



*Alleluia!  
Christ  
Is Risen!*

# *Easter Sunday*

April 17, 2022  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Word & Sacrament*

*“Living God’s Love”*

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Prelude

## Easter Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font  
as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

P: We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

No. 365

**\*Greeting**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

## First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

<sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Christ is Risen!*  
J. Sanborn

Luther Choir

## \*Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

<sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor John Butchko

## Hymn of the Day:

*Thine is the Glory*

No. 376

## \*Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

## \*Prayers of Intercession

P: On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

P: Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way, especially Mary Gienke, Justin, Diane Hulvey, Lisa Henriksen, Esther Svoboda, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim

Frame, and John Siebert,. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

## **MEAL**

**Offertory**

*Majesty*  
Hayford/Schrader

Luther Choir

**Offering Prayer**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*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 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: The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**Communion Hymn:**                    *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*  
    *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

No. 364  
No. 380

**\*Table Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Song:**                    *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

No. 382

**\*Dismissal:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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**Thank you** to all who have helped make our Holy Week meaningful! To our church staff who have provided energy and creativity in bringing us to this Easter Sunday. To our many volunteers: readers, musicians, worship assistants, Altar Guild, Five Star leaders, and all who have helped us to live God's love in this place. To God be the glory! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

## **PRAYERS**

**Prayers for Healing:** Mary Gienke, Justin, Diane Hulvey, Lisa Henriksen, Esther Svoboda, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS**

**Today, Easter Sunday**, we worship in-person at 8:30 and 11:00 with ELW liturgy and communion. Livestream at 8:30.

**We Welcome** Pastor John Butchko as our supply pastor.

**Easter Breakfast** - 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24, AT ST. MATTHEW**

**Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter**, we will worship in-person at 8:30 and 11:00 with ELW liturgy (no communion). Livestream at 8:30.

**Luther Littles Sunday School** (Pre-School-5th grade) - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room

**Luther Middles/Catechism** (6-8 grades) - 9:45 a.m. in the green room.

**Adult Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Monday** - The church office will be closed on Monday, April 18.

**Our Parish Nurse**, Brenda Disbrow, will return to St. Matthew beginning Tuesday, April 19. She is looking forward to being back!

**Hearing Loop System Installed** - This technology is designed to work with Tele-coil equipped hearing aids, Cochlear implants, an individual loop listeners. **TO USE:** Switch your hearing aids, cochlear implants, or individual hearing loop listeners to the Telecoil or “T” position. Sound will be free of distortion and echo and clarity will be greatly improved. Questions or need assistance? Contact an usher.



**Painting Party** - We have reserved All Fired Up on the Square just for St. Matthew on Friday, April 22 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm! Pick a piece of pottery (or more) to paint and get 20% off your total. Bring a snack/dessert/drink to share if you wish. We are limited to 34 people based on the studio's size. Sign up on the poster in the Narthex or at <https://www.facebook.com/events/507874554253932/>.

**Ladies Kentucky Derby Luncheon** - Mark your calendar for our annual Ladies Luncheon on May 1, 2022 at 12:30. Invite your daughters, sisters and/or girlfriends to join us for a beautiful day to celebrate us! Our theme will be Kentucky Derby, so break out the hats, fascinators and gloves! Look for additional details and Sign-Up Genius coming soon! Sign up in the narthex.

**Golf Outing** - Come enjoy a fun evening of golf at Bunker Hill Golf Course with St. Matthew friends and guests on Thursday, June 16. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for warm-ups. Tee times begin at 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. The cost for nine holes, a cart, and a light dinner following golf is \$45 per person. Dinner will include honey rosemary baked chicken, tenderloin tips over noodles, green beans, and roasted red skin potatoes. Register at <https://birdease.com/17841>. *Sponsored by Small Groups*

**Pull Tab Collection** - Join in tab collecting with others in our area to support Ronald McDonald House in Akron and Cleveland. All pull tabs are accepted! (pet food, soup, veggies, beverages, etc.) There are containers located in the Narthex and the Room of the Cross to deposit your pull tabs. If you have any questions, call Joyce at 216-780-0965.

## Would you like to join the Welcome Wagon??

While we are all counting down the days until Pastor Steve joins us, we are looking for people and ideas to help make him feel welcome in our family of faith. Would you like to help?? Great!! Help comes in all shapes and sizes, so don't be shy.

You can pick up/drop off index cards to leave your favorite suggestions in the Narthex, or please let me know and I will send you some. And if you would like to contribute to his Home Sweet Home Basket, it is also in the Narthex, look for the sign.

We are collecting things to make his move in process a bit easier, things he can easily grab when he hasn't unpacked yet: paper towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper or plastic plates, cups and silverware, small gift cards for meals, etc.

**Please contact Jen Knaggs** (330-413-0529 or [jenknaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:jenknaggs@yahoo.com)) and share your willingness, ideas, and enthusiasm.

**Meals for Pastor Steve** - If you would like to provide a meal for Pastor Steve while he is settling in and unpacking, please sign up via the Sign-Up Genius link below. Prior to your scheduled day, please contact Pastor Steve at the church office to arrange a time/place to bring it to him. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Knaggs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080949a9ae22a1f85-meals>



### WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	April 17	April 17	April 24	April 24
<b>Service</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		Lucas Hogan	Logan Naida	
<b>Reader</b>	Melody Costello	Jen Knaggs		
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan & Delores Ivan			
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Melody Costello	Bekah Knaggs	<i>No Communion</i>	<i>No Communion</i>
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Joe Obermeier			
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler		
<b>Video</b>	Rex Rickly			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Andrews			

## Thank you to those who donated flowers for Easter

**Alan & Delores Ivan**

**Pat Straub**

**Jerry & Ellen Jakovcic**

**David & Marcia George**

**Brian & Sandi Harris**

**Rick & Kathy Grice**

**Sue Ogle**

**Dale & Nancy Weygandt**

**Tom & Loretta Thornton**

**Gary & Sandy Kelling**

**Tom & Joyce Davis** in honor of our loved ones

**Scott & Beth Johnson** in honor of our loved ones

**Nancy McNeal** in memory of loved ones

**Rex & Cindy Rickly** in memory of loved ones

**The Neururer Family** in honor of loved ones

**The Gabler Family** in honor of our parents and grandparents,  
John Kostelnik and Bonnie Gabler

**Barbara Schwehm** in honor of my parents and loved ones

**Rick & Jan Sullivan** in memory of our parents

**Andy & Mary Dunham** in memory of Persis Snoke

**The Obermeier Family** in memory of departed loved ones

**Tim & Melanie Brown** in memory of Judy Ogden

**Chris & Kristin Weight** in honor of our children, Otto, Martha, & August

**Todd and Melody Costello, Emily and Kacey** in memory of Tyler John Costello

**Julie Larabee** in honor of loved ones

**Leithea Obermeier** in memory of Dick Obermeier

**Carol Muhlbach** in thankfulness to God

**Una Mae Gill** in memory of John Gill

**Debbie Dewey and son Shawn** in memory of Kenny B Dewey

**Edith L Krblich** in loving memory of Charles A Krblich

**John & Lisa Burke** in memory of loved ones

**Marliese Leggett** in loving memory of Richard Leggett and her brother Paul Latzke

**Sandy Andrews** in memory of loved ones



## **St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Kaitlyn Taraschke	Nursery Attendant

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**



Hearing Loop  
System available.