



*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the Holy Communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

**WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!**

Children's bulletins and coloring pages are available at the worship entrance near the baptismal font. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP** binders are available in the church lobby.

**PARKING LOT WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE** for those who prefer to worship outside. Please park in the first few spaces closest to the Dock Street and tune your radio to **90.1 FM**.

### **CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES**

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals are available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
- Large print worship binders are available inside. Those worshipping in the parking lot can request large print from an usher.
- Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice inside, with intinction being offered outside. Please space yourselves as you come forward.
- The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door until we can safely pass the plates through many hands.

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

*The Strife is O'er*

arr. Dennis Janzer

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### EASTER GREETING

*The presiding minister says to the assembly:*

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

### GREETING SONG

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

*From the "With One Voice Hymnal, # 671"*

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;**

**alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

*Presiding minister sings the verse 1 time. The congregation joins in and sings this verse with the minister 2 times.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,

and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,

who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life,

flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth,

through the city,

through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,

and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness

and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## GATHERING

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*With High Delight Let Us Unite*

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### **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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**



*Refrain*



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

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 READING

**Acts 5:27-32**

*The assembly is seated.*

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Psalms 118:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;**  
**God's mercy en- | dures forever.**

## SECOND READING

**Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

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

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Audrey Christ**

**SERMON**

**Robert McCloy**

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

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*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**APOSTLES CREED**

*We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.*

**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 INTERSESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayers. As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.*

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

*We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Jubilate Deo*

**Dale Wood**

*God's Word is sung or played as an offering. Let us participate in the anthem with our prayerful listening.*

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.*

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.

*The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV**

...With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister says:*

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty,  
come.

*The assembly is seated.*

*INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice.*

*OUTSIDE WORSHIPERS: The Lord's Supper will be brought to those outside by a Communion Assistant, who will use an intinction set.*

*If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Bread of Heaven*

*Roy Hopp*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*The presiding minister says:*

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

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assembly stands. The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,

that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may be seated*

**TEMPLE TALK**

**SIMPLY GIVING**

**Jill McCloy**

**BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,

and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

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**DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

**arr. Keith Kolander**

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## MINISTRY NEWS

### PRAYER LIST

Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Jane Deibert, Tom Cook, Ronald Bromwell, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Madge Miller, Melissa Focht, Cecelia Kacmar, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Clarence Zweizig, Melvin Rodriguez & family, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Stephen Edwards, Christa Miller, Cathy Covach-Hale, Rev. Bruce MacLaughlin, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull, Trent Johnson, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Helen Fath, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Robin Moran, Kendra Johnson, Deb Esposito, Rob Baessler, Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell

#### **Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Direnzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell

#### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Karen Ochenrider	Rabekah CdeBaca
Lector	Laurie Bedford	Lloyd Wertz
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	James Covert
Ushers	Donald Nettles John Macnutt	Mark Conville Sheila Conville
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn	

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Ellayna Boyer	Jim Covert
Lector	Lou Messina	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Linda Covert
Ushers	Bill Shay John Macnutt	Tom Goshler Amy Goshler

Sound Board  
Counters

Melissa Boyer  
Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay

Rick Heckrote

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

***THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Fred Wenner, on the 5th anniversary of his death by Shelia & Mark Conville and Family.

***TODAY OUR 2021/2022 CONCERT SERIES SEASON*** closes with a clarinet and piano concert featuring Dr. Steven Christ on Clarinet with Caleb Flick on Piano and Dr. Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson on piano. The concert starts at 3:00 p.m.

***LAST SUNDAY FOR OUR COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE.*** Since the conflict began late in February, more than 3 million people have fled Ukraine, with hundreds of thousands more in dire need within their country. Your special offerings for Ukraine will go to Lutheran World Relief to provide food, shelter, care kits, medical supplies, etc. Please make your check out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church and write "UKRAINE" in the memo area. You can also take a blue jar from the display in the church lobby home and fill it with your spare change and return it to church. Thank you in advance for your generous giving!

***ATTENTION WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS.*** The new volunteer schedule for May is available for pick up at the "Sign-Up" Center in the church lobby. You can also download a copy from the church website at [www.jerusalemchurch.com](http://www.jerusalemchurch.com). Click on the "Members Tab." A special thank you to all who help worship run smoothly.

***PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN.*** Churches thrive on their volunteers. Having our congregation's members, visitors, and friends becoming more active in worship enhances our ability to share God's word. Jerusalem is so grateful for the dedicated worship volunteers that we have. Our current lectors, assisting ministers, soundboard operators, ushers, and communion assistants have made our worship services happen. But our volunteers are few. Please prayerfully consider joining our worship volunteers. Remember the old saying, "Many hands make light work." Thank you!

***MOTHER'S DAY TEA.*** Please join us in the social hall on May 8th for our annual Mother's Day Tea at 9:15 a.m. Please join us for fellowship, food and fun. Feel free to bring a picture of your mother or someone who is like a mother to you. It will be great to share all the wonderful ladies that we hold close to our hearts.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY** 8:00am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:00pm Jerusalem Concert Series Piano & Clarinet Concert  
**TUESDAY** 5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting (church library)  
**WEDNESDAY** 6:15pm Bell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Property Committee Meeting

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# Ways you can SERVE

“...<sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

~Matthew 20:28, NRSV

We are in need of worship volunteers. If you are willing to serve the church with your talents and become an active part in ministry please let us know we can add you to our volunteer pool. Please fill out this form and drop it into the offering plates. Thank you!

Worship Roles: Usher, Assisting Minister, Lector, Communion Assistant, and Sound Board Operator. We will train!

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I/we \_\_\_\_\_ would like to

serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ at

\_\_\_\_\_ (write service time).