

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Forgive all my sins, wherever I have done wrong. Surround me this day with Your holy angels. May You encircle me and cast a trench about me, that I may escape the snares and evil cunning of the enemy. I commend myself to Your goodness and mercy. Amen. (Johann Habermann, 1516-90)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

Education

Sunday school, student and adult Bible classes are offered at 9:30 am. We encourage all worshipers to choose a class from the listing in our bulletin and actively study God's Word.

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021 8:00 am and 10:45 am Matins – *LSB 219*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

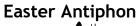
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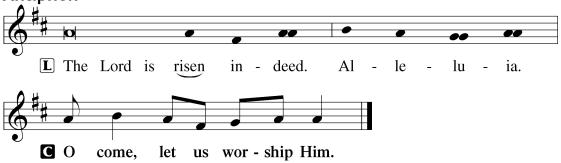


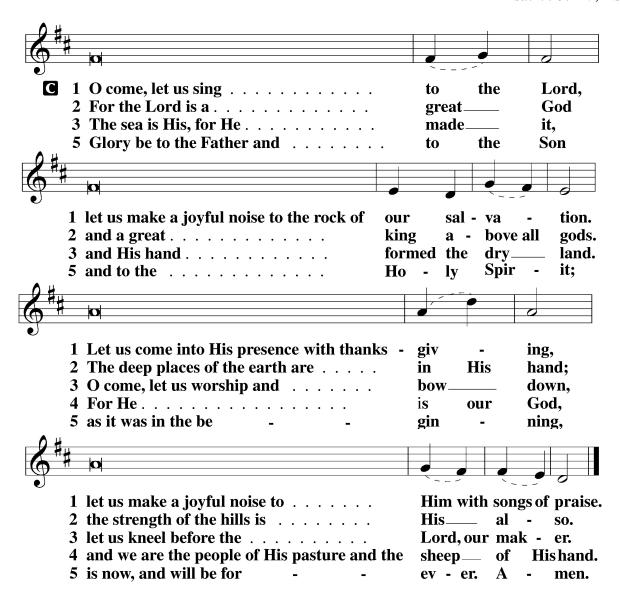
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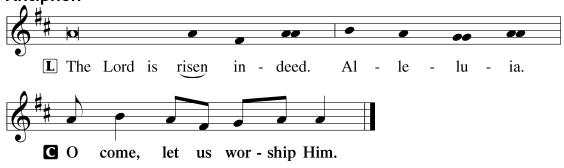
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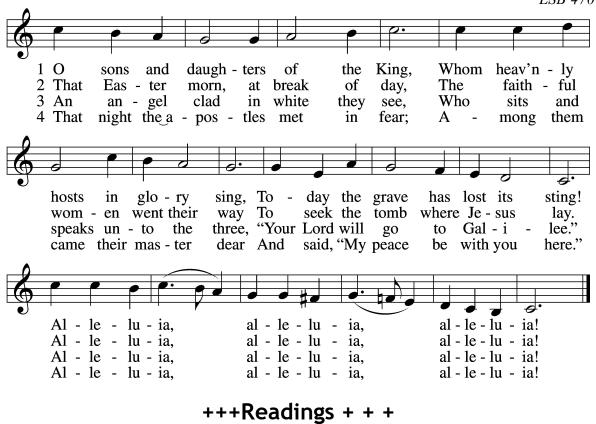




Easter Antiphon



LSB 470 sts. 1–4



First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving 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 were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 1:1—2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we 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 is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel John 20:19–31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

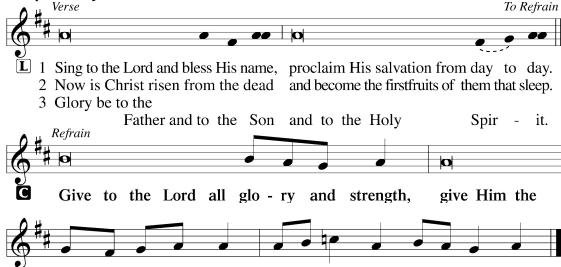
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



