

**The Lutheran
Church
of the
Incarnate Word**



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HOLY COMMUNION
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

+ Gathering +

PRELUDE

"Grave-Adagio from Sonata in C minor, Op. 65, No. 2" Felix Mendelssohn
Please use this time for quiet reflection.

ENTRANCE HYMN 369

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"
As the hymn is introduced, all turn toward the procession at the back of the church.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

EASTER

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

printed at the end of the liturgy

PSALM 16

The soloist and congregation alternate verses.

- 1 Protect 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."
- 2 **All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.
- 3 But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- 4 **I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**
never take their names up- | on my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8 **I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand and face the procession
as the choir sings the Verse appointed for the Day.*

Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will die no more. Death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia!
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter:



The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Following the greeting or prayer, all sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY 635

"We Walk By Faith"

All stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition is said:

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All may greet one another with these or similar words.

+ Meal +

OFFERING *All sit.*

"Du solst erfahren"

Johannes Herbst

*You shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer,
the Mighty one of Jacob. (Isaiah 60:16)*

OFFERTORY HYMN 379

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Everlasting God,

the whole universe sings a new song of praise: the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us. In Jesus' name we boldly pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

... we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

... receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

... all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Then all sit

Communion

Beginning with the front pews, communicants, assisted by ushers, may go forward by the center aisle and return to their pews by the side aisles. The wine may be received by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free bread are available by asking the server.

Solo

“Belibet in mir”

Johannes Herbst

Abide in me as I abide in you.

*Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me. (John 15:4)*

Hymn 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER *All stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, whining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.

Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 376

“Thine Is the Glory”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Allegro maestoso e vivace and Fuga from Sonata in C minor, OP. 65, No. 2”

Felix Mendelssohn

All are encouraged to remain for this music.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND OTHER STAFF

PASTORS	The Rev. Joanne Stewart, The Rev. Douglas Stewart
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Thatcher Lyman
SOLOIST	David Tayloe
COMMUNION PREPARERS	Carol Dieruff, Arlene Gashlin
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Bill Andrews, Rich Byers, Donna Holtz, Joanne Lembach
LECTOR	Dave Uhazie
PRAYERS	Cathy Smith
BREAD BAKER	Jill O'Mara
CRUCIFER	Amelia Gugino
USHERS	Jill O'Mara, Bob & Elly Nicholas, Jack Pickering, Steve Spring, Chris & Joe Sproule
HOSPITALITY	Rich & Kim Byers
HOSTS	Arlene Gashlin, Dorothy Tyler
CHURCH OFFICE	Tony Gugino

PASTOR EMERITUS	The Rev. Robert J. Wennerstrom
COMMUNITY ARTS ACADEMY	Donna Dyer
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY	Joanne Peterson
MUSTARD SEED KITCHEN	Kathy Schulze, Kim Byers
RAIHN	Eila Harkönen Hart, Bruce Holmquist, Dana McIver

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them... "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— this 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' 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. Since 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

Gospel

John 20:19-31

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.



WELCOME

The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, a Reconciling in Christ congregation, opens wide its doors to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, their partners and their families, and those who may have been excluded because of other distinctions such as race, economic status, ability, age or station in life.

Whether you are visiting today or have been here for many years, all are invited to fill out the informational red pads found at the ends of each pew. They are our treasured record of your presence this morning.

Our Mission Statement: *Called, gathered and transformed by God, we seek to share Christ and serve all people.*

HOSPITALITY

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service in the Auditorium on the lower level. Please see an usher for directions.

ONGOING MINISTRIES



The Prayer Chain is available to pray for those who need and want it. Please call the church office (244-6065) with your request.

EDUCATION THIS MORNING

Sunday Church School - Children ages 2 through 5 meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second floor. Older children through grade 12 meet at 10:45 a.m. on the second floor. Please see an usher if you need directions.

Sunday Forum - Today, Pastor Joanne concludes our look at The Liturgical Year, how our worship, liturgy and hymns provide a guide for living out our ministry in the world. We meet in the Jenny Lind Room on the lower level.

We ask that you remember the following people in your prayers: Irv Matties, Joan Battersby, Bernie Anderson, Cathy Sanderson, Ed Bott, Eileen Walters, Charlie Pogue, Dennis Larson, Loretta Jahoda, Joyce Snay, Mary Cunalley, the family of Grace DeBack, and Elva Mikk & Ingrid Mikk on the death of their father, Helmut Aleksander Mikk.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In the Gospel of John, the first appearance of the resurrected Jesus to the disciples is both intense and focused. The scene is set with realistic detail. It is the evening of the first day of the week, and the doors are locked. The anxious disciples are shut tightly inside. The suspicious world is shut tightly outside. The whole of creation is missing Jesus. Then, all of a sudden, he appears. Defying locked doors and locked hearts and locked vision, Jesus simply appears. A dead God is resurrected. A dead faith is re-created. A dead hope is born again...

