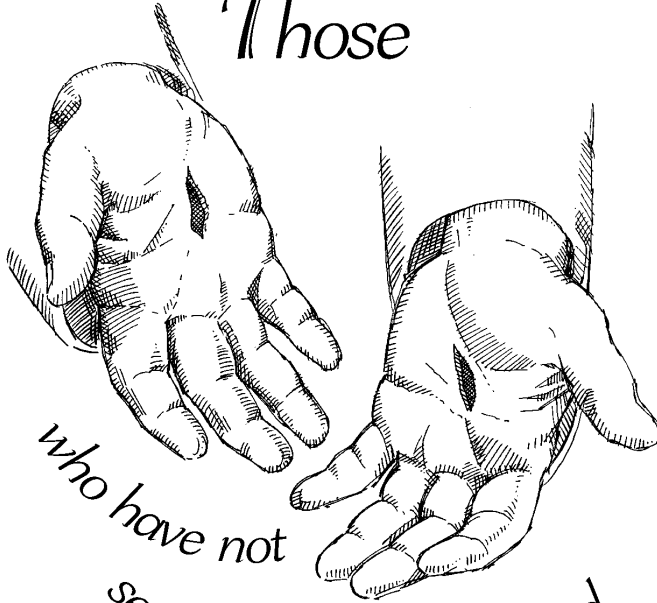


**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Blessed  
are  
Those*



*who have not  
seen and yet have believed.*

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH – LC-MS**

15250 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151

262-786-6465 ~ [www.blessedsaviorwi.org](http://www.blessedsaviorwi.org)

**Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond, Pastor**  
**DCE, Jaime L. Greene ~ Preschool Director, Jennifer L. Leinss**

## WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important.

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. Please complete the guest card found in the pew pocket and turn it in to an elder or usher.

---

**Hymn            The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

**LSB 464**

*(Stand)*

### **Invocation**

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**G** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Kyrie**

*DS4, LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast**

*DS1, LSB 155*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray. 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.**

*(Sit)*

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

#### Psalm

*Psalm 148*

- P** Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!
- C** **Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!**
- P** Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!
- C** **Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.
- C** **And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P** Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- C** **fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** **Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** **Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

**(8:00 AM) Anthem** "Rejoice, Rejoice"

*by Nancy Price & Don Besig*

**First Reading**

*Acts 4:32–35*

The 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. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*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—the 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—that 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. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But 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. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## Alleluia and Verse

DS4, LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

On 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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If 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. So 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."

Eight 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." Then 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." 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 believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but 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.

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

*(Sit)*

**Hymn            O Sons and Daughters of the King**

**LSB 470, sts. 1, 4–9**

**Sermon**

*(Stand)*

**Nicene Creed**

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**



**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

*(Following each petition, congregation responds "**hear our prayer**")*

### **Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord**

*(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory Hymn)*

**Offertory Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** *LSB 633, sts. 1, 4, 7-8*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal  
 7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
 Δ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love  
 lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

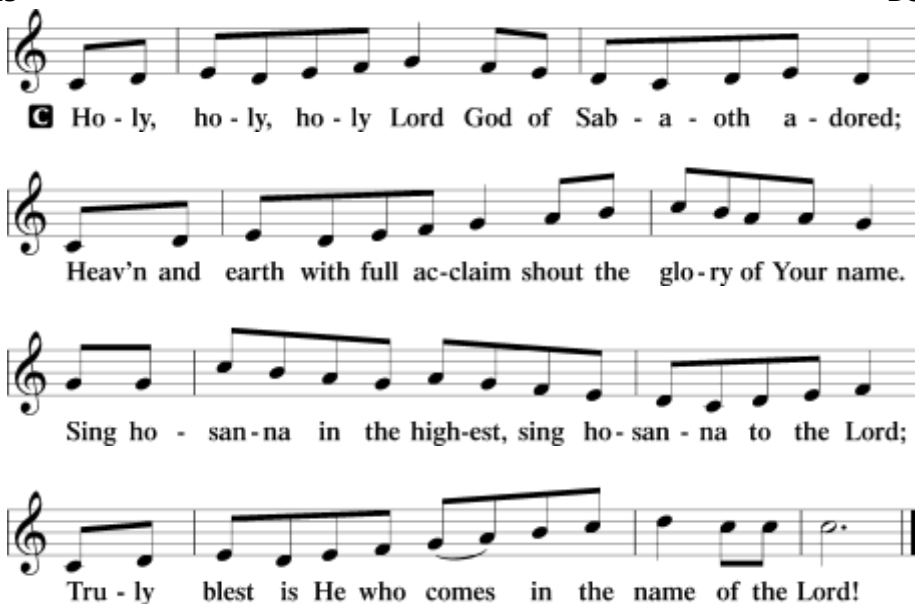
**Preface**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
  
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to

all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*DS4, LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

- G 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.**

**Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*DS4, LSB 210*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Sit)*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns**

**These Things Did Thomas Count as Real**

**LSB 472**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**LSB 849**

*(Stand)*

# Nunc Dimittis

DS4, LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**C** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**Hymn**                      **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia**

**LSB 463**

### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book  
Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard  
Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used with  
permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond

**Organist/Music Director:** Kim Woller

**Choir(s):** (8:00 AM) Adult Choir

**Lay Readers:** (6:30 PM) Paul Mathia  
(8:00 AM) Carla Herried  
(10:30 AM) Sean Malone

**Elders:** (6:30 PM) Chuck Boie, Jeff Driessen & Lee Roloff  
(8:00 AM) Dale Wachholz & Jack Welter  
(10:30 AM) Rick Krause & Craig Butzlaff

**Ushers:** (6:30 PM) Team 7 – Driessen Team  
(8:00 AM) Team 3  
(10:30 AM) Team 4 – Hurlbut Team

**Acolytes:** (8:00 AM) Samuel Jagielski  
(10:30 AM) Kaitlyn Butzlaff

**Greeters:** (8:00 AM) Dale & Lynn Wachholz  
(10:30 AM)

**Altar Guild:** Kim Hovie & Janet Steinhaus