

Central Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023

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Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Please turn off your cell phone.

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook. Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

BELL PEAL (10:30 am)
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN MEDITATION *Prelude on "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"* Robert J. Powell

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

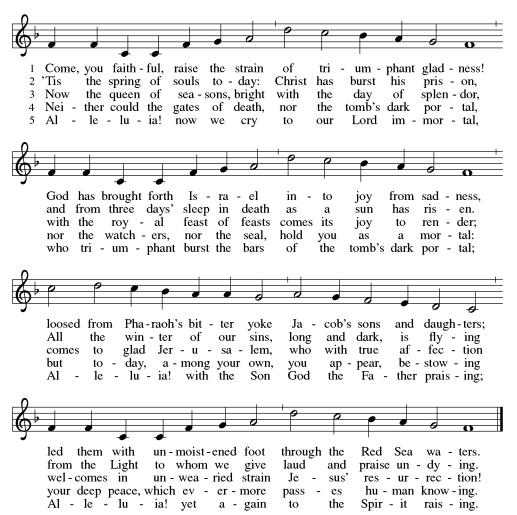
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 363

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



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.

THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 16

Sung responsively.



¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land, upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

³But those who run after | other gods shall have their troubles | multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up- | on my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup; it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices; my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me | to the grave, nor let your holy one | see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the | path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

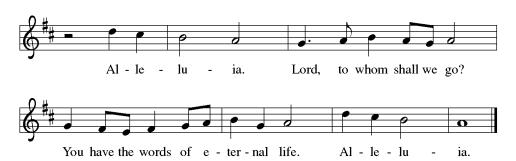
SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed 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, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

Pastor Veronika



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

C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 10:19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." 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 come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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

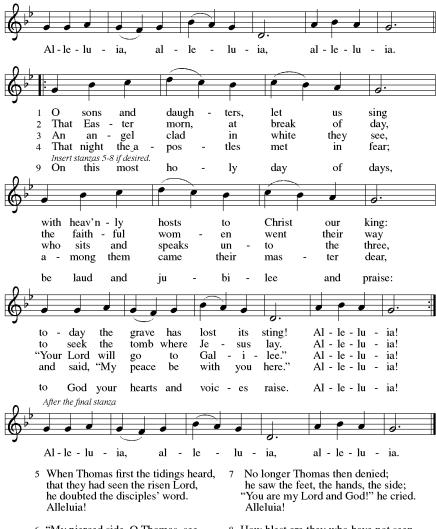
SERMON Pastor Veronika

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 386

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

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.

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

The response to each spoken petition is:

P Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

People with prayer needs: Lydia Landfair, Paul Chambers, Jan Hare, Lorraine Coussons, Jean Staffeld, Mary Haynie, and Dawn Gray.

The prayers conclude:

P ...through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.

MUSICAL OFFERING: This is the Day

Refrain: This is the day that the Lord hath made!
Rejoice! Rejoice and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that the Lord hath made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Christ has conquered death at last. Left the tomb that held Him fast! Gone the sorrow, gone the night, Dawns the morning clear and bright! Refrain

Jesus lives who once was dead! Crown of glory on His head. Risen now our Lord and King, Songs of gladness let us sing! Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Generous God,

C in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. 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.

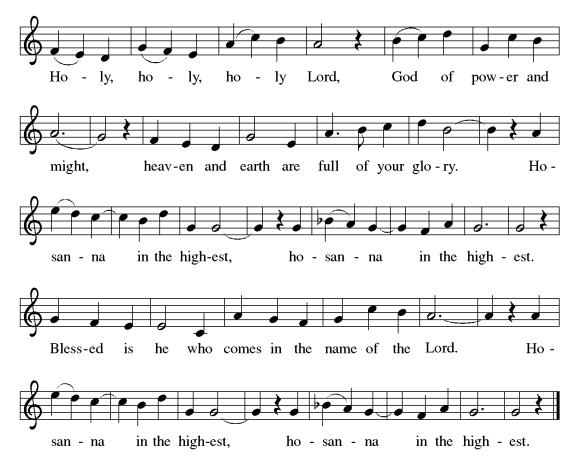
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you... With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured our for you.

C Thanks be to God

COMMUNION

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer found on the first pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. The host will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the host, please tell the ministers. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. At this time there is no consecrated grape juice. If you prefer, you can also bring the pre-packaged communion kit with you to the altar rail.