The Christian faith is the only world religion that takes as its logo an emphatic symbol of death. And yet the central affirmation of Christianity is hopeful life. Jesus just keeps appearing -- again and again -- to unlock the barriers between faith and doubt, between life and death, between past and future, between fear and joy. Jesus keeps appearing, a dependable reminder of our dependable God.
- Susan R. Andrews

The Altar Flowers this morning have been given in **Honor of Lydia Gugino's birthday** by Tony, Ernie and Amelia.

TODAY

CONFIRMATION will meet today at 6 pm at church.

THIS WEEK

WED	7:30 pm	Senior Choir
FRI		Office Closed
SUN		Easter 3
	9:30 am	Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Adult Education
	7:00 pm	Music Series

Please join us **next Sunday, May 4th at 7 pm for a Music Series event – "Te Deum: A Hymn Festival"** led by former IW Director of Music, **Jamie Bobb**. This festival marks the launch of the George W. Utech Congregational Hymnody Project, which has been set up to support the composition of new hymns annually through commissions and competitions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ **EQUAL EXCHANGE FINAL SALE of the season NEXT Sunday, May 4th.** There are still many items for sale and the price of each item is \$1 less. Coffee \$12, tea \$5, almonds \$5, chocolate bars \$3. All profit from the sale of these items go to Joanne Peterson's Dominican Health Care Mission, providing vital health care and nutrition to a population that would not have health care otherwise, and it also benefits the small farmers who earn a fair wage. Please consider purchasing these delicious items - stock up for the summer! Please let Sue Gerber know if you would support these sales in the future. THANK YOU for your generous support this season!!
- ▶ **NEXT-TO-NEW SALE – Friday, May 16, 2-6 pm and Saturday, May 17, 9 am-2 pm**—we are looking for all kinds of **household items including jewelry & books (no clothes)** to be brought to the church by May 15th (smaller items to Room 208 or 210 and large items the week of May 12th to the back of the Fellowship Hall). **Bakers** are also needed (bring to church on Friday or Saturday morning). **Help is needed to:** set up on Thursday evening & Friday morning; sell on Friday afternoon & Saturday morning; and clean up on Saturday afternoon. **Call:** Eila Harkonen-Hart (389-1998), Joanne Lembach (442-1408), Barbara Miticek (422-3746), or Krestie Utech (586-6656).
- ▶ **COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD** – We continue to collect items for the Food Cupboard – we have a sample grocery bag full of the items most often needed and distributed to a recipient. There is a **list and paper bags available by the shopping cart** outside the church office for you to take (**May's focus is CANNED BEANS**). Please help feed our hungry neighbors.
- ▶ **HEALING HANDIWORKERS** – The Healing Handiworkers make shawls for our sick and grieving members, as well as for the Cancer Treatment Center at Strong Hospital. The group meets on the **first Monday and the third Thursday of each month**. New knitters and crocheters are always welcome!
- ▶ **ALTAR FLOWER CHART** – The **Flower Chart** is posted across from the church office. You are invited to sign up to sponsor Altar Flowers for a Sunday. They may be in memory of OR in honor of someone. Please fill out a green form (next to the chart) with the information you want to appear in the bulletin and leave on the office desk. The cost is \$50 per week. **Kittelberger's Florist** in Webster does our flowers. They give us a very fair price and we encourage members to use their services.
- ▶ **MUSTARD SEED KITCHEN OPPORTUNITIES.** Jesus once said that the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve. We live out that servant-church calling as our Mustard Seed Kitchen continues to serve free hot meals to those who are hungry. Meals are served on the last Saturday of the month from 5 - 6 pm in the auditorium. There are always opportunities to participate in this valuable food ministry. Church membership is NOT a requirement to volunteer. Whether you'd like to shop, cook, serve, clean-up, make desserts or put together your own volunteer team of 12 people, see Kathy Schulze or Kim Byers for more information.
- ▶ **RAIHN (ROCHESTER AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK)** is a housing program for homeless families in which a church, mosque or synagogue houses up to 14 family members for a week. Set up, cooking meals, hosting, staying overnight at the church and take down are just a few of the ways you can help. Messiah Lutheran and Bethany Presbyterian are our partners in this ministry. **Incarnate Word's next rotation begins July 6th.** Please see the following link to see first-hand how RAIHN is benefitting homeless families in our community: <http://incarnatewordelca.org/RAIHN.html>. See Dana McIver to find out more.
- ▶ **PASTORAL CARE** – If you or someone in your family is hospitalized and would like pastoral care, please contact the pastors or the church office. Due to privacy laws, hospitals are no longer permitted to share information with churches.
- ▶ **PASTORS' BLOG** – For pastoral thoughts and rants you may not read about in other places around the church, become a follower of Incarnate Word's Table Talk at www.incarnatewordelca.blogspot.com. Also, don't forget to "like" us on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be identified by the "Building Our Future in the City for Good" logo.

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