

# The Second Sunday of Easter

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C** **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**P** Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C** **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**P** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN:** [ELW#367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”](#)

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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:** [This is the Feast](#)



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



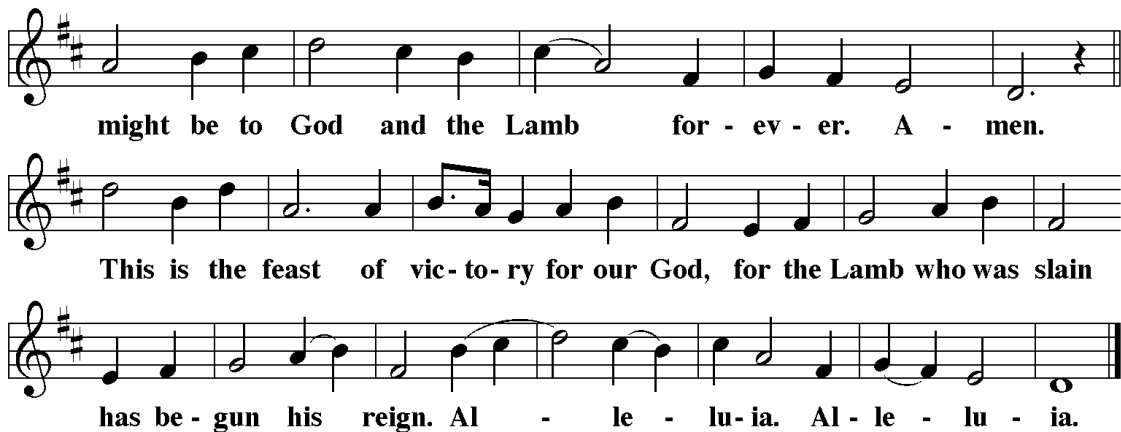
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Please be seated.*

### **PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

**L** <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

**C** <sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

**L** <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**C** <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

**L** <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

**C** <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

**L** <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**C** <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

- L** <sup>16</sup>O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- C** <sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- L** <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,
- C** <sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

### **LUKE 24:13-35**

- L** A reading from Luke: <sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.


<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- L The gospel of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#379 “Now the Green Blade Rises”](#)

**SERMON:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

**Pastor Greg's Context-O-Meter for the Gospel of Luke**

	The Prologue	1:1–4
	The Infancy Narratives	1:5–2:52
	Preparation for the Ministry of Jesus	3:1–4:15
	The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee	4:16–9:50
	The Journey to Jerusalem	9:51–19:27
	The Ministry of Jesus in Jerusalem	19:28–21:38
	The Suffering and Death of Jesus	22:1–23:56
	The Resurrection of Jesus	24:1–53

*Please stand, as you are able.*

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

- 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**

**OFFERING\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*

**RESPONSE:** ["Create in Me"](#)





- L** 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.*

- L** 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.**

- L** 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.**

- L** 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. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- L** 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. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, the family and friends of Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**L** 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.**

**L** And for whom or what else shall we pray?

**L** 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.**

**L** 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.

**C Amen**



**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** [ELW#389 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Columbia, is hosting an afternoon of BINGO next Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11am to 1:30pm (doors open at 10:30am). Proceeds from the raffle will be supporting the Lutheran World Relief 2025 Hunger Challenge.

### Upcoming Worship

Date	Liturgical Day	Preaching Texts	Worship Leader
<b>April 27</b>	Easter 2	Luke 24:13-35	Monica
<b>May 4</b>	Easter 3	Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60	Heidi and Bob
<b>May 11</b>	Easter 4	Acts 8:26-39	Julie and Dave
<b>May 18</b>	Easter 5	Acts 15:1-18	Ron
<b>May 25</b>	Easter 6	Galatians 1:11-24; 2:15-21	Monica
<b>June 1</b>	Easter 7	Galatians 3:23-29	Heidi and Bob
<b>June 8</b>	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21, Galatians 4:4-7	Julie and Dave

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