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Attorney in the Universe”

1 John 2:1-2

Encountering the *Risen* Christ

Order of Worship

April 8, 2018 10:00 am

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus – Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He **“came and stood among them,”** and with His Word and the wounds in **“his hands and his side,”** He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us. Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He **“is the Christ, the Son of God,”** so that by such faith we **“may have life in his name”** (John 20:31). That same Absolution is for us, so that we **“too may have fellowship”** with the risen Christ, with the apostles and **“with one another”** (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic Church lives by **“their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,”** and all who believe this Word are **“of one heart and soul,”** because in Him they truly have **“everything in common”** (Acts 4:32–33).

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? ***“Prayer Request”*** cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS WE GATHER: Easter is no mere Sunday or season but the eternal victory of God's love in Christ Jesus. The reign of sin and its death is over. God has brought us forgiveness and life. We are God's family---rescued from our exile and restored through Jesus' death and resurrection. In Word and Sacrament Christ comes to us again to rescue us from death's loneliness, to confront our doubts and fears, and to reunite us around the family meal, the Holy Communion.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Christ Is Alive! We Live In Him!"* Bible

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE *"You Bore Our Sin, O Lamb of God"* Bible

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Acts 4:32-35* **ESV**

SECOND READING *1 John 1:1-2:2* **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM *"Glorify Your Name"* Bible

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19-31* **ESV**

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY *"In Christ Alone"* Getty/Townsend

SERMON *"Rejoice, Reflect, Repent"* John 20: 19-21

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me"* Hopkins

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"Because He Lives"* Gaither

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

April 8

"It's Really Real"

(1 John 1:1-3)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Here' the deal. If Jesus actually rose from the dead, it would be wise to believe in Him because there will be salvation in no one else. If He didn't rise, we're all toast. Tune in to today's message and hear why you can be confident Jesus' resurrection is really real.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

April 15

"Peace to You"

(Luke 24:36-49)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

1 Thessalonians

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLESHIP

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Rosalina Ehnes will be held on Monday, May 7th at 10:30 am. A light luncheon will follow and a private family inurnment at Fort Snelling after the luncheon.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: **April 8** "Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." *Martin Luther* • www.lutheransforlife.org

STEWARDSHIP: **April 8: Easter 2**

John 20:19

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you.' " The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

4/08 Sun		Second Sunday of Easter
	8:45 am	Education Hour
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	6:00 pm	NA
4/09 Mon	6:30 pm	AA/AAnon 1
	8:00 pm	AA/AAnon 2
4/10 Tues	6:30 pm	All Boards Meetings
4/11 Wed	10:00 am	BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm	TLWCC Bible Study
4/13 Fri	5:00 pm	TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm	AA/AAnon
4/14 Sat	8:30 am	Leadership Summit
	10:00 am	TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm	TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
4/15 Sun		Third Sunday of Easter
	8:45 am	Education Hour
	10:00 am	Worship w/HC
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: The Panning Family

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns

Attendance: 3/30/2018: 34

Offerings -- Regular \$600; Loose Plate \$32.04; Maundy

Thursday \$200; Good Friday \$835; Rental \$95; Flowers \$54; Portals of Prayer \$13.90 **Total: \$1,829.94**

Attendance: 4/01/2018: 47

Offerings -- Regular \$1,225; Loose Plate \$159; Easter

\$1,145; Rental \$1,000; Flowers \$44; Good Friday \$50 **Total: \$3,623**

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,477.59

Fellowship Sunday is TODAY, April 8th
PLEASE JOIN US!

Thanks to Deb Panning, Lil Troiden & Diane Volner!

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Diane Volner, 13th Robert Kluwe

ANNIVERSARIES: 11th Al and Pam Morelli,
13th William and Dorothy Woll

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,
Robert and Delores Kluwe, Margaret Maxwell, Ada Samson,
Dorothy Woll,

The family of Rosalina Ehnes who was led to her eternal home
on Sunday, March 25th.

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering at home in Shakopee

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer; will be
starting chemo/radiation.

LaDonna Sund (Verlayne's Sister/Lori Sharbono's Mom) –

Knee Replacement surgery scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th

Suzanne and Joe Soltau (Friends of Sandy Westling) – Joe has
declining health and is on palliative care

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers,
please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the
Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the
Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know





From all the people with developmental disabilities across the country who are served by Bethesda's ministry, thank you to the members of Gloria Dei for your generous gift of \$200.00!

For more information about how we are working together to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities please visit us at

www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org

Peter Ferry, Mission Support Counselor,
Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Minnesota South District Leadership Summit **South Shore Trinity, White Bear Lake**

Plan to join the annual Leadership Summit on **Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 – 2 pm.** The Summit will focus on the book ***Hinges: Opening Your Church's Doors to the Community.*** The Summit will feature guest speakers, group discussion and break-out sessions (lunch will be provided). **Everyone Welcome!**

God is calling the church to open its doors outward as the people of God seek to establish connections, form relationships and invite new disciples of Jesus into the life focused on His good gifts.

