

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

## Second Sunday of Easter

**Introduction for the Day:** The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wonderful self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

## Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements    Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

Let us begin as we live in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. As we enter into the good news that this new dawn brings, may we know the peace that Jesus gives.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

**We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for meditation and self-examination)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

But Christ is risen.

**Risen indeed!**

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

**we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, forgive our sins, so that we may receive and share, the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.**

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name."

That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

**We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!**

Gathering Song

**#361 The Day of Resurrection!**

Opening Litany for the Second Sunday of Easter & Apostolic Greeting

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Thomas touched Jesus' hands and side, he became a believer.

**Help us to believe in your resurrection.**

Through the words in Scripture, generations of people came to know Jesus as their Savior.

**Help us to believe that you know each of us.**

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

**page 140; Festival Canticle: This is the Feast**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty 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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Word

## First Reading

## Acts 4:32-35

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help fellow believers who were in need.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 133, Read Responsively

*How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)*

Let us read responsively from Psalm 133.

How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

**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.**

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.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

## Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! The earth has been sha - ken!  
2. Christ is a - ris - en, His hands and his wound - ed side show - ing.



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! The tomb is for - sak - en!  
Source of rich bless - ings, once prom - ised and now ov - er - flow - ing:



Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!  
Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun,



We from our graves shall a - wak - en!  
Faith in the ris - en Lord glow - ing!

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## Gospel

## John 20:19-31

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O risen Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day

**#376 Thine Is the Glory**

## Profession of Faith

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of Intercession

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

...God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

Musical Offering

*Offertoire pour le Jour de Paques "O filii et filiae" – Jean-Francois Dandrieu [1682-1788]*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Chris-tians, on this ho - ly\_\_ day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris- tians, has - ten on your\_ way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age\_\_ pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love\_\_ re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n\_\_ on\_\_ high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's\_ feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to\_\_ die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer

Risen One, 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.**

## Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue and Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

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## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

## First Communion (11:00)

We celebrate with Arlo McCorkle his First Communion today.

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

**We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for your life. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.**

### Invitation to Communion

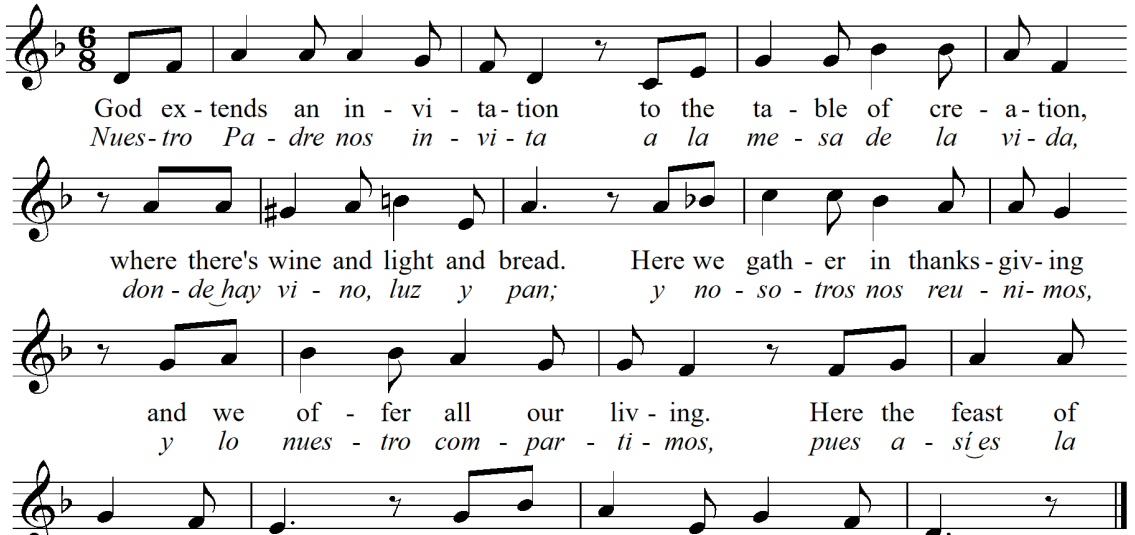
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**We come and eat at God's table.**

*Please be seated.*

### Call to Communion

### #486 God Extends an Invitation/Nuestro Padre nos Invita



God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre - a - tion,  
*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la vi - da,*

where there's wine and light and bread. Here we gath - er in thanks - giv - ing  
*don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no - so - tros nos reu - ni - mos,*

and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the feast of  
*y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a - sí es la*

life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.  
*co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.*

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## Communion Hymn

## Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a \_\_\_ spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a \_\_\_ ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is \_\_\_ ri - sen God's own Son.



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

As Thomas asked to touch your body in order to believe we have touched your body in this blessed meal. We believe, O God. And we cry to you with Thomas, "You are our Lord. You are our God." We bear witness to your resurrection. You are the Lord forevermore.

**Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

### #646 The Peace of the Lord/*La paz del Señor*

The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
 the peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus:\_\_\_\_\_

1. the peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 2. the peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 3. the peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not

me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.\_\_\_\_\_  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.\_\_\_\_\_  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.\_\_\_\_\_

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### Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude