

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Piano sonata in c-sharp minor, Mov. I" Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! *Luke 24:34*
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us. *John 20:19, 21*
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, *Rev. 1:8*
the Lord who was and is and is to come.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rom. 8:26*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Acts 2:17, 21*
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #254 PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of our salvation,
answer us with grace.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INSTALLATION: SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27*

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED *1 Pet. 4:7-11*

INVITATION TO OFFERING *1 John 3:17*

OFFERTORY "Courante in c minor" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*
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.

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32 N.T. page 91

PSALM Psalm 16 O.T. page 384

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 N.T. page 183

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 N.T. page 88

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *1 Cor. 15:1-2*

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "See, What a Morning" Getty / Townend;
arr. Greer

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
"The Definite Plan and Foreknowledge of God"

+**HYMN:** GTG #239 GELOBT SEI GOTT
"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

+**BLESSING** *1 John 4:13-16*
... abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

+**CHARGE** *1 John 3:23*
... just as he has loved us. **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION "My Savior's Love" (verse 3) MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

POSTLUDE "Passacaglia" Handel

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Nancy Sue MacDonald
Greeters: Vicki Drown and Rick Cote
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#31. Antioch:

As the church in Antioch grows quickly, Barnabas fetches Saul to help him shepherd it. The followers of Jesus earn the name “Christians.” (Acts 11:19-30) (c. AD 47)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 66. What do you affirm when you speak of “the communion of saints”?

All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven, are “saints.” Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by his death he removed our separation from God, so by his Spirit he removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, he makes us, who are many, one body in himself. The ties that bind us in Christ are deeper than any other human relationship.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

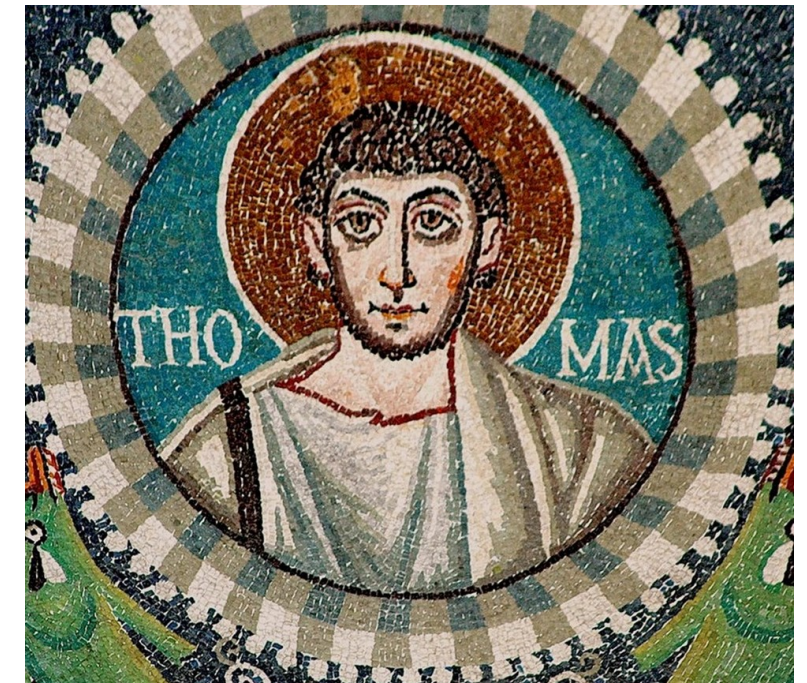
Today	<i>The Chosen</i> adult study	11:15 am
	Confirmation Class	11:15 am
Tuesday	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:15 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Andrew Pinches Apr. 16
Sally Trout Apr. 18
Calvin Hammond Apr. 22

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Thomas the Apostle
Detail of a mosaic in the Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy
6th century

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*