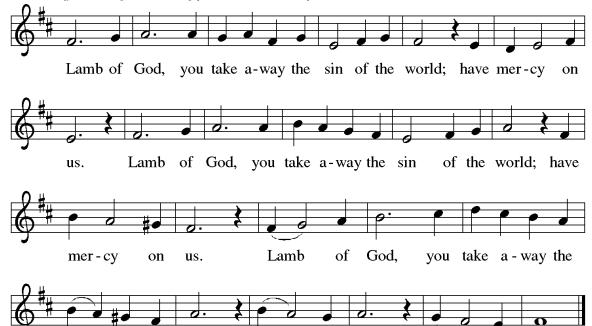
The body of Christ, given for you

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

of the world:

Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

us

peace,

grant

us

peace.

Amen.

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BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 380

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



- 1 Hal-le lu jah! Je sus lives! He is now the Liv ing One;
- 2 Je sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn ful sigh?
- 3 Je sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e ter nal waits for you;
- 4 Je sus lives! Let all re joice. Praise him, ran somed of the earth.
- 5 Hal-le lu jah! An gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone. Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth-er still on high, joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too; Praise him in no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly a birth. swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es your cho - rus raise:



bright fore - run - ner skies the of his peo - ple, yet rise. to to lives for - ev - er be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low. to with the Lord, at God's right hand, a vic - tor you shall stand. as sin and death and hell Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway o - bey. a - bove on earth his peace and love! Glo - ry God and to our

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Entrance Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490-1547

Hymn of the Day: O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

Musical Offering: *This is the Day* Text and Music by Natalie Sleeth

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Sending Hymn: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives

Text: Carl B. Garve. 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Pr. Veronika's Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm; other days/times by appointment.

Serving in Worship today: Ushers: Mary Glenn and Judy Koble, Lector: Alesia Pearson

Ushers & Lectors needed: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the education building.

Council Meeting Date Change: The council meeting is normally on the second Sunday of the month, but in light of Easter being today, the meeting has been moved to today, April 16th, at noon. As always, all are welcome to attend the meeting.

Community Garden: There are several Community Garden plots available this year for members of Central Lutheran, as well as the different groups who use our facilities. If you are interested in using a plot this year, please contact Ted Steinke at ts@tedsteinke.com.

Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com) or via phone (214-327-2222).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets every week at 10:30 am. They are currently studying the gospel of Matthew using the book "Matthew: The Coming of the King" by John MacArthur. All are welcome to join. For more information, contact Carrie Enocksen.

Renovation Committee: You may have noticed some of the renovation work has already begun. We are in the process of digging up the overgrown and/ or dead shrubs and replacing them with newer designs and lower-maintenance plants. Keep watching, there is more to come in the next few months. It is very exciting to see our community's beautiful space get a much-needed makeover. If you have questions or suggestions about the renovations, contact Nancy Anglin at nanglin50@yahoo.com.

Registration has begun for VBS 2023! We'll be sharing God's light in our space-themed VBS this summer, June 26-30, 9am-noon. Each day will be filled with Bible stories, crafts, science, music, and of course fun! There are registration forms available in the office if you'd like one for a family member or friend. The form is also available online on our website, centrallutheran.org, or you can register directly online- a link for which can be found on our website. The QR code takes you to the general VBS information page on our site, and to registration.



We of course need volunteers to help make this happen! Contact Alesia Pearson (alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net or 214-215-7670) if you can help any or all of that week or the end of the week prior for set up and decorating. If you know teens in 7-12 grade or beyond who would like to help, please have them contact Alesia, too! It's a great way to get service hours for various organizations in which they may be involved.

This Week at Central

Today, April 16

9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship & Communion 12:00 Council Meeting

Monday

3:30-6:30 New Horizons 7:00 Troop 861

Tuesday

10:30-12:00 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 12:00 Al-Anon 3:30-6:30 New Horizons

Wednesday

9:00-2:00 Common Ground 3:30-6:15 New Horizons

Thursday

3:30-6:30 New Horizons 7:00 Eastwood Neighborhood Association Meeting

Friday

9:00-2:00 Homeschoolers East 3:30-6:30 New Horizons

Saturday

9:00 - 5:00 Seventh-Day Adventists 3:00 Al-Anon

Sunday, April 23

10:30 Worship & Communion

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:

April 25: Video Bible Study 6:30

April 28-29: Synod Assembly in Shreveport



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PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

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Lorraine Coussons Charlotte Breedlove

Billie Jo & Dennis Neilson

Dawn Gray Selena Dybdahl

Church Members

Mary Haynie Pat Buie Don Smith Mario Montejo Jerry Krause Kris McDowell Patsy Schoen

Yuvonne Muirhead

Relationship

Sister of Susan and Judy Former church member Sister of Harold Knight Friends of Jan Moody Grandmother of Kyle Rush Neighbor of Harold Jones Sister and Brother-in-law of

Jerry Krause

Bethany CDC Teacher Sister of Mary Glenn

Those Who Mourn

Bill Slonecker and

his family

Judy Nash and her family

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