



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Saturday Evening Worship - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
April 6 & 7, 2024

Welcome Song:

“God Bless You Merry Sinner”

Congregation

**God bless you merry sinner,
you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Savior
has lived and died for you,
And lives again as King of Kings
of saint and sinner, too.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.**

**In Jerusalem at Calvary
that dismal Friday morn,
Amid the pain and suffering
eternal life was born.
It came with arms outstretched to us,
right through the curtain torn.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.**

**So sing an hallelujah,
for our Savior's victory,
And shout to all Hosanna,
that we have been set free,
From sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity.
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly, yet so often, we are down in the dumps over silly little disappointments. You have given us Jesus Christ, and raised him from the dead, and promised us eternal life. But we act like we don't know it! Forgive us, God! Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance, and life forever. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins!

Hallelujah!

Christ lives and reigns for us!

Hallelujah!

In † Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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.

Song of Praise

“Kyrie Eleison”

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***Prayer of the Day**

O Great Laughing God,

we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**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.**

³It 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

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

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

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

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Children's Message:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

“Joy to the World”

Congregation

**Joy to the World, the Lord's alive,
Awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as He had said,
He's risen from the dead.
Salvation now He brings,
Salvation now He brings,
Salvation, salvation now He brings.**

**Joy to the World, the empty tomb,
Proclaims a victory.
Of light compelling,
A great dispelling
Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.**

**Joy to the World, Our Savior reigns,
Let Heaven and earth proclaim
the glories of
His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

***Profession of Faith – Holy Humor Creed**

**We believe in God,
who created all things and us in his own image.
We live, we love, we laugh,
because we are given life through God.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.**

He lived, he loved, he laughed.

He rose again from the dead in victory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

One with our creator God and one with our Savior Christ.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator--

The Holy Spirit is our joy!

We stand united as one body of Christ

with God's promises as our firm foundation

Forgiveness, Resurrection, and Life Everlasting.

Promised love, promised life, promised laughter.

Amen--it shall be so.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Each petition ends with:

Hear us, O God ... **your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude with:

These and all the prayers of our hearts we offer now in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace and joy of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Redemption Song” (Sun)

Choir

***Offering Prayer**

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.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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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.

***Words of Institution**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church. APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music:

“You Gotta Sing”

Praise Team

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray:

Foolish and fun God, your belly laugh echoes through the world,
We have responded to your invitation to join in the Banquet.
Here we have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your goodness.
May the joy we find in this meal together lift up our hearts,
may we carry your laughter to the world around us,
may we live out that foolishness called love wherever we go.

Amen.

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Holy Humor Benediction**

As you go from here,
may God—the source of our hope—
fill you up completely with joy and peace
so that you overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit
in the name of our Savior ‡ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

“Deck the Halls”

Congregation

*Deck the halls with Easter lilies,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Dance a jig and sing the sillies,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
At the devil, mean, old bloke,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
On whom God has played a joke,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!*

*Devil thought he'd won the battle,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Pranced around high in the saddle,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Did not know God's special plan,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
To resurrect the Son of Man,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!*

*Merry Christians rejoice and sing,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Now's the triumph of our King,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Lord of Life is ris'n this day,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Let the world rejoice and say,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!*

*Songs of joy to Christ our head,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Lives again who once was dead,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Life was purchased by his loss,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Died our death upon the cross,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!*

***Dismissal**

The Laughing One called us together
so we could share in the laughter of life.

The Laughing One sends us out,
to carry the joy of life and love to the world.

Go out to laugh, to live to love. And when you hear a good joke...
remember that sharing is a great thing!

Postlude

“All God’s Critters”

Praise Team

Selections taken from: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/holy-humor-sunday-resource-index.html>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Kurt Nikont** (recovering from foot surgery), **Sheila Miller** (health issues), **Catherine Rahrs** (major medical issues—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Family of Baby Gideon**, **Larry Spomer** (left knee replacement surgery) **Larry Loeks** (improved health), **Jack Day** (stroke—Lynn Margheim’s brother), **Glenna Linfield** (hospice— Pastor Kathy’s aunt), **Jeremy** (test results—Deb Brown’s son), **Bert Bessey**, **Shelia Colson** (hospital recovery), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs’ brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Dar Gardner** (cousin of Don & Vicki Stahla & Virginia Pickett)

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tanner Blomenkamp, 4/9; Monty Copsey, 4/9; Ruth Harris, 4/9; Bob Zweifel, 4/12

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



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Pancake Mix

BACKPACKS: Mac 'n Cheese Bowls

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW APRIL MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the CLCW bulletin board next to the narthex door to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following:

Paper plates, paper towels, napkins, Styrofoam & plastic cups.

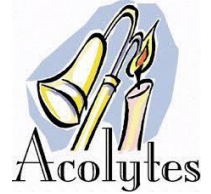
Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower'.

Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.



For our present ushers & those who would like to usher, there will be an informational meeting April 14 following worship. If you have any questions, please contact Bill @ (308)631-3389.

For **all** 6th grade through Confirmation Youth that are Acolytes & those interested in becoming an Acolyte, there will be an informational meeting April 14 following worship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy @ (308)874-6025 or Bill @ (308)631-3389.



The Young at Heart Fellowship Group will meet on Earth Day, April 21, following fellowship. We will enjoy fun Earth Day activities. The group is open to all, with fellowship activities planned to be aimed at young families and "young" adults. If you are "young at heart," we would love to have you join us. Contact Maunette Loeks or Val Rahrs for details about how you can be involved. You can also submit your ideas and details on our survey: tinyurl.com/youngadultfellows

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – April 7

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Jack & Max Judy

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – April 14

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown &
Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Merick Walsh & DaKota
Newsom

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler,
Allisha Weitzel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 7

Holy Humor Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, April 8

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @

Vicki Schmidt's

5:30 p.m. – Council

Tuesday, April 9

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @

Becky Martin's

Wednesday, April 10

12 p.m. – OWLS Luncheon

5:30 p.m. – JAM

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

5:45 p.m. – Confirmation

7p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, April 13

9:30-6:30 p.m. – Middle School

Gathering in Sidney

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, April 14

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Usher & Acolyte Meeting following
worship

APRIL 7, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Walking in the light of Jesus together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1–2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	Matthew 5:14-16	Let your light shine
Thursday	Psalms 27	Song of confidence
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Light shining in the darkness
Saturday	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[I]f we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:7 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of love and mercy, we thank you for the community of faith that helps us to know and experience your light and truth through Jesus, our resurrected Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Generous God, we thank you for this meal and pray that others may have what they need to live, serve, and trust in you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light bless you with people filled with joy.



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APRIL 7, 2024
HYMN OF THE WEEK
This Little Light of Mine



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:

- Do you find it easy or difficult to forgive someone? Explain.
- Why is forgiveness important to Christian fellowship?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 John 1:1–2:2.

Linus from the Peanuts comic strip once said, "I love mankind... It's people I can't stand!" Living in community with others can be a challenge. For Christians, living together in community is God's gift for our broken and sinful lives. Sometimes, we deceive ourselves into thinking we are more deserving, better than, or more lovable than others. Confession frees us to welcome Jesus into our lives through God's power of forgiveness that is for all. This simple message of forgiveness is hard to experience, especially when there are people whom we have had a hard time loving or even accepting. God's light takes us out of our own darkness and brings us into a humble, yet joyous fellowship with others. Unity and fellowship have always been at the heart of God's creative and redeeming work for all the world (Psalm 133). We are asked to be aware of our darkness and move into the light through the power of God's forgiving Grace.

Discuss: How does confession and forgiveness of your own brokenness help you understand fellowship with others in a new light?

Pray: God of light and truth, we thank you for forgiveness given to us through the suffering of Jesus Christ that we may have eternal fellowship with you and with all people. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to restore a broken relationship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another during worship as an expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. This sharing of the peace relates directly to Jesus' appearance to the disciples when he said, "Peace be with you" three times (John 20:13-31). This week, when you are visited by others in your home or when you are visiting friends, take a moment to share the peace. As you shake their hand, hug them, or give a high five, greet them by saying: **Peace be with you.**



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