Psalm 96:2, 29:1–2, 1 Corinthians 15:20; LSB 222

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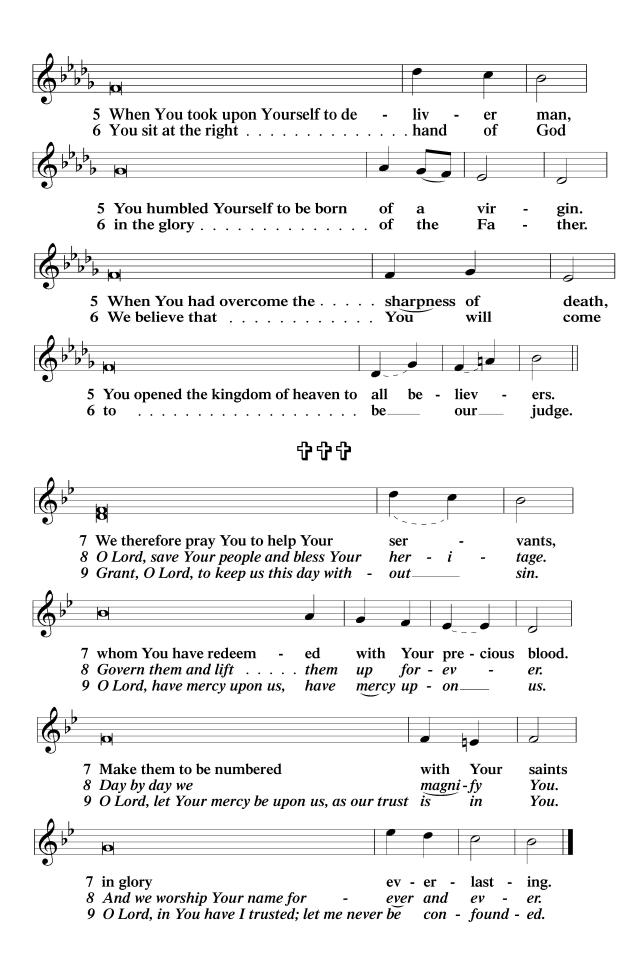
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Stand





(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, a basket has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

Mark 10:47; LSB 227



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

Collects Psalm 102:1

- P O Lord, hear my prayer.
- **C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

LSB 228

- P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Collect for Grace

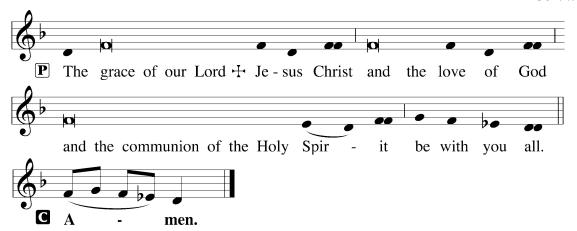
- Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

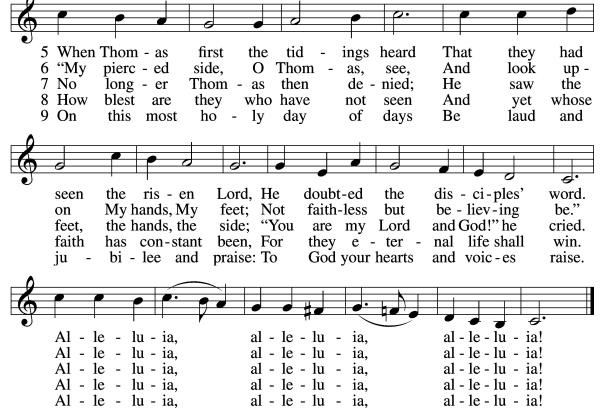
Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14



Recessional Hymn

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 470 sts. 5–9



Announcements

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the basket as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K-5th graders from Room 113.

Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 and on zoom. They are doing a character study on *Your Unshakable Identity in Christ*.

Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Shaltanis, meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30ish. This study is over the book of Mark.

