

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 7, 2024

*Christ shows himself to Thomas*, Mosaic by Rowan & Irene LeCompte,  
Resurrection Chapel, National Cathedral, Washington D.C.

***Peace Lutheran Church***



***West Seattle, Washington***

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

***We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.***

# ✚ GATHERING ✚

P – *Presider*    C – *Congregation*    L – *Lector*    A – *Assisting Minister*  
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

## PRELUDE

*Prelude in G Minor*

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME

P Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## GATHERING HYMN

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

ELW #384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## GREETING

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

C And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!*

ELW p. 122

*Refrain*

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

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

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

2 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.

*Final refrain*

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

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and vulnerable God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Janet Cruse

*In today's reading, the church glimpses the life of the first Christian community. Here the author of Acts describes the social dimension of Christian life. Animated by the Spirit of the risen Lord, the body of Christ cares for those in need and holds all things in common.*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 133 *In unison*

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:  
life forevermore.

### SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My 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; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN** *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*

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

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th Chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

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 Judeans, 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.

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

**ELW #385**

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with  
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Larry Cruse

**A** Rejoicing that Jesus has risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

**A** God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

*When all petitions have been offered:*

**A** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected living Lord.

**C** Amen

**+ MEAL +**

**THE PEACE**

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

**C** And also with you. *Let us share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



### OFFERTORY

#### *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

TUNE: BEACHSPRING

God whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by you we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

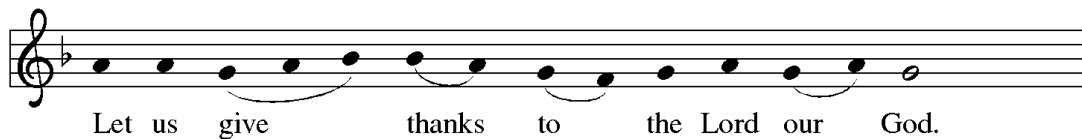
Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One,

C **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



♪ *P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks,  
because you emptied yourself of power and became foolishness for our sake;  
for you so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P With this bread and cup we member his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Send your Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the Earth and to serve the world  
with mercy and love, through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P With resurrection joy we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

*We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.*

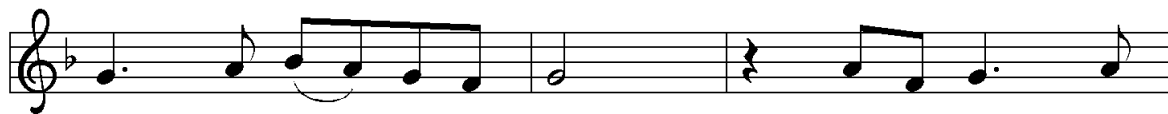
## LAMB OF GOD



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.



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C** Amen.

**BLESSING**

**P** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**C** Amen.

**+ SENDING +**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Thine Is the Glory*



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**DISMISSAL**

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in D Major*

J.S. Bach



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Heidi Coy

## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*At the Congregational Meeting on February 4, we embraced a plan for funding our mission in 2024. That plans anticipates offering income averaging \$26,477 monthly. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA!*

### **Offering Income received March 2024**

3/03/24	\$ 2,380.00
3/10/24	\$ 2,490.00
3/17/24	\$ 5,515.00
3/24/24	\$ 1,688.00
3/31/24	\$ 4,056.25
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$15,978.82</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,108.07</b>

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

It's Earth Month and our focus on plastics pollution continues. How much do you know about the threats that our planet faces from plastic pollution? Test your knowledge of plastics in our environment with this quiz from EarthDay.org. Find it online at <https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-quiz/> or use your smartphone to scan the QR code on our bulletin board in the narthex.

**Pray for Creation:** As we appreciate the beauty of springtime flora, we pray that our activities lead to renewal rather than diminishment of plant life in our region.

## FIRST FOOD SUNDAY FOR THE WELCOME TABLE

Thank you for your First Sunday donations today for The Welcome Table. Please bring them to the baskets in the front pews before worship or when you come forward for Communion.

## REVISIONING AT PEACE SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

### **Please Sign Up!**

The Re:Visioning Team would love to invite you into a conversation with your fellow community members at Peace Lutheran Church! We are hoping to create a vision and plan for what the next 10+ years will look like for our congregation. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and needed! Please choose a date and time that will work for your household...we are expecting these meetings to last about 60-75 minutes. A huge thank you to the wonderful folks who are willing to host!

### **The next two dates are:**

Sunday, April 14 from 6:30-7:45pm on ZOOM

Tuesday, April 16 from 7:00-8:15pm at the Kehle's Home

Please note: We have added another meeting after church at Peace 4/28 which will have childcare available in the nursery. **Sign up online or on the hard copy in the narthex.**

Sign Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EAAAA2EA5FC1-48238442-revisioning>.



## RITE OF WELCOME FOR NEW MEMBERS APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday we will welcome the following people into our fellowship as members or associate members: Christina Avolio & Jacob Smith, Eugene, Raymond; Ann Gault; Kristin Gimelli Hemme; Patty Knudsen; Shari Krugler; Pidge Peters; Matthew Toso; and Paul Winterstein. Please join us for this celebration and Rite of Welcome!

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – ASTRUD GRAY APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>

Astrud Gray, daughter of Heidi Gray, will become a member of the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Join us as we welcome this new sister in Christ!

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CAR SHOW AT WUU 12-2PM APRIL 14

Come check out a variety of electric cars and talk to your neighbors about what it's like to drive an EV on Sun., April 14th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Westside Unitarian Universalist, 7141 California Ave SW. Sponsored by WSUU's Environmental Justice Group.

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering:** Cay Bell; Laura Bermes; Jan Burt; Rick & Charlene Coulson; Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Joe Flint; Deena Fuller; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Jeff & Dolly; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Evelyn Martinez; Pete McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Susan Munn; Eleanor Ness; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Ramsey; Joey Roberts; Rosemary; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin & Wade VanSant; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars; Audrey Zemke.

**Homebound:** Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen; Bill Morrell

**PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST** We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

## RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

*Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.*



*As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.*

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