

## Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

April 7, 2024

### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

**Prelude** - *O Sons and Daughters of the King* (Hymn # 317) - Jean Langlais

**Introit** - *Rejoice! Rejoice!* - Stan Pethel

#### **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

**From the heavens and in the heights!**

Whose name alone is exalted,

**Whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

**Opening Hymn No. 317\*\*** (vv 1, 6-9) – *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!*

*The King of heaven, the glorious King,*

*o'er death and hell rose triumphing.*

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard,*

*how they had seen the risen Lord,*

*he doubted the disciples' word.*

*(Refrain)*

*"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;*

*my hands, my feet, I show to thee;*

*not faithless but believing be."*

*(Refrain)*

*No longer Thomas then denied;*

*he saw the feet, the hands, the side;*

*"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.*

*(Refrain)*

*How blest are they who have not seen,*

*and yet whose faith hath constant been,*

*for they eternal life shall win.*

*(Refrain)*

#### **Invocation**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

#### PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 19:7-10; 14

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

#### **Gloria Patri** (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### **Anthem** - *Jesus, I Am Resting* - Benjamin Harlan

*Jesus! I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For, by Thy transforming power,  
Thou hast made me whole.*

*Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, and fills its every need,  
Crowns my life with daily blessings:  
Thine is love indeed!*

*Ever lift Thy face upon me  
As I watch and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace.  
God's Word for Young Disciples*

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-12

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

**Sermon** - *Instruments of Peace: Christ Against Culture*

Pastor Jon Priebe

**RESPONSE**

*The people of God respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response No. 314\*\*** - *In the Garden*

I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing.  
(Refrain)

I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling.  
(Refrain)

**Baptism**

**Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory** - *Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing* - Paul Manz

**Doxology**

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.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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. Amen.

**Communion** (Hymnal p. 13)

## SENDING FORTH

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith*

**Hymn No. 310\*\*** - He Lives

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** - *Improvisation on Victamae Paschali* - Charles Tournemire

*"Let Christians offer sacrificial praises to the passover victim. The lamb has redeemed the sheep: The Innocent Christ has reconciled the sinners to the Father. Death and life contended in a spectacular battle: the dead leader of life reigns alive."*



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given**

in honor of Linda Demeter's birthday, by Joe Demeter;  
in honor of the Epworth Choir, by Pat Richwine.

**Service Music:** Chancel Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

## Next Steps

### Christ And Culture

Is it a sin for a Christian to \_\_\_\_\_?

*Matthew 5:1* – The Sermon on the Mount is a form of \_\_\_\_\_

It's tempting to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves as \_\_\_\_\_ other Christians

### Instruments of Peace

vs. 9 - A peacemaker \_\_\_\_\_ “why” rather than who is “\_\_\_\_\_”

Lord, let me not \_\_\_\_\_ to be understood, but to \_\_\_\_\_

Questions for Reflection: Have you even defined yourself as not like those other Christians? What labels or behaviors do you use when making these distinctions? How might you seek to understand why those other Christians think differently than you?

Question for Discussion: What parts of Francis's prayer are the easiest for you to pray and practice? What parts are harder to follow through on?

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:24 – *“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”*

Readings for this Week: Acts 17:16-34, Galatians 3:19-29, Romans 12:9-21

## CHURCH NOTES

**Being Baptized Today: Jonathan Kaladin Rogalski**, son of Mark and Anna (Lehman) Rogalski.

**Church Closed:** The church building will be closed tomorrow, April 8.

**Home Concert TONIGHT!** This evening at 7:00 p.m. the Epworth Choir will present their annual home concert featuring music from throughout the year and also the Lenten Sketches by Joseph Martin with a large orchestral ensemble. Come support the youth of our church!

**We Need You!** The International Welcome Center is a local agency that works with the State department to resettle refugees. This year, they'll begin welcoming six to eight families whose refugee status has been granted. We're being asked to provide a team of 4-6 people who are willing to welcome these new persons to the US and journey with them as they make their house a home, find a job, and get their children enrolled in school. Email Pastor Pippin (fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com) right away if you are interested in being part of this team!

**New Handbell Choir:** Do you love seeing the handbells on Sunday mornings? Here is your chance to play them. Dean Wagner is putting together a new handbell choir for beginning to intermediate players. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 6 - 6:45 p.m. The beginning date yet to be determined. Please contact Dean at Ext. 221 or email him at [hdwagnerfumc@gmail.com](mailto:hdwagnerfumc@gmail.com). <mailto:hdwagnerfumc@gmail.com>

**Annual Golf Outing:** It is time to mark your calendars again for the 18th Annual Bud Mills Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the Epworth tour of 2025. The outing is at Brookledge again on June 22 at 1:30. You may play in the event for \$90. We will be seeking hole and cart sponsors as well at the \$150 and \$25 levels. As always, we thank you for your support in this our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please feel free to share this with the other churches.

**Chess Camp is returning this year!** The program for children going into grades K and up will run in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the week of June 24 – 28. Beginners through advanced chess players are all welcome for a cost of \$25. This will include lunch each day. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center, in the church office and on our website.

**Work Camp:** Each year a group of adults and youth from First Church go to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. There they take on projects for the folks who live there: painting, roofing, repairing. Helping these folks is a wonderfully rewarding experience. This year Work Camp will take place June 2 - 8. If you are interested in going, or just want more information, please contact Jack Steele at 330-697-8344.

**Volunteer Groups:** In February, Pastor Jon shared that we had begun some discussions with our neighbors on Church Square (St. John's Episcopal and First Christian) about collaborating more closely and potentially redeveloping the block to more faithfully and effectively meet the needs of our community. We are ready to begin some of these conversations in earnest this spring and summer. We will have three teams of members of each congregation; a Prayer Team, an Admin/Legal Team, and a Real Estate Re-Development Team. So that each congregation is represented equally in the groups, we may not be able to bring everyone on yet who is interested. There will be more places to provide input as the project would proceed this fall. However, if you

are interested in participating in the groups forming this spring, please let me know at fallsfirstjon@gmail.com.

**Calling All Seniors!** If you or your child is a senior in high school, please call the church office and let us know so that we don't miss honoring someone on Senior Sunday - May 19.

**Grief Group Forming:** Have you recently or not so recently experienced the loss of a loved one and are looking for support? We are forming a grief recovery group this summer. Please express your interest to Pastor Pippin or by calling the church office.

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**MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:**

Scott Adie	Jim Henes
Bob Ahonen	Jack Holforty
Debbie Amundsen	Kathy Jackson
Jim Beebe	Lew King
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Lee Minier
Don Corbett	Kathi Sawyer
Mary Griest	Bonnie Shultz
John Gullion	Karen & Michael Taucher
	Ken Tunstall

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Paul Waller and family on the death of his father, Dr. Forrest Waller on 3/31.

Jen LaFleur and family on the death of her mother, Diane Weaver on 4/3.

Family of member Jack Holforty on his death on 3/27.

Kathy Gerhardt on the death of her sister, Sue Weber Pobanz on 3/25.