Adult Instruction Class

New member adult instruction/confirmation class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons. If you would like a refresher or know someone who is interested in learning more about Lutheran beliefs, please join us this afternoon at 1:00 pm.

LWML Dal-North Spring Event for All Women

All women (high school and older) are invited to come spend an afternoon at the Spring Event at Faith Lutheran - Plano (1701 E. Park, 75074) Saturday, April 17 from 3:00 to ~6:00. Be inspired by our guest speaker presenting Lutheran Women in Witness, shop at the Spring Market (10% of all sales go to LWML mission grants), enjoy a delicious supper and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. It is sponsored by the LWML Dal-North Zone. For questions, contact Charis Bennett at charisbennett@gmail.com or 650-759-7759.

Running to Lexington

The June 24–27, 2021 LWML convention in Lexington, Kentucky, will host "Mites in Action" speakers Rev. John Carrier, Executive Director of Camp Restore Detroit. He will speak on how the Jeremiah 29:11 message (God has plans to give us hope and a future) uplifts the people of Detroit through the Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families Mission Grant. Join us as we are "Running the Race … Looking to Jesus."

amazonsmile Benefits Lord of Life

When you shop at Amazon, use the link: *http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2109773* when you log on and your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$141.22 as a result of AmazonSmile activity between October 1 and December 31, 2020! Thank you!

Community Rewards

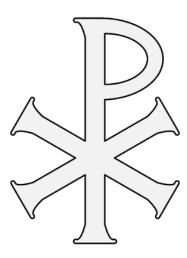
If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life (**BW594**) in their Community Rewards program, then your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This selection **must be renewed every August** (*www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards*) or it is dropped from your Kroger Plus Card – check your receipts if you're not sure where your rewards are going. We received \$53.30 from 19 households with Kroger purchases between November 27, 2020 and February 26, 2021! Thank you!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29) that even an embryo is a life worth having. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed that even becoming incapacitated or uncommunicative is a life worth living. Blessed are we who believe the Risen Savior proves every life precious!

This week on KFUO.org

Study 1 Peter 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish 2 Thessalonians and begin 1 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUO Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. Learn more at kfuo.org/sharathon!



The Chi-Rho is a Christian symbol consisting of the intersection of the capital Greek letters Chi (X) and Rho (P), which are the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek (XPI Σ TO Σ , Christos). The Chi-Rho is one of many Christograms used by Christians throughout history. A Christogram is a combination of letters used to symbolize Christ, (think: Christian Monogram.)

The Chi Rho symbol has a special relationship with the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great (ruled 306-337). Constantine had this symbol on his military standard, (known as the labarum.) While the Chi Rho was around before Constantine, it became much more prevalent afterward and continues to be widely used today.



Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God's saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

- 1. God loves you! "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- 2. You are a sinner. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- 3. God punishes sin. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).
- 4. *Jesus took our punishment*. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (**Rom. 5:8**).
- 5. Jesus rose from the dead. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3–4).
- 6. Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him. "Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30–31).
- 7. Salvation is free—a gift from God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8–9).

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko

Altar Guild: Lynda Abbott, Nancy Cawood, Laurie George, Nelda Schrank Elder: Dave Peters

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, April 11, 2021

8:00 am Early Worship Service

9:45 am Fellowship followed by Egg Hunt

10:45 am Late Worship Service

12:30 pm Masked Only Worship Service

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 pm Elders

Thursday, April 15

7:00 pm Admin Council

Next Sunday's Readings April 18, 2021

First Reading: Acts 3:11–21

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–7

Gospel: Luke 24:36–49

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Janice Sullivan and by the Elders.





About the Cover: Though Thomas believed upon the sight of the risen Christ, Jesus says that those who have not seen and yet believe are blessed. Just as John's Gospel account tells us, these events were recorded, written, preserved, and shared so that we might have faith and believe that Jesus is not only the Christ but also our Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work through the Word, the very faith of which Jesus speaks is happening today in us!