

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Quasimodo Geniti (Second Sunday of Easter) April 7th, 2024

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds **LSB 465**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit (Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.

Sing aloud to God our strength;

shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

In distress you called, and I delivered you;

I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

I am the LORD your God

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;

and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.

Kyrie* **LSB 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 154**

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

LSB 488

Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10

⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world

except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn*: Christ is Arisen

LSB 459-460

Holy Gospel*: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th 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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed*	LSB 159
Hymn of the Day: O Sons and Daughters of the King	LSB 470
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church*	
Offering	
Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own	LSB 781
Lord's Prayer	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Awake, My Heart, With Gladness	LSB 467

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What Does This Mean? The Second Sunday of Easter is known as Quasimodo Geniti. This comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the Introit, meaning, "Like newborn infants."

Hymn of the Month: Our Lutheran hymnody is beautiful and theologically rich. Spanning centuries, these hymns teach the faith and speak to every situation in life. Some of these hymns we know well and are engraved on our hearts. Other hymns, we do not know as well. Yet, this does not mean that we should not try to learn them. In order that we may better know the hymns of our faith and sing them with all boldness and confidence, a hymn will be introduced at the beginning of the month or season. The hymn for the month of April is '*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*' (LSB 467).

Easter Flowers: If you ordered Easter flowers, you may take them home after today's Divine Service.

Council Meeting: Our next Council Meeting will be on Sunday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Voters' Meeting: Our next Voters' Meeting will be on Sunday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: For centuries, the psalms have been central to the church's worship. While the language is beautiful and rich and comforting, the poetry can make the psalms a little challenging to understand and pray. So, join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am as we begin a new study on the Book of Psalms in order that we may

integrate these prayers into our daily devotions and pray them with all boldness and confidence in any time of need.

Wednesday Religion Class: As mentioned in previous weeks, members of the church are invited to attend pastor's Lutheran catechesis class in the preschool basement on Wednesday night beginning at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to review the basic tenants of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This week our focus will be on **The Sacrament of the Altar (Part 3)**

Ladies Aid Meeting: The Ladies Aid will meet on Monday, April 8th at 7:00pm. Servers are Sharon Schneider and Susan Kleiboeker. Please bring your mite boxes and your food pantry items. This month we are collecting Baby items: diapers, wipes, baby food, diaper cream, etc.

Ladies Aid Spring Retreat: A reminder that Spring Retreat is Saturday, April 20, at Camp Wartburg. Information, including the registration form, may be found on the LWML SID website. If you have not yet sent in your registration to meet the March 20 deadline, please email Mary Gray at mgray4327@gmail.com that you plan to attend and mail your registration form and payment as soon as possible.

Huey, Ferrin, Boulder Fire Dept. Pork Chop Dinner: The HFB Fire Dept. will be serving their 22nd annual pork chop dinner **TODAY, Sunday, April 7th, 2024 from 11:00am-2:00pm.** This will be drive thru only. Tickets are \$14.00.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Issues Etc.: This Week: Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

Monday 7:00pm Ladies Aid Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00pm–7:30pm Religion

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