The Second Sunday of Easter
75th Anniversary of Village Lutheran Church
April 11, 2021
Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper  We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:
Strength and healing  Alison (friend of Charlotte), Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Betty, Brian, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Dan, David, Dick, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Fred, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Janie, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), Jim, John (friend of Charlotte), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Millie (friend of Alan & Judy), Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack);  Our homebound members;  Those who rejoice;  Those who mourn;  For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah;  Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families;  All Seminary students and Washington University students that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ;  All missionaries, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic);  For the community in which we live, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions;  Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.

Serving Us Today

Celebrant:  Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, DD
Assistants:  Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD; Vicar Michael Stainbrook
Crucifer:  Seminarian Jonathan Lackey (8:15); Felix Johnson (10:45)
Altar Guild:  Pat Gilbert and Marilyn Daughnetee

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.
Stand and face the cross at the entrance of the nave.

Hymn of Invocation

1 Christ is our corner stone, On Him alone we build;

2 Here may we gain from heav’n The grace which we implore,

3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;

With His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled. On His And may that grace, once giv’n, Be with us evermore Until Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called above. proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

Confession and Absolution

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.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
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 *I* Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house
and the place where your | glory dwells.

Blessèd are you, O LORD, the God of | Israel
our father, forever and | ever.
Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the | majesty,*
for all that is in the heavens and in the | earth is yours.
Yours is the kingdom, | O LORD,*
and you are exalted as head a- | bove all.
And now we thank you, | our God,*
and praise your | glorious name.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.
A Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

G Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

C Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
Let us pray.
Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Choir: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
   and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
   your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, God;
   may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
   for you rule the peoples with equity
   and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God;
   may all the peoples praise you.
The land yields its harvest;
   God, our God, blesses us.
May God bless us still,
   so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

1 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—
   2 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—
   3 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.

4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 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.

6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 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.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 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.

2 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.
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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day; Christ has burst His prison
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splendor,
4 For to-day among His own Christ appeared, bestowing
5 Alleluia! Now we cry To our King im-mortal,

God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;
His deep peace, which ever-more Passes human knowing,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!

Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.
From His light, to whom is given Laud and praise undying.
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

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Sermon

Stand
Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:
Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.
Lord’s Prayer

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.

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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit
O Sons and Daughters of the King

1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’n-ly hosts in glo-ry sing, Today the grave has lost its sting!
2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faith-ful wom-en went their way To seek the tomb where Je-sus lay.
3 An an-gel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks un-to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal-i-lee.”
4 That night the a-pos-tles met in fear; Among them came their mas-ter dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; “You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
2 Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;
3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
5 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free.

The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above,
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Stand

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Christ Has Been Raised from the Dead. Alleluia!

1 Cor 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:-9-11, ESV

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.
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 A - men.
All: 1 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Men: 2 Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;

Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
Everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

Women: 4 A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Choir: 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

All: 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!
Servants of the Word

Celebrant  Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, DD
Assistants  Pastor Kevin S. Golden, PhD; Vicar Michael Stainbrook
Organist  Jacob Weber
Choir Director  Luther Gulseth
Choir  Village Lutheran Anniversary Choir
Musicians  Jacob Weber, organ
          Dustin Shrum, trumpet
          Travis Knapp, trumpet
          Jim Schneeberg, trombone
          Rev. Michael Meyer, trombone

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Seasonal Insight: White and gold paraments and vestments proclaim the victory of Christ along with the purity He delivers to us.

Church & Pandemic: What can we learn from the past year? The April 18, 9:30 am adult Bible study will take up that topic with theological perspective. Pastor Golden will set forth biblical principles that guided us and offer lessons learned for the future. Time will also be given for Q&A.

Katie Luther: The LWML National Convention will be June 24–27 in Lexington, Kentucky! The theme is “Running the Race . . . Looking to Jesus”, with the theme verse of Hebrews 12:1–2. This is still an in-person event. Registration information is available online at lwml.org. For further details, see Hannah Jackson, who plans to attend. Those not attending in person may watch parts of the Convention live-streamed.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, MO, a smaller family church, is seeking a substitute pianist for Sunday worship and occasional mid-week worship, funerals, etc. This position may grow into a regular once-a-month Sunday worship accompanist and if desired, the possibility of choir accompanist at weekly practices and once-a-month Sunday worship performances. Familiarity with Lutheran liturgies and hymns would be helpful but not necessary. Salary is negotiable based on proficiency, education, and experience. If interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact the church office at 314-291-2395 or ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net

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John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.
Sunday, April 11:
8:15 AM  Divine Service
9:30 AM  Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM  Divine Service

Monday, April 12:
5:00 PM  Board of Ed
6:00 PM  Board Meetings
7:15 PM  Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 13:
6:00 PM  Lifelight
7:00 PM  Quarterlife

Wednesday, April 14:
4:00 PM  Schola Cantorum
5:00 PM  Youth
7:00 PM  Adult Choir

Thursday, April 15:
9:30 AM  Women’s Bible Study

Friday, April 16:
6:30 AM  Men’s Bible Study

Sunday, April 18:
8:15 AM  Divine Service
9:30 AM  Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM  Divine Service
12:00 PM  Youth Service Project

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