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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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The Second Sunday of Easter
(April 11th, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Heart to Heaven"

LSB 477

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

STAND 3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

- ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**
³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**
⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
⁶**And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
For the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the

blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn “As Surely as I Live, God Said”

LSB 614 v. 1-2, 7-8

- 1 “As surely as I live,” God said,
 “I would not see the sinner dead.
 I want him turned from error’s ways,
 Repentant, living endless days.”
- 2 And so our Lord gave this command:
 “Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;
 Bestow on all My pard’ning grace
 Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
 For absolution full and free,
 In which You show Your richest grace;
 From false indulgence guard our race.

STAND 8 Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As was, is now, and so shall be
 World without end, eternally!

Sermon “Resurrection DNA: *Credentials*”

John 20: 25, 29-31

Offering “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

LSB 488

- 1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!
 Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
 The gates of heav’n are open.
 My Jesus did triumphant die,
 And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
 Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
 O hear what cheer!
 Christ victorious,
 Rising glorious,
 Life is giving.
 He was dead but now is living!

Prayer of the Church

† **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** †

Preface

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- 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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.**

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "We Are Called to Stand Together"

LSB 828 v. 1-3

- 1 We are called to stand together
 With the saints of ages past,
 With the patriarchs and prophets
 In the faith they once held fast;
 Promises and hopes they treasured
 Now we find fulfilled at last!
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
 Journeyed with Him side by side,
 Heard His teaching, felt His power,
 Saw the way He lived and died;
 Then the news of resurrection
 They delivered far and wide.
- 3 Through the intervening ages
 Round the world the Gospel spread:
 Faithful heralds took the message,
 Guided where the Spirit led;
 So the body grew in stature,
 Serving Christ, the living head.

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 In praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

STAND 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

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- C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

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Benedicamus

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- p Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris’n this day;
Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
April 11th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Liturgist	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	Peter Chaney, Boyd Arnold	8:00am
	Duane Lofton, Billy Diaz	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte	Adryanna Altenber, Aveleen walsh	8:00am
	Brielle Krizman, Aaliyah Atencio	10:30am
Ushers	Doug Haynes, Paul Yutzzy	8:00am
	Eric Skoog, Jeremy Skoog	10:30am
Videographer	Chris Haynes	8:00am

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

You should woke us up. One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early. Parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and seated. "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit!" You took my place." The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out. "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye. "I took your place."

When you receive this, say a prayer that's all.... This Easter Season let's remember, "Who took our place."

-From Alida

Announcements April 11th, 2021

GODSPEED LETHA: IT is a bittersweet moment for Messiah as we announce that Ms. Letha Wallace has *accepted* her call to serve as a teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. We have treasured her time here with us and God has used it to train her well in preparation for His plan for her next. This was a very tough decision for her and she can use your prayers and support as she continues to follow where Christ leads in her life.

CALL COMMITTEE: With the end of the school year quickly approaching and the need for a new teacher arising, the chairman of the school board is putting together a **call committee** as soon as possible. The call committee will be ratified at Council on the 13th and both pastors as well as next year's principal have already offered to participate. Please, let the office know if you would be willing to participate.

ATTENTION: Jr. High Youth grades 5-8. The Dietrich family will be hosting the April Youth Event. Bring your kids to the church Fellowship Hall at 3 pm **today**, Sunday for a **ROOT BEER TASTING!!** Pick up time is at 4:30 pm. Questions-call Marlena at (303) 278-1362. Let the **BURPING** begin!!

CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE: An anonymous donor would like to issue a challenge to the congregation. They will match up to \$12,700 of above and beyond giving. If you would like to donate to this challenge please mark **"Challenge"** on your check or envelope.

LITTLE LION BIKE-A-THON: A Preschool Fundraiser for Science, Math, & Theme Curriculum. It will be April 16th 9-10 in our gym. Our preschool only has one fundraiser a year to purchase new and needed items. In past years we have raised money and purchased: A new circle-time carpet, New classroom shelves, A smart board, Books for our units, and curriculum for our themes and units. We rely on this fundraiser and are so thankful for fitgs of any sizes. This year our fundraiser is **being matched DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR!** If you would like to donate please drop off at the Church Office.

SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS: Lutheran Church and School of Messiah cards are available in the Narthex for anyone to use. They have a QR code that is linked to the church website. They are a great way to let people in our community know about our church and school.

GREETER- GETTING BACK TO NORMAL! AT LEAST TRYING TO. Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help signup sheet. We need greeters for April 2021.

PRO-LIFE: There will a Grand Junction premiere of the movie, Roe v. Wade-- the untold story of the most controversial supreme court decision of our time. Here are the Details: Monday, April 19 @ 7pm Victory Life Church, 2066 Hwy 6 & 50, Fruita. Tickets are

\$5/person. Available for purchase in advance and at the door.

roe-v-wade-movie-gj.ticketleap.com/roe-v-wade-movie-event/

SALVATION ARMY: PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES on food items being donated to the Food Pantry. The Salvation Army and/or The Pregnancy Center cannot accept any expired food items, so they must be discarded. Both of these organizations welcome the donations and are very thankful for them. They just cannot use the expired items. A sincere thank you to all of you for supporting our Food Pantry.

GIFT PLANNING: Why do I need an estate plan? Without thoughtful preparation, discussion with legal counsel and the legal documents that flow from that process, you are leaving things “up in the air.” Someone else will decide. That means a court will make your decisions for you and that judge may not care about the Christian faith, your family, or the support of Christ’s kingdom. Led by God’s Spirit, you can put that plan together, and it will be followed. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you get organized and to think and pray through your goals, getting you ready to meet with legal counsel. Contact

Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: John 20:19 - “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us - not our works - we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons - out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH’S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

Month of March	\$87,035.00
March Income:	
Week of April 1-8	\$42,158.69
Weekly need	\$22,917.69
Month to date	\$42,158.69
Monthly need	\$83,451.37

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion Facebook Live
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Finance
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High
	7:00pm	Board of Council
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	7:30pm	Movie Night
	6:00PM	Youth Lock in
Saturday	-----	
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	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List