Mohr
Keyboardist	Julie Rucks
POP Musician.....	The Guitars

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION THIS WEEK

TODAY at 9:00 am.....	Church School
10:15 am.....	Worship
TUESDAY at 4:30 pm.....	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
WEDNESDAY at 6:00 pm.....	Confirmation
THURSDAY at 9:30 am.....	Alanon
4:00 pm	Worship Committee
6:30 pm.....	Board of Elders
NEXT SUNDAY at 9:00 am.....	Church School
10:15 am.....	Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Patty (Schoechert) Beyer, Jan Baker’s daughter (Natalie), Ashley & Kolby Kelnhofer, Marie Kaszuba, Alice Lavin, Marilyn Dakins, Jim Laufenberg, Lorraine Abbott, Linda (Behrend) Nelson, Jaden (Patty Beyer’s granddaughter), Dave Plummer, Kurt Young, Neil Nursing/Assisted Living Residents: Rita Andersen, Laniece Haferman, Diane Klawikowski, Deb Maier, Barb Scholl, Lucy Severt

Hospice Care: Marion Bailey, Marilyn Hutter

At home: Lloyd Young, Paul & Marie Knipple

Servicemen: Paul & David Eklund, Mason Fellowes, Elias Thelemann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our **Joyful Noise** offering this month will go to the **Ahuas Clinic in Nicaragua**. In May, our **Joyful Noise** offering will go to **Jeremiah's Crossing**.
- Just a reminder that a signup sheet for **Coffee Hour hosts** is located in the Social Room. Call the church office (715) 423-0180 or Kathy Plante (715) 459-1110 if you have any questions.
- **POP (Prelude, Offertory and Postlude) musicians** are needed. To schedule a date or check availability, you can call Diane Renner (715) 325-5300 or just talk to her at church.
- The Board of Trustees has established a **Donation List** of items that we use around the church. You can find the list on our website or on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Thank you to those who have supported this.
- **Mother/Child Banquet** will be held on **May 4th at 4:30 p.m.** Tickets are available from Kathy Plante or Rosemary Mooney. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for those 7 and up, \$6.50 for those ages 4-6 and those younger than 4 are free. Today is the last Sunday that you can purchase tickets.

A Joyful Easter Day to You!

Umm, Ian (I hear you asking), did you forget to check your calendar again? Easter was *last* week.

Reflections about the historical development of the church calendar aside, it's "the season of Easter." The joy can't be contained to one Sunday, no matter how moving . . . or chilly . . . your Easter dawn service was, or how powerful and hope-filled your regularly scheduled worship was. Sing hallelujah praise the Lord, let's keep this going. Some congregations embrace this with a Holy Humor Sunday the week after Easter. Some say that was a big crescendo last week, so it's okay to take our foot off the accelerator this week.

I wonder, what was the faithful gathering of disciples and followers feeling in those days immediately following the resurrection? Fearing the authority of powerful social systems, not knowing what the people outside their doors were thinking about what just happened, puzzling through this new reality and understanding . . . wait, the world just changed! Now what? Doubt, this just can't be, I don't believe it . . . we just went through all that last week. I was starting to think about getting back to the real world. Joy, "the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord". . . I don't know what is happening here, but Jesus is in our lives. Let's keep the joy going.

Let's keep the joy going . . . doubting, challenging, mystery-embracing, happy, struggling, overcoming . . . resurrection to new life joy. And so, yup, a joyful Easter Day to you, and a joyful Easter season too, Monday morning when you're really back at it, a random Wednesday that feels a bit empty, a Saturday when you're trying to fit everything in . . . Happy Easter!

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Second Sunday of Easter

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