



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**April 19, 2020**

## Second Sunday of Easter

**Prayer Before Worship:** Lord Jesus Christ, we are here to celebrate You! We have gathered before your empty tomb, and have rejoiced in your victory over sin and death. We proclaim, 'My Lord and my God. Fill us with your Spirit that our faith may be fed, and that our doubts might be overcome. Embrace us with your still-scarred hands, and empower us to live joyfully as your people. In your name we pray. Amen.  
*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†**

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW #385  
vv. 1,3

**1. Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Amen.**

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives, therefore let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A time for prayer and confession.*

Merciful God,

**You have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and towards the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Christ, that we may reflect the power of the resurrection in our life together; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

‡**GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US**‡

**Gospel Verse**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>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 retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

Hymn:

**"We Walk By Faith"**

**ELW #635**

**vv. 1,3**

**1. We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."**

**3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:**

**Profession of Faith: The Apostles 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 the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

Risen Lord...**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

....through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **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 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.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

## **Benediction**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn:

“Thine is the Glory”

ELW #376

vv. 1

1. Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

### Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

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## ‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Vicki** (Lung Embolism—friend of Susan Martin), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery--Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny & Alice Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Lueningborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery--friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Florence Kasza** (Fran Johnson & Barbara Tallmon's sister)

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.



*Pat Smith, 4/20; Dick Heidingsfelder, 4/21; Ron Wegelin, 4/22*

**If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.**

## APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** canned meats

**BACKPACKS:** mac n cheese bowls



## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA April MISSION PROJECT:**



We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. April's project is the Bake-less Bake Sale. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Mark CLCW Mission Project on the envelop and leave it with, Christy, the Office Manager.



### YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



### A Community Coming Together!

The hospital has asked the quilters to sew 1,000 masks. They would also like to sew an additional 700 masks for the congregation. We are asking for donations of elastic to be used for each mask. We are in need of approximately 662 yards 1/8"-1/4" wide or rope elastic. You may drop off the elastic in the church office Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm or let us know where it can be picked up. We truly appreciate your help.



Join us for Men's Bible Study via Zoom (online) every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



*We are Here  
to Help You!*



**We're Here To Help:** As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing

to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.



**Your Offerings:** Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give

electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – April 19**

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**SONG LEADERS:** Bill Huelle, Gail Bruflat

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 19**

10 a.m. – Online Worship

**Tuesday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. – Men's Online Bible Study

**Sunday, April 26**

10 a.m. – Online Worship

**APRIL 19, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



*Faith in Jesus includes a relationship with Jesus.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>	<b>Thomas sees and believes</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</b>	<b>Peter addresses the crowd</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Peter 1:3-9</b>	<b>A living hope</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mark 10:46-52</b>	<b>The healing of blind Bartimaeus</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John 4:1-30</b>	<b>Woman at the well with Jesus</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>John 4:46-54</b>	<b>Jesus heals an official's son</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 16</b>	<b>Song of trust in God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 24:13-35</b>	<b>Road to Emmaus</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." **John 20:28-29 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Everlasting God, strengthen us in faith; give us the desire to know you more day by day that we may live with love and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear God, may we receive this food with joy, knowing that all good gifts come from you. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God show you the path of life and give you joy through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 16:11)



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**APRIL 19, 2020**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*We Walk by Faith*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES**



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is someone you wish you knew or knew better?
- How does having a personal, trusted relationship with someone impact your life?
- How do you grow in your relationship with Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* John 20:19-31.

It is hard to read this text and not be influenced by the title “doubting Thomas.” However, it is only Thomas in the whole Gospel of John who makes the confession of faith that Jesus is God and more specifically, “My God” (v. 28). In this passage at least two important points about the Christian faith are revealed: 1) faith is relational (Thomas personalizes Jesus as “My God”), and 2) faith is a lifelong journey. Jesus blessed those who “come to believe.” The Greek text denotes a continuous process, not just believing at a certain point in time, but continuing to believe. And, isn’t that what is needed to have a real relationship to someone: an ongoing development—even being challenged by—that relationship. What Jesus means for us and to us will continue to develop for a lifetime. As we age and as we have new experiences and challenges, the meaning of Jesus for our lives and our world evolves, even as we evolve and “have life in his name” (v. 31). Our relationship with Jesus grows and develops over time. Describe your relationship with Jesus.

*Pray:* **Come, Lord Jesus, into my life this day, that I may confess you as my God and have life through you each and every day. Amen.**

**SERVICE**



Thomas had to see Jesus to believe. Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe” (John 20:29). It is through our service that the world “sees” Jesus. We are his voice, hands, and feet in the world. List ways others have seen Jesus and his love through your actions and words.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



When Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection, he said, “Peace be with you” (John 20:19b). This has become a traditional greeting among Christians as a reminder of Christ’s presence. Practice greeting friends and family in your home using these words this week.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)