

April 19, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**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 for** Allan, Jan, Luke, Nancy (friend of Penny Robinson), John Bosman (friend of Charlotte Hastings), Jackson Davis (grandson of Scott & Cheryl Davis), Jim & Penny DeYoung (friends of Bill & Debra Trowbridge), Alison Hawkins (friend of Charlotte Hastings), Stephanie Jones, Dick Jostes, Valerie Klobnak (wife of Jack Klobnak), Fred Kummer, Bruce Lackey (father of Jonathan Lackey), John Molloy (friend of Sharon Slingerland), Dorine Moore, Dan Mort, London Polite (friend of Linn Chew), Peter Pranschke, Preston Polmbus (nephew of Judy Harris), Darrel Sauer, Doris Sewing, Elizabeth Sprehe, Tom Stark, Maggie Weiss (friend of Stephanie Jones); **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 Magness (Francophone Africa), Rev. David & Jennifer Preus (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah Krey (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed due to the pandemic.**

### **Serving Us Today**

Liturgist: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD

Sermon: Vicar Daniel Greg

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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 T 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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
Wel - come in un-wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 5:29–42*

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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.”  
<sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

# O Sons and Daughters of the King

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1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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!

## Sermon

*1 Peter 1:3-9 - The Resurrection Life*

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**C 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

**P Lord, in Your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

*LSB 700*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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## Benediction

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

## **Acknowledgments**

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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.

**Easter Lilies:** Lilies were placed in the chancel for Easter to the Glory of God by: Kathy Colter in memory of her loving husband John, and in memory of her sister Betty Colter and her father Otto Kosfeld; Marilyn Daughhetee; Anna Lea Kerckhoff in praise of Christ's resurrection; Lois Kosfeld in memory of Otto Kosfeld, Betty Cotner and John Colter; Coryln Lindenberg in memory and honor of all her relations; Carol Martin in memory of her husband Ronald Martin, and in memory of Jacquelyn Martin Muegge and Dara Brown Fowler; Terri Nowell in memory of her grandmother Shirley, her mother Sharon, and her sister Kim.

**Calling All Graduates:** The May edition of the Village Voice will recognize members graduating from high school, college, and graduate programs. If you have not already done so, please share with Pastor Golden from when you are graduating and your plans for the coming year.

**LWML Book Donations:** THANK YOU to everyone who planned to donate to Katie Luther League's book collection for Humanitri! We are still taking books, but understand that bringing them into church is not advised now. Therefore, we will continue the collection until at least two weeks after worship services resume at Village. Though this was not our original plan; we trust God and His timing. Thanks be to God!

**The Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary and the Benefactor Fund** help to assist those residents whose financial resources have been depleted with no fault of their own. With spiraling health care costs, there is a growing gap between the amount Medicaid pays the Laclede Groves Care Center for eligible residents and the actual cost of their care. The LCH Benefactor Fund helps bridge this gap and as in the past you can make a difference too. Please give prayerful consideration to the LCH Benefactor Fund. Make checks payable to: LCH Benefactor Fund and mail to 723 S. Laclede Station Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119.

**CFNA:** Most new Americans have entry level jobs and several have been laid off or have had their hours significantly reduced. Additionally, they are experiencing rising food bills since the school system is no longer providing breakfast and lunch for their children. Through the help of area congregations providing much needed assistance, Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) is reaching out to these distressed families. CFNA will match your financial gift. Click on the website [cfna-stl.org](http://cfna-stl.org), then on *COVID-19 Assistance Fund*, and then the *DONATE* button.

**This week on KFUA AM850 & kfuo.org**, dig into the book of Romans on Sharper Iron with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue in the book of Revelation with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear curious theological discussion with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (4/20 at 2:00 p.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!

**1 Peter 1:3b-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”** We have waiting for us an inheritance – a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting; they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.

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## Sunday, April 19:

8:15 AM Worship service to be watched or listened at home at any time  
9:30 AM Bible study to be watched or listened at home at any time

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