

thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Offertory “Worthy Is the Lamb” L. Larson
Natalie Bamford, soloist

- + Response (#606) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below
 praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- + Prayer of Dedication

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

- + HYMN #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower” PROMISE
- + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- + POSTLUDE



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*We are called to be a
Christ-centered family
of believers, committed to
growing spiritually,
worshipping joyfully,
and sharing God’s love daily.*



Sunday, April 27, 2025 9:30 and 11:00 am

“Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Do not doubt, but believe.’”

John 20:27



Welcome to Worship

It is often said that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but fear. Doubt is actually a normal and important part of the faith journey, just as we read in the story of Thomas moving from doubt to faith when he encountered the Risen Christ. Today’s reading from John’s gospel has those first disciples move from fear to peace and from grief to joy.

Even today we are invited to trust that God’s love is more powerful than death. So don’t be afraid to trust the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and called to new lives of Spirit-led faith, service and witness. The Spirit invites us to live by faith trusting that God’s love casts out fear.

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Service of Worship

April 27, 2025 ♦ Second Sunday of Easter ♦ 9:30 and 11:00 am

The Gathering

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION (Thomas Traeger, 1984)
May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the risen Christ receive. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Oliver Wagner

TRINITY CHIMES

The Praise

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118) Rev. Dana AbuGhazaleh
Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation.
People: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; our God has done mighty things!
Leader: I shall not die, but shall live to recount the deeds of the Lord.
People: Let us enter the gates of righteousness and give thanks to the Lord.
Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
All: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

+ HYMN #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” ALLELUIA NO.1

MINUTE FOR MISSION “The APC Endowment” Greg Raabe

THE CONFESSION OF SIN
Call to Confession
Sung Confession #227, “Jesus, Remember Me” REMEMBER ME
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Silent Prayer of Confession
Unison Prayer
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook
+ Those able, please stand.

the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we many know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

+ RESPONSE OF PRAISE #233, st. 1 “The Day of Resurrection!” LANCASHIRE
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
+ PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you!

The Word

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Children should now return to the pews with their families. Children ages 0-Kindergarten are always wel-come to follow our children’s ministry director to our professionally staffed nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 1:4-8 pew Bible, page 246

CHORAL ANTHEM “Mary at the Tomb” Ellingboe

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31 pew Bible, page 115
Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Faith over Fear” Rev. Dr. Oliver Wagner

The Response

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle’s Creed)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from