Senior on the Go and Luncheons
The Next Luncheon is at Audubon Park on April 10.
Please call Brian at this office 612-370-4770 to
reserve your seat by Sunday prior to lunch

Vegetable Growing Basics Springtime Classes

As part of the U of M Extension, Hennepin County Master Gardeners is delighted to offer Vegetable Gardening Basics this spring in Northeast Minneapolis.

The Coordinator is Sarah Green Toews, Master Gardener Volunteer. The classes will be held at Waite Park Recreation Center, 1810 34th Ave NE from **7 – 8:30 pm on the first four Mondays in April.**

Week 2 – April 9 Planting Your Garden

Week 3 – April 16 Planning Your Garden

Week 4 – April 23 Maintaining Your Garden

TOGETHER IN MISSION



Thank you everyone who so graciously donated nearly \$400 over the last few weeks to our Missionary, Kayla Hoem. *Below is an update from Kayla.*

Training in the Dominican Republic

Late January I attended orientation in the Dominican Republic - the location of the Latin America and Caribbean regional offices. I was there for just under three weeks and got to meet our awesome regional and national teams as well as see

all of the incredible ways God is working in the Dominican.

I attended a home visit with two of our pastors. Every Wednesday, despite her health problems, Señora Carmen invites her family and neighbors over for church on her porch. This particular Wednesday five kids showed up to listen to the sermon, and it was encouraging to see God reach an entire community through this matriarch.

Another highlight for me was at Saturday morning kids' bible class. Most of the kids had pretty rough home lives, so it made me so happy to see them in this safe space participating in the activities and having fun. The teachers told me that the kids' behavior had improved since they started coming to class, and that some of the kids' parents had even started attending church!

I'm back in Spain!

March 2nd was my first day back in Seville, and it is so good to be back after almost two years! I'm working on getting settled in - finding an apartment, opening a bank account, figuring out my phone situation - as well as defining my new role as a church worker. I look forward to meeting more of our congregation scattered throughout the country, starting my first projects to better serve our members and reach out to our neighbors, and watching God's Word accomplish that for which He sent it

Prayer Requests

that I find an apartment and get settled in soon // that God would bless the Easter retreat we're hosting in Alicante for members of our church // for my family and friends back in MN, especially my parents Steve and Heather // for safety during Holy Week

There is still time, if you would like to help Kayla fulfill her funding, she is 94% there, please use the **Together in Mission** envelopes with **your envelope number written** on it so as to get credit on your annual statement.

Catechesis Note for the Week

"We hear about it in 1 John 2:2 but what is propitiation?"

The word ***propitiation*** carries the basic idea of appeasement or satisfaction, specifically toward God. Propitiation is a two-part act that involves appeasing the wrath of an offended person and being reconciled to Him.

The necessity of appeasing God is something many religions have in common. In many religions today, the idea is taught that man appeases God by offering various gifts or sacrifices. However, the Bible teaches that God Himself has provided the only means through which His wrath can be appeased and sinful man can be reconciled to Him. In the New Testament, the act of propitiation always refers to the work of God and not the sacrifices or gifts offered by man. The reason for this is that man is totally incapable of satisfying God's justice except by spending eternity in hell. There is no service, sacrifice, or gift that man can offer that will appease the holy wrath of God or satisfy His perfect justice. The only satisfaction, or propitiation, that could be acceptable to God and that could reconcile man to Him had to be made by God. For this reason God the Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world in human flesh to be the perfect sacrifice for sin and make atonement or ***"propitiation for the sins of the people"*** ([Hebrews 2:17](#)).

The word ***propitiation*** is used in several verses to explain what Jesus accomplished through His death on the cross. For example, in Romans 3:24-25, believers in Christ have been ***"justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness."*** These verses are a key point in Paul's argument in the book of Romans and are really at the heart of the gospel message.

God in His infinite grace and mercy has provided a way that His wrath can be appeased. 1 John 2:1,2 states that ***"we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."***

It is through faith in Jesus Christ as God's perfect sacrifice that we can be reconciled to God. There is no other propitiation or sacrifice that can be made for our sins.

Today's Scripture Readings

ACTS 4:32-35: In those very early days of the church in Jerusalem the tremendous surge of vitality empowered by the coming of the Holy Spirit was coupled with the result of so many believers having witnessed the presence of the bodily risen Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:6). Their conviction engendered a deep sense of love for others which transcended their love and attachment to things material.

1 JOHN 1:1 – 2:2: St John associates the essential truths of God's kingdom with his personally experienced concourse with the Lord. 'We have seen with our eyes . . . touched with our hands . . . concerning the Word of Life.' The Christian proclamation is meant to result in fellowship with God and each other. Integral to living in that 'light' is the cleansing of one's sins by the blood of Christ, v.7, recognizing and confessing that sin, v.9, and receiving the cleansing of God to continue in righteousness. Note that this is meant for the 'whole world' (2:2).

JOHN 20: 19-31: The first section of this reading deals with a post-resurrection commissioning of the disciples together with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The disciples are herewith empowered (as with Matthew 16) to impart or withhold the forgiveness of sins which the Lord has now made an accomplished fact by his death and resurrection. Hence Thomas's unreadiness to believe the fact of the resurrection is strongly reprov'd but graciously remedied by the risen Lord. The spiritual blessings which God gives so readily are not received except through humble faith. Indeed, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed'.

Lessons for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

