

He is not here,
but has risen

LUKE 24:5



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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 186 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

Our Communion is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors.

*Today we welcome into the St. Paul's Congregation:
Keith, Christine, Julianna and Jacob Kates
Joseph and Annie Molenda and their daughter Margaret Grace
Garrett Jones and daughter Indiana Belle.*

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Wearing a mask while in worship is optional.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

Communion Procedure:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle (about 8 adults per side).*
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).*
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.*
- 6. Consume the communion host before you leave the chancel edge.*
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.*
- 8. Consume the wine.*
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30AM

PRELUDE *Fanfare on The Strife Is O'er* George J. Simmons
 Fanfare on Thaxted "O God beyond All Praising" Kevin Hildebrand

Stand

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

10:30 AM **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Reception of New Members**

HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* setting by Craig Phillips



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43

(back cover)

10:30 AM CHOIR

Psalm 118:1-2, 14, 24

setting by Peter R. Hallock

Sung by the choir

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-25

(back cover)

Stand

VERSE

Sung by all

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON

Pastor Reep

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory

setting by Robert Hobby



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay,
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

8:00 AM NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Lord God, give church leaders and all the baptized the desire to proclaim your abundant life in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Empower government agencies and international organizations to provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way (*especially Katie Guyer, Eddie Turner, Gloria Kendrick, Amy Hollis, Heidi Glaudel, Orven Cook, Shirley Pomeroy, Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, James Young, Peggy Novotny, Deirdre McManama, Drew Herdson, Porter Stacey, Courtney Snell, and the family and*

loved ones of Morgan Lanzalotti). Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you (*especially*).
Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

10:30 AM CHOIR *Alleluia! Our Hearts and Voices Raise* Michael Joseph

Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

Sung by Pastor and congregation

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.
In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:

his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb,

his ascension to the seat of power,

and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in
beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,

that we and all who share in this bread and cup

may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,

and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor
and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 and ever. Amen

FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed
yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

Sung by all.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

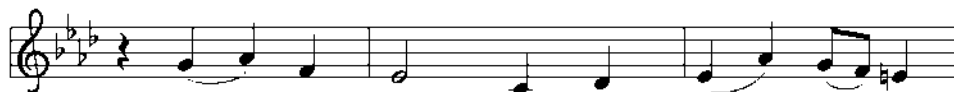


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises* setting by Michael Burkhardt



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. All powerful and ever-living God, in the Eucharist we celebrate the Mystery of Faith. By this Easter Sacrament, renew in us the gift of faith in the New Life it promises. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

setting by Jayne Southwick Cool



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim fill



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God,
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died,
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Symphonie V Toccata

Charles Marie Widor

*If you have sponsored Easter flowers
 you may take them home after the 10:30 AM service.
 Thank you for contributing to the beauty of our worship space.*

MUSICIANS

Christopher Hutton, Trumpet I
 Alexander Hutton, Trumpet II
 Amelia Reep, French Horn
 Ryan Shuey, Trombone I
 Caitlin Joloin, Tuba
 Richard Wagner, Timpani

A special thank-you is extended to all cantors and choir
 who served during Holy Week and Easter Services.

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
 in memory of Josephine M. Cushner, John Cushner, M.D. and Mary R. Maxwell by
 Joanne Cushner Debes and Family
 And in loving memory of William S. & Hazel Eisenhart by son Christopher Eisenhart*



Altar Flowers will once again be gracing our worship space now that Lent has passed. The Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board has the sign-up sheet to sponsor flowers for available dates for the year. Many Sundays are still available! Cost is \$30 per vase.

Next Sunday—Spring Garden Band Concert with Victor Fields, Organist at St. Paul’s, 3:00 PM. A free-will offering will be taken.

The Rite of Confirmation—Sunday May 1, 2022 during the 10:30 AM liturgy. Those students confirming their faith in Christ Jesus are: Emma Castro, Tanner Culp, Riley Jones, Allen Reep, and David Zart, Jr. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important day in the life of our congregation.

Join us on May 8th, Mother’s Day, when the York College Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Grace Muzzo, will perform during the 10:30 AM service.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Acolytes	Communion Assts.	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
4/17 Easter	Early	Jennifer Ports	Tony Culp	Lois Ann Schroeder	Tanner & Parker Culp	Ken Hinkle