

IN OUR PRAYERS

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4/19 Al and Sharon Boelman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/19 Olivia Olson
4/20 Bob Lutz
4/21 Mike Finkral
4/22 Katelyn Anderson

Today

9:00 Sunday school
10:00 Worship
11:00 Potluck

Monday

7:00 Bible study (Facebook)

Wednesday

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Thursday

2:00 Card Club
6:00 MOPS
6:30 Council meeting

Friday

6:30 Girl Scouts

Saturday

Women of the Word at CTS
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Next Sunday

9:00 Sunday school
10:00 Worship

Next week's readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-14
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 16, 2023 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Sanctuary" *"10,000 Reasons"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have entered this place in confident expectation.
Let us be open to the One who greets us here.
**God, who is everywhere, welcomes us here;
our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation.**
This is a special place of meeting and inspiration.
We are glad for one another in God's awesome presence.
**God tests our faith and examines our community;
our Creator gives us counsel and instructs us.**
Let us praise our God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.
Glory and honor to the One whose Spirit we receive.
**In Christ, we are born anew to a living hope.
In the Spirit's blessing, we know true peace.**

INVOCATION

You are always before us, O God, even in the midst of grievous trials. We are tested in the fires of loss and grief. We are swayed by our doubts and fears. Assure us once more that we are not alone, that you do not abandon us. Help us in our time together to focus on the pleasant places where you have led us and on the goodly heritage that is ours. We dwell secure in your caring presence. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

We turn to God once more to confess our sin, not so much because we are weighed down by guilt as because we do not often pause to consider God's will for us. We forget to think about the Source of life. We fail to contemplate the claims of Christ. We resist the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Peter calls us lawless people, responsible for the crucifixion. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we find it hard to accept blame for Jesus' death, yet we know in our hearts that we often turn away from our Savior's teaching. We fail to live as resurrection people, finding joy in each day. We pursue proofs as skeptics rather than affirming the values Christ proclaimed. Forgive our indifference and our narrow views of faithfulness. Lead us to the fullness of joy that you intend for all your children. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As God raised Jesus, we too are lifted up from death to experience new life. Let hearts be glad and tongues rejoice, for God's mercy abounds, and our salvation is already assured. We are a forgiven people, called to forgive others. It is our inheritance to live together in hope.

READINGS

Lesson 1: Acts 5:29-42 New Testament pg. 123
Psalm 148
Lesson 2: 1 Peter 1:3-9 New Testament pg. 232
Gospel: John 20:19-31 New Testament pg. 115

MESSAGE Colin Broders

"I Love You, Lord"

OFFERTORY INVITATION

How amazing are the works of God! By God's mercy, we are alive; in God's presence, we are filled with hope. One way to pass on the gift is to share our material wealth, which God entrusts to us. As we offer our substance to be blessed in service to the risen Christ, let us rededicate ourselves as well.

"Create in Me"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, by whose example giving is a blessed way of life, fill us now with the exultant joy of your love, which is more precious than gold. May we be bold to proclaim the glorious good news of salvation, with glad hearts and with deep and genuine trust. Grant us the opportunity, through these gifts and in our daily living, to lead others to a life-affirming faith, in Christ's name. Amen

COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Peace be with you as you depart to serve.
Christ sends you out as witnesses to the world.

**We have experienced God's signs and wonders.
We have known the peace Christ brings.**

Christ breathes a blessing on you;
the Holy Spirit fills you with hope and joy.

**We are equipped to share new life in Christ.
We rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.**

Wherever you go, God is beside you.
God is a present help in all you do.

**We are witnesses to resurrection power;
in thanks and praise, we proclaim salvation.**

Amen.

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"There is A Redeemer"