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Misericordia Sunday

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### + HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

Paraphrase on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" E. Campbell

#### GATHERING

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P Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C His mercy endures for ever.

#### CATECHETIC MOMENT

#### DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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#### GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today: Alleluia **No. 369**

#### GREETING AND KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**P** We pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Lesson**

**Acts 3:12-19**

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Sung*

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and |  
hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishon | or my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”

Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;

the Lord will hear me | when I call.

Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
and put your trust | in the Lord.  
Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord.  
You have put gladness | in my heart,  
more than when grain and | wine abound.  
In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning, is now and will be forever. | Amen.

**SECOND LESSON**      **1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      Alleluia

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**      **Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to

them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** The Strife is O’er, the Battle Won **No. 366**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Please stand as you are able.*

A Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence, saying: Lord, have mercy.

A The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and good news for all. For this we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see the risen one in all the wounded of our world. For this we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the church, in our community, and in the nation. For this we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. For this we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing, and all in the healing professions; especially Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. For them we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered)*

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the National Church Council and committee members
- for the East Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, people and Rev. Calvin Skriver, Dean,
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Richard Reimer, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Alberta and for Dana Rayment, Chaplain for NAIT and McEwan, Edmonton
- for those who serve as interim ministers, and for parishes who await pastoral leadership
- for Mount Zion Lutheran, Edmonton
- for the students, faculty, and staff of Martin Luther University College, Waterloo, Ontario
- for El Consolador Congregation, Sogamosa, Colombia
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil
- for the moderator, ministers, and people of the Presbyterian Church of Canada
  - for the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For these we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. For this we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For peace among nations and forbearance among all people. For Ukraine and all areas experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail. For this we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Loving God, you have glorified your Son Jesus and given him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in his name. Accept our praise, offered in his name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, your Son and our Saviour.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *Setting of the table.*

**CHORAL OFFERTORY** Honduras Hallelujah!

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

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A We 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 Saviour and Lord, **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER XI**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Version I)

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**THE FRACTION**

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

As We Gather at Your Table

**No. 522**

This Joyful Eastertide

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**TABLE BLESSING** *Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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A We 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN** The Day of Resurrection!

**No. 361**

**DISMISSAL**

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P Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Fugue in A minor J.S. Bach



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor. We continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

- Ushers: Al Gummo
- Lector: Helga Weissenberger
- Assistant: Jennifer Hanson
- Altar Guild: Volunteer
- Refreshments: Ruth and Al Gummo
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |          |             |
|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Last week     | 7 April  | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 4,978 | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$0      |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 30    |             |
| Other         | \$ 2,150 |             |
| Attendance    | 42       |             |

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 14 Apr | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 15 Apr | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 16 Apr | 10:00 AM | Hotshots                    |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support    |
| Wednesday | 17 Apr | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Thursday  | 18 Apr | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                      |
| Friday    | 19 Apr | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 20 Apr | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship       |
|           |        | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                      |
|           |        | 8:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Sunday    | 21 Apr | 9:30 AM  | Choir practice              |
|           |        | 10:30 AM | Fourth Sunday of Easter     |

**HOTSHOTS** – Join us for the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and a Chinese lunch from the Cherry Inn on Tuesday 16 April at 10:00 AM. Bring a friend and sign-up downstairs.

**HOSPICE CALGARY** – Dying to Know Webinar "Ambiguous Loss & Grief in Dementia" 16 April 2024, 6:00 PM. Poster is downstairs.

**AHSGR** – "Black Sea Germans from Russia and Genealogy" 20 April 2024, Potluck luncheon at 12:00 PM, Presentation at 1:15 pm. Ascension Lutheran Church. See poster downstairs

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the May issue of the Highwood Highlights is Tuesday 23 April 2024. Email items to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES** - Walk Run or Roll Fundraiser is Saturday 27 April 2024 starting at Faith Lutheran Church. You may add your donation to your offering envelope and mark it Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Poster and forms are downstairs.

**THE SOUTHWEST AREA REFUGEE MISSION** is holding its AGM on Tuesday, 14 May, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church. A Zoom connection will be available. Please indicate your interest to [calgaryswarm@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryswarm@gmail.com) and details will be provided.

**BADLANDS PASSION PLAY** 5-21 July 2024. Plan ahead and purchase discounted tickets now. See bulletin board downstairs.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**            **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18