



April 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1655 Main St.  
Newington, CT 06111

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you have joined us today for worship! Visitors, you are invited to fill out the envelope in the pew and put it in the offering plate so that someone can follow up with you. The songs are found in the red (ELW) hymnal book. Please prepare yourself for worship.

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude on an Old Folk Tune, by Amy Beach*

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

*"Now the Green Blade Rises"*

ELW #379

## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE**

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

**L** A reading from Acts.

<sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There 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. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**L** A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>We 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—<sup>2</sup>this 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—<sup>3</sup>we 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. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This 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. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but 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. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>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; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Please stand as able.*



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

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

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

**P** <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.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Hymn of the Day:**  
Please stand as able.

*"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** **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

The congregation will respond to the assisting minister with **Hear our prayer.**

### PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *ushers come forward*

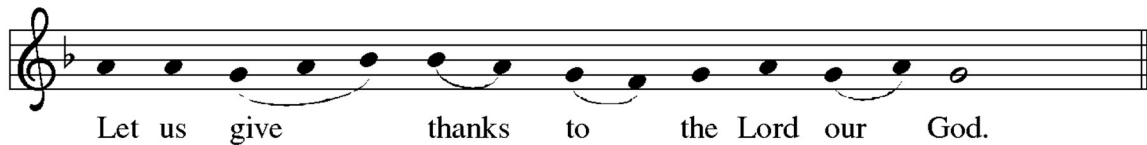
**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as able.*

**P** Let us pray.

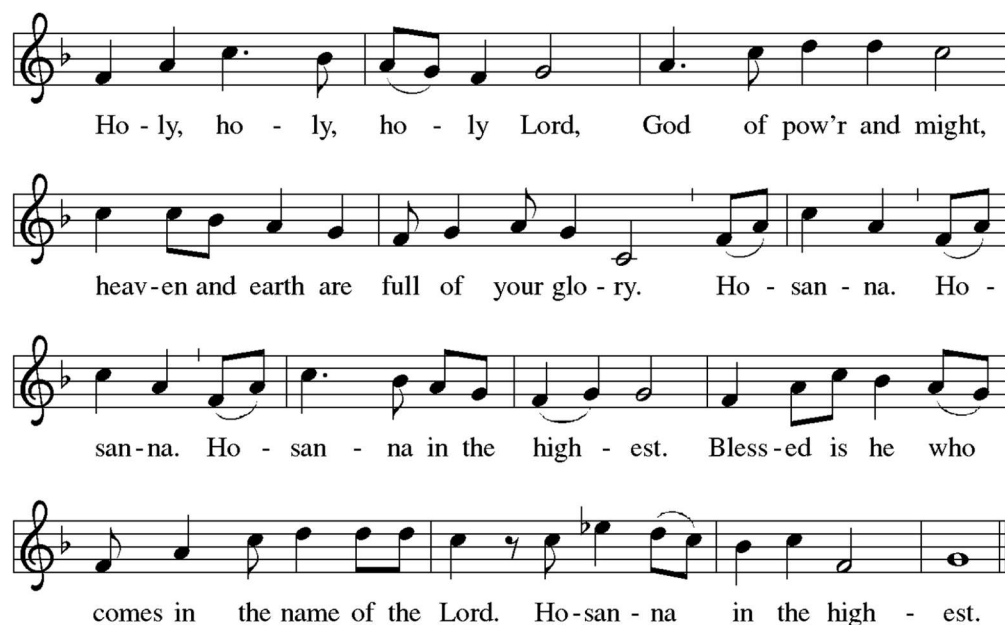
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

### **☐ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
 we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
 full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

### **☐ Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

### Communion information for our visitors

#### All of God's people are welcome to our Lord's table

Red wine and white grape juice are offered along with our regular communion bread, wafers or Gluten-Free Wafers.

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**C Amen.**

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please come forward for communion or blessing.*

**Communion Hymn:**

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

ELW #815

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Please stand as able.*

**P** Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

*"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"*

ELW #535

**THE DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Grand Choeur (No. 12 from 20 Pieces), by Charles-Alexis Chauvet*

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**Year to Date (YTD) General Fund Income vs. Expense – Period Ending (PE) February 29, 2024**

Actual Pledge Income Received YTD	\$9,446.00	\$9,446.00
Anticipated Budgeted Pledge Receipts YTD	(\$11,174.88)	
<b>Actual Pledge Shortfall YTD</b>	<b>(\$1,728.88)</b>	
Total General Fund Income YTD, including Other Income (Hall rental, loose offerings, fellowship, special donations, Grant, holiday offerings, St. Pauly Textile, United Way, etc).		\$2,288.23
Total YTD General Fund Income		\$11,734.23
Total YTD General Fund Expenses		(\$24,158.81)
YTD Loss		<b>(\$12,424.58)</b>

## For Your Information

### **Welcome**

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. Following the service there will be some food and drink available in fellowship hall - which is located at the bottom of the stairs. Please join us around the fellowship table today and come back again next week!

**Following Sunday service** - Ministry Support (Fundraising) will meet again after Sunday worship to continue our energetic discussion on new ways to support our ministries both financially and socially! All ideas and hands on deck!

### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday April 21 – Earth Day celebration following worship. Come and plant flowers and beans

Sunday April 21 – Earth Day Eve Conference celebration 3-5pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hartford

Saturday June 1 – OSLC Tag sale 8am – 2pm start gathering your treasures - SAVE THE DATE

### **Newington Food Pantry/ Newington Human Services – ministry support**

Your love can feed the hungry, shelter someone who has lost everything, and remind the most vulnerable they are not forgotten. The Newington food pantry helps close this gap in food insecurity. We are collecting nonperishable food items, along with hygiene and household products. There is a list of suggested donations in the Narthex.

### **Clothing Shed – ministry support**

Donating your excess clothing to the St Pauly shed is a win-win for the environment, people in need, and the church. OSLC **receives funding** for donated clothing and we help keep clothing out of landfills!

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Let your friends and neighbors know about this meaningful project.

### **'We Can' for Camp Calumet – ministry support**

With the new bottle deposit guidelines we now accept even more containers. In addition to regular cans and bottles we can now return juices, sports drinks, teas and coffee containers. Reduce/Reuse/Recycle. Bring bottles here or contact Jan Levett. OSLC is collecting bottles & cans for Camp Calumet. Help support this great cause.

### **Final thoughts**

Doing something new always involves some measure of risk because we cannot know for certain what the outcome will be. Reconnecting with God's faithfulness reminds us that we can trust God and take a risk that God might be asking us to take in order to move forward.

### **Worship Assistants and Contacts**

Organist: David Marottolo

Assisting Minister:

Lector: Michael Werchadlo

Altar Guild: Pat Mahoney

Flowers: Lisa Jaksina

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