

April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Services

### ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome in the name of Christ!

We rejoice that you have joined us this morning!!

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When you are deep in trouble, He so turns you away from it and gives you such courage that you think you are sitting in a garden of roses. So you find life int he midst of death, and in the midst of discord you find peace and joy.

(Christ alone does it) He says to you: step right into death and die; for the Holy Spirit will come to you and make you so courageous and joyful that you do not feel death...

-Martin Luther-

Sermon on Pentecost, 1522

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you," were the words of the risen Lord to his disciples. Their task was to preach the good news of new life in Christ, forgive the sins of the repentant, and carry on Jesus' ministry. With the power of the Holy Spirit given to them, they would carry on where Jesus left off, going into the world with the good news. Just as Jesus sent the eleven, so he sends all the baptized.

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

**P:** Alleluia Christ Is Risen

C: Christ Is Risen indeed, Alleluia



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### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P We gather today in the Name of the Father, + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P The Lord gives us mercy, wholeness and life.
- C Let us gladly turn to the Lord for our health and salvation.
- P So then let us today ask for our sin to be forgiven and to restore us to peace.

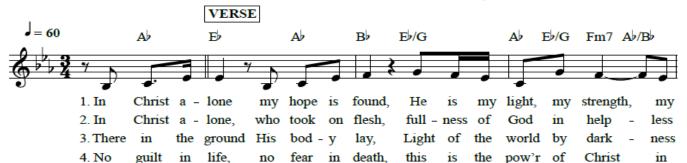
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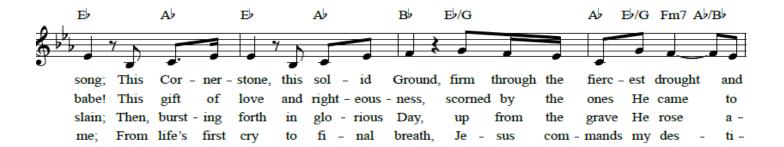
- C Lord, we need your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.
- P Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for goodness.
- C Amen.

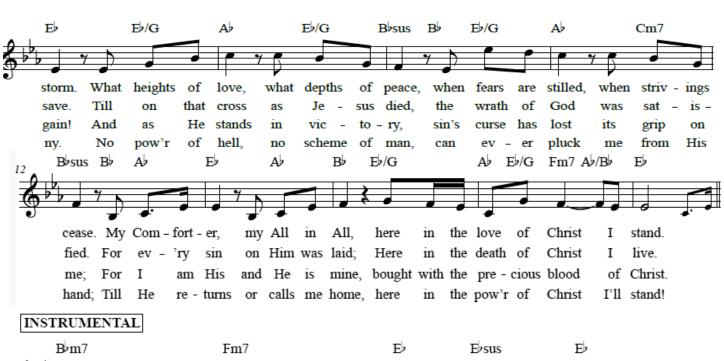
#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

### "In Christ Alone"

#### Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend









#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Lord! What a Morning" 8:00 AM

Arr. Thomas Keesecker

**ANTHEM** "He is Risen" – Arr. Roy Ringwald 10:30 AM

### GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

#### FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-20 [21-32]

A reading from Acts

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

[21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. <sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."]

**Lesson Response** 

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 148 (ESV)\* read responsively by whole verse

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

#### SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-18

A reading from Revelation

<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 kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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." <sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

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<sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." 12Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

**Lesson Response** 

- The Word of the Lord. L
- $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God.

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#### \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John* 20:19-31

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed." 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

### REPEAT - ALLELUIA CANON - #677

Pray and Play (during 10:30 am service)

### **SERMON**

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY



Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual

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### \*APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

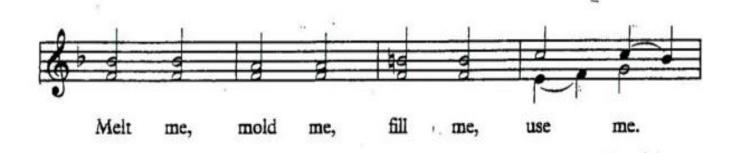
### \*CALL TO PRAYER

## "Spirit of the Living God"

Daniel Iverson, LIVING GOD tune.jpg









### \*THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray... (The assisting minister ends each petition with "Set our minds on heavenly things". The congregation responds with "Fill us with your joy.")

- P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### \*PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C And also with you.** (Worshippers, please respect the social-distancing preferences of those who remain seated during the sharing of the peace.)

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Come Away to the Skies" Arr. Thomas Keesecker

### \*GOD COMES TO HIS PEOPLE IN HOLY COMMUNION

- P Let us offer these gifts to the Lord.
- C As signs of His love for us.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord at all times and in all places.
- C For through these gifts He comes to feed us.
- P Let us bless God's Holy name, blessed be the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C And rejoice in his presence.
- P Let us come to the table with joy for God loves us.
- C For we come as God's invited guests.

### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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.

C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray, saying:
- C 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.

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Come to the table of Christ where the feast of life is spread.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ is truly present within our gathering, and the taking of bread and wine is for forgiveness, life and salvation. On behalf of Christ, we invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ to join us in His Holy Supper. Children or any visitor who have not made their first communion may come forward to the Altar for a blessing. If you are allergic to bread or wine, you may fully participate by taking either one or the other. White grape juice is offered in prefilled cups. Gluten free wafer upon request.

Anyone not able to come forward to partake please notify an usher and Pastor will come to commune you.



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;





for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



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Music: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895
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#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**





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### \*GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

### C Amen

A Let us pray. Merciful Father, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find the treasure of forgiveness in the life and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen

<sup>\*</sup> Extinguish the candles



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

JUDAS MACCABAEUS 55 65 65 65 and refrain

#### \*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

### FOR ATTENTION PLEASE:



#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A COUNTER?

There is a need for additional counters of the financial receipts of St. Timothy. Most counting currently takes place on Monday mornings at the church for about 2 hours but has some flexibility in the schedule of when the counting actually occurs. A typical schedule would mean you would assist counting once or twice a month. Basic financial ability with

attention to detail with accuracy is all that is needed to qualify for this endeavor. If you have interest in being a member of the count team or have any questions about the position, please contact Al Kerchner in person, by email at timothytreas81@gmail.com or by phone 717-802-5034.

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Servers	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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Greeters		Irvin Family	Shannon Kincaid	Dee Titus
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Lessons for May 4, 2025	First Lesson Psalm Second Lesson Gospel Lesson	Acts 9:1-22 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:[1-7] 8-14 John 21:1-14 [15-19]	



Live-streaming continues at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services. If you would prefer not to be filmed when you come forward for communion, remain in the pew and communion will be delivered to you.



**If you have any questions,** please ask an Usher, the Pastor, or any of the church members for assistance. We will be glad to answer as best we can! May God bless and inspire you today! *A Gentle Reminder: Please place all cell phones on vibrate mode during the service*.

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