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Second Sunday of Easter
United Lutheran Church
April 27, 2025 | 10:15 a.m.

~ WE GATHER ~

PRELUDE

Kathleen Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand
as you are able.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: Amen.P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your
boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of
believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your
people on the path of Resurrection Life, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these
waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the
Crucified and Risen One.**All: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

ELW Hymn #361

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.****Prayer of the Day**

The main thoughts of
the day are collected, or
summarized in this short
prayer. The prayers for
the season of the church
year have come to us
from the rich treasury
of the church's heritage.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**All: 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.
Amen.**

~ WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

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 ances-

tors 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.”

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

First Lesson

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church’s proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

PSALM

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 LESSON

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.

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Molly Haagenon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

from ELW Hymn #174



**Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

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.

SERMON

Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff

Hymn of the Day

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Creed

We respond to God's word together when we say the Creed. Creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". In our worship we use either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. These Creeds were written over 1700 years ago so the world would know what Christians believe.

The Peace:

This is a greeting used by Christians for almost two thousand years as a way to show that we are in God's family and love and care for one another.

The Offering

Another way of responding to God's Word is by giving ourselves and our money for the work of Christ's Church throughout the world.

HYMN

We Walk by Faith

ELW Hymn #635

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 INTERCESSION

P: ...God of mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

GREETING OF PEACE

~ MEAL ~

OFFERING OF REGULAR AND ALLELUIA OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG*

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! vs. 1

ELW Hymn #364

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

**For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death dispelling its gloom.**

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page #129

The Great Thanksgiving

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of 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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW page 134

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

from Unfailing Light

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

The Lamb of God

This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life.

It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

~ SENDING ~

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection life, now and always.

C: Amen.

Blessing/Benediction:

This prayer shares God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

CLOSING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

ELW Hymn #384

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Kathleen Thompson

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Join us NEXT SUNDAY, May 4, 2025 for our Bluegrass and BBQ Open House featuring:



Pre-Worship music begins at 10am | Sanctuary

Bluegrass Worship at 10:15am | Sanctuary

BBQ Meal at 11:15am with Free-will Offering | Fellowship Hall

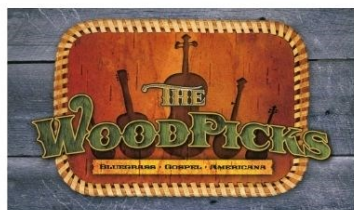
Please help us spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Here is how you can help!

- Help set-up on Saturday, 5/3 at 9am
- Bring 3 dozen bars. Bring to the kitchen by 9am, Sunday, 5/4.
- 8 people to help serve in the kitchen at 11:15am
- 6 people to help serve on the floor at 11:15am
- 6 people to help clean-up beginning at 12:30pm

SCAN HERE



Yes, I can help! Here's how...

If you are able to help, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, or sign-up at the QR code provided.

Thank you for your consideration!

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Here is how I can help: _____



Garden of Eatin'



Our neighbors have been so appreciative of our annual community garden and springtime means it is time to start planning for another bountiful year! The last couple of years we have had teams of three. This has proven to be a successful way of caring for our gardens.

This year we are looking for nine volunteers, which will make for three teams of three. Each team member will care for one of our three gardens once a week. **(1) Chestnut parking lot, (2) main church parking lot, (3) raised beds.** This plan took approximately 30 minutes for one team member to water and weed their designated area once a week.

Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, May 7, 2025. We will hold a group meeting with the volunteers to designate their area to care for, schedule time for planting, watering, and weeding after that date.

We need your help! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jim Bollman at 701-371-6202, or Janiel Bollman at 701-757-1008. You can also sign-up by:

- Signing the form located on the ushers tables
- Call the church office: 701-775-4279
- Email: reception@unitedgf.org

CONTACT US

Tilling the Gardens
Sat., May 17 | 10am - 12pm

Looking for a few able-bodied tillers to prep the garden plots. Interested in joining the crew? Call the church office (701-775-4279) or email reception@unitedgf.org.

Coffee
AND DEVOS



Wednesday, April 30, 2025
10:30am | Church Library

Dinner Church
MAY 7TH, 2025
6PM | UNITED'S LOUNGE



Join us for a unique worship experience Wednesday, May 7th at 6pm that includes sharing a meal, faith conversation, and the meal of Holy Communion - all around a table with others.

Please RSVP at the QR Code, through our website, or by contacting the church office.



Alleluia Offering
Season of Easter
April 20 - June 1, 2025

This Easter season, as a way of giving thanks to God, you are invited to give a special Alleluia Offering. An Alleluia Offering is an offering given in addition to our usual Sunday offering as a way of reflecting our joy in the new life given to us in Jesus' resurrection.

This year's Alleluia offering will benefit United's property ministry, including a needed repair to the choir loft and the care of our outdoor spaces in the summer months.

How will it work? The ushers will collect the offering as we usually do. Please place your Alleluia Offering in the offering plates at that time, noting "Alleluia Offering" on your check. Special Alleluia Offering envelopes are available on the ushers tables.

Welcome visitors to UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here.

Our Vision: The vision of United Lutheran is to be an embracing community of joy and hope, nurturing life transforming relationships with Jesus Christ, one another, and the world.

Our Mission: The mission statement of United Lutheran Church: We are United, proclaiming God's salvation by welcoming all to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

Our Welcome: United Lutheran Church embraces the gift of God's love for all creation. We rejoice in the way diversity informs, nurtures, and enriches the life and ministry we share. In a world that is often unloving, we are called by the Gospel to be workers for justice, peace, and healing. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, family configurations, and economic realities. We commit to the ongoing work of Jesus' welcome for all.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall directly below the Sanctuary at the bottom of the stairs from the narthex. **Check out the calendar below for what's happening at United in the week ahead.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors

Rev. Peter Coen-Tuff
Rev. Karla Coen-Tuff

Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Molly Haagenon

Worship Accompanist

Kathleen Thompson

Special Music and Song Leader

Kari Torkelson

United in Serving

Steve & Kimberly Keller

Ushers

Lorna Aamold
Teresa Aamold
Chasity Martin
Steve Keller
Darlene Mortitz

Communion Servers

Kimberly Keller

Technical Team

Mackenzie Brown
Darren Lee

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

- 6:30pm - English Teaching with Global Friends (FH) 🌂

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

- 9:00am - Quilting (FH)
- 7:00pm - Welcoming Team Committee Meeting (LG)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

- 10:30am - Coffee and Devos (LG)
- 1:00pm - Staff Meeting (RM 106)
- 5:30pm - Sing & Ring Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:15pm - Midweek Worship Campfire Style (LG)
- 7:00pm - Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm - Faith Friends
- 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir (CR)
- 7:00pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Mentor Night (LG)

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND - OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

- 9:00am - Open House Set-up (FH)

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH - BLUEGRASS BBQ & OPEN HOUSE

- 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG)
- 10:00am - Pre-Worship Music with the WoodPicks (SA)
- 10:15am - Bluegrass Worship (SA)
- 11:15am - BBQ Meal (FH)



This umbrella signifies that this event offers the opportunity to grow in understanding of the experience of others.

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