

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio
Second Sunday of Easter, April 11, 2021

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[Livestream Order of Service](#)

Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Prelude (8:00 & 10:30 services) *"Christ Is Alive"*

Welcome, Announcements, and Protocol

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Prelude (8:00 service) *Meditation on "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"*

Call to Worship

P: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah, the Son of God?

C: Christ is risen! Christ is here among us!

P: I do not see him. I don't believe you.

C: Christ is risen! Christ is here among us!

P: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

C: We are the body of Christ; We are Christ's hands and feet.

P: You see suffering in our county, our country, and the world.

Where is Jesus now?

C: We are going into the world as the body of Christ.

P: Let us go together. Let us partner with others.

**C: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the good news of Jesus. Let us be
the good news of Jesus!**

Gathering Hymn "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" Hymn 384 vv. 1 & 4

That Easter day with joy was bright; the
sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing
eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to
you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father
equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Prayer of the Day

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!

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen!

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:30 service)

10:30 Lector Cary Roehm

Acts 4:32-35 The Believers Share Their Possessions

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

Psalm 133 The Blessedness of Unity

R: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**C: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,**

R: on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

**C: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

R: For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

1 John 1:1-4 The Word of Life

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— ² 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— ³ 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. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

John 20:19-29 The Resurrected Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ 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.”

Message

Hymn of the Day “We Walk By Faith” Hymn 635 vv. 1 & 2

We walk by faith and not by sight; with
gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”

We may not touch your hands and side, nor
follow where you trod; but in your promise
we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Music Meditation “Love Lifted Me”

Apostles’ Creed (page 105)

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

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

The continuing 157 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- Electronically. Go to [My Offering](#) or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Luke 1:38

Holy Communion (pages 107, 109)

8:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

10: 30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

Blessing (page 114)

P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

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.

In the name of the Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

Dismissal (page 115)

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" Hymn 376 v. 1 & 2

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he
greeted thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glory, risen, conquering
Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Doxology Sung By The Congregation (8:00 service)

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

Doxology on the Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Dismissal Protocol & Dismissal

Postlude *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*