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Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

WELCOME!

A big welcome to you this morning for we have gathered in the name of the Lord to remember and celebrate the wonderful news that Jesus is risen! He is alive! It's news that truly sends joy into the hearts of all who understand and know the Lord! We welcome you this morning and we pray God's Living Word and His Mighty Spirit uplifts and strengthens you today! Please sign our guest register located in the hallway if you are visiting and please join us again!

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TODAY'S SERVICE: The disciples received the shock of their lives—Jesus was dead and buried. It's not what they thought would happen at one point in their travels with Him, but it's what was predicted by Jesus and the Bible. God, however, never stopped working. The news went out three days later. He was alive! He had risen! The news spread quickly! Indeed, the Holy Spirit was working and soon the disciples were gathered together again. They weren't towers of faith just yet. Fear still gripped them. But God would change all that for Jesus Himself would appear and restore their faith! How beautiful it is when faith is restored!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: TLH, pg. 15 with Communion

HYMNS: #193, #208, #313, #198

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 The generous hearts of the early Christians

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 God is the Light. In Him there is no darkness.

Third Reading: John 20:19-31 Jesus appears to His disciples Easter evening.

SERMON TITLE: "Thomas' Moments" John 20:19-31

TODAY'S PRAYERS: We remember Deborah Bettin who has been ill and is recovering; Hugh Baker, who is in Mountain Vista Senior Living, Wheat Ridge; Becky Rundquist, who is receiving medical care for her leg; Art Arendall, former member, who was diagnosed with cancer; Jane Withee, who has been diagnosed with an incurable disease; Debbie Youland, mother of a close friend who is suffering from cancer; and Sheila Riese who is fighting cancer. Please remember these requests in your prayers this week. Thank you!

THOSE SERVING:

Elder: Kreg Renzelman

Organist: Becky Rundquist

Altar Guild: Peggy Jacobs, Lori Schwindt, Maryka Sprague

Altar Flowers: Nancy Kwas

ST. LUKE'S NEWS

AN EASTER THANK YOU: We wish to express a big thank you to everyone for making Easter Sunday a wonderful day! We had record attendance and a very nice service! Thank you to our choir, our organist, our secretary, our altar guild and all who made it a wonderful day! Let's keep up the "witness of our presence" as we enter the Easter season! Thank you!

MITE BOX SUNDAY is today. A container has been placed in the Fellowship area to collect our mission offerings. Our mites help with many of the Mission Grants which include "Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals—Trinity Hope" and "A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children—Lutheran Special Education Ministries".

ELDERS' MEETING this month was postponed from April 2nd to this next Tuesday, April 9th.

THE APRIL CALENDAR is available and on the hallway table.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, elected and re-elected is planned for next Sunday April 14. If you are not able to be here, please let Pastor know.

THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY will be updated in early April. Any changes can be called into the church, put on Secretary's desk or sent to our e-mail by April 10th.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to sign up for the donation of altar flowers for 2024, the calendar is in the hall and the envelopes are on the narthex table. The cost of altar flowers is \$20.00

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Large print Bulletins with insert are available each Sunday. If you are having difficulty in reading the Bulletin and insert, please check with an usher for the large print version.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Pastor's Family Day	
Thursday	Bible Study	10:00 AM

THE WORD IS BROADCASTED

ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday hear the Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez speak on "Breathe In, Breathe Out". The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47) Hear this program at 6:05 a.m. on radio station KOA (850 AM) each Sunday morning or on the internet at www.lutheranhour.org. (MST).

**THE ORDER OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION
TLH (BLUE BOOK)**

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Good Friday Service: 31
Last Sunday's Easter Offering: \$8,084.00 **Attendance:** 83
Thursday Bible Study was postponed from the 4th and we will resume again on the 11th at 10:00 a.m.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Jon & Jean Meyer celebrating the baptism of Jon Meyer.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our worship service this morning. Because the Bible calls us to have the same understanding of the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10:1-22), to believe that Jesus' body and blood are truly present (Mt. 26:26-28, 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:27), and to properly prepare (1 Cor. 11:27-32), we invite forward at this time those who are confirmed members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. If you are not yet a member and would like to receive communion, we invite you to speak with the pastor about instruction and membership. We openly and joyfully would like to have you as a member and extend this invitation to you!

IN THE WORD

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Every Christian Church has Bible Study! The big ones do! The smallest do! And all in the middle do as well! It must be important for all of them to study God's Word. Indeed, it is! And we believe it is important as well! As we see Jesus restore the disciples Easter evening, he does the same with us! Join us for Bible Study today. Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Instead of waiting for the mail or texting to everyone around, why not take a few moments to join us for a mid-week pick-me-up in God's Word! Our Thursday Studies have been very uplifting as we step into the Holy Spirit's realm! Why not come along! Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY: "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 believed.'" John 20:28-29

TODAY'S THEOLOGY QUESTION: Can people be saved after they have fallen away from the faith?

- A. No, they cannot. Once you fall away God won't allow you to come back.
- B. It shouldn't be a concern since God will save everyone.
- C. Yes they can. Faith can be restored.
- D. Perhaps. If they prove to God that they are worthy.
- E. Only if God likes you. It's up to Him.