

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A watercolor-style illustration of a sunrise or sunset. It features a central orange and yellow sun with several thin, radiating lines extending upwards and outwards. The sun is partially obscured by a large, soft, pinkish-red cloud-like shape. The entire graphic is set against a light beige background.

resurrection
REALity

New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church
Shoreview, Minnesota
April 7, 2024

NEW LIFE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to New Life worship! We pray that you find strength and peace in God's Word of grace. Restrooms are located to the right of the main entrance. Hearing devices and a nursery are available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. "Let's Connect..." with cards in the pew rack or scan code. Great to meet you!



April 7, 2024

Path for Worship: CWH American Hymn Tunes



Second Sunday of Easter

Hymns: 438, 456, 443

Today's Worship Theme: THE LIVING LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE

In most world religions, the alleged foundational event was experienced by only one person. A self-proclaimed prophet would allege he alone had some special encounter with god. *"No really! Just trust me. It really happened."* The resurrection reality is so very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), St Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. It is like Paul is telling skeptics, *"You don't need to take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead."*

The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

Prayer Before Worship

Dear Lord Jesus, though we have not seen you, you have given us the gift of certainty of your resurrection. Thank you for giving us proof and peace through your Word. Make our joy complete, as we share this truth with others. Amen.

Worship Schedule

Adult/Teen Bible Study	8:45 AM
Worship	10:00 AM
Fellowship	11:00 AM

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PATH FOR WORSHIP

Gather

ENTRANCE HYMN

CWH 438 | *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn

We gather today with the continuing "Alleluias!" of Easter morning. We rejoice along with the disciples who saw Jesus, and were assured after his resurrection (John 20:19-20).

Confession & Absolution

These are words acknowledging that we inherit sinfulness from our parents and have fallen short of God's perfection ourselves. We refer to these conditions as original sin and actual sin, respectively. Yet Jesus' perfect life lived for us and his innocent death in our place removes the guilt of sin forever.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

This version of the *Kyrie* serves as an organized form of intercession to God for the needs and conditions of all people. The words "Lord, have mercy" are an acclamation meaning, "Lord, have mercy and help us," with all for which we pray.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

**I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Tune: LANCASHIRE

1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
 2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
 ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
 With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,

we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Glory Be to God - Gloria in Excelsis

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" recalls the angels appearing to the shepherds and has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

The Word

God continues to speak to his people through his powerful Word. The Prayer of the Day, the readings, and the psalms or anthems are all chosen according to the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a listing of readings for each Sunday of the Church Year. The readings have been chosen to bless the gathered believers with balance, discipline, direction, and freshness.

The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. This lesson often contains events or prophecy that find fulfillment in the Second and Gospel Lessons.

Psalm
Along with Old Testament believers we respond to God's gracious promises in the word and song of the Psalms. The singing of the Psalm, while connecting believers of both the Old Testament and New Testament ages, also serves as a bridge between today's Bible readings.

The Church sings Psalm 16 in services that celebrate the resurrection of the dead. Peter (Acts 2:25-32) and Paul (Acts 13:35) both quote the psalm as a reference to Jesus.

FIRST READING

Acts 18:1-11 (EHV)

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

⁷He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16C | *You Will Show Me the Path of Life*

Refrain



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;



in your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

Verses



1 Faith - ful God, — I look to you, you a - lone my life and
 2 From of old you are my her - i - tage, you my wis - dom and my
 3 So my heart — shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest se -



for - tune, nev - er shall I look to oth - er gods,
 safe - ty, through the night you speak with - in my heart,
 cure - ly, you will not a - ban - don me to death,



you shall be my one hope.
 si - lent - ly you teach me.
 you shall not de - sert me.

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SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-4 (EHV)

*John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched the risen Jesus.
 This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—²the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Second Reading is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands for the Gospel Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel. (In the past soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.)

This Gospel verse serves as a prelude to the reading of the Gospel, as a reflector of the season of the Church year, or as a bridge between the Second Reading and the Gospel.

Gospel

Christ - his life, his words of law and gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to his Church, his promise to return - is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Refrain*Tone*

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GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (EHV)

The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²²After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

CWH 456 | O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard that Je - sus
6 "Thom - as, be - hold my side," said he, "my hands, my



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."
had ful - filled his word, he doubt - ed that it was the Lord.
feet, my bod - y see; and doubt not, but be - lieve in me."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON

Acts 18:1-11 (EHV)

The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

† Fearless proof
† Powerful peace

Stand

Hymn of the Day

This hymn is representative of the best of the Christian Church's hymnody. It is specially assigned to this day for its rich content, and its connection with today's Gospel.

This hymn tells the story of those who witnessed the resurrected Christ based on the gospel accounts, particularly that of John. After describing the scene at the tomb on Resurrection Sunday morning, the text narrates the disciples' responses, from the sudden appearance of Jesus in a locked room where a group of them were meeting (John 20:19-23) to the proof of Jesus' physical resurrection when He appeared to doubting Thomas (John 20:23-29).

Sermon

is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's redeemed people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshipers and enlivens their faith and life.

Statement of Faith

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.

The Creed is a summary and profession of the Christian faith.

The Prayer of the Church

is spoken in response to our Lord's invitation to pray for all people and in all circumstances. Often spoken responsively, it reflects and gives voice to the individual thoughts, requests and deep, unexpressed needs of God's people ascending to his throne of mercy.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this Easter season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.
Amen.

OFFERING *Stand as an offering plate is brought forward and placed on the altar.*

We thank our generous Creator for richly and daily blessing us with more than we need for this body and life. God owns everything because “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1) We gratefully return a portion to him who gives us all. Offerings may be placed in a plate near the entrance coming or going. With E-giving and drop-off at church we support our collective gospel ministry at New Life. Please also give generously to those in need, being confident of this: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6 EHV)



Depart

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Offering

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

Depart

We give thanks for the grace we have just received in God’s Word. At peace, we prepare to go back into the world as witnesses of our hope in Christ.

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer was given by our Savior to his Church in response to the disciples' request to be taught to pray. See Matthew 6:9-13.

The conclusion to the prayer, also known as the Doxology, was a common conclusion to ancient prayers.

Blessing

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

Closing Hymn

We close and depart in peace, knowing what Jesus' resurrection has accomplished for us.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 8:38-39 NIV)

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.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

CWH 443 | *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness— see what to -
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— what peace it



day is done! Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes
in the tomb; but lo, he now is rout - ed, his
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er



laid where our bed must be made when to the
free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry he who is
shake, no foe shall ev - er take the hope which



realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.
strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
God's own Son in love for me has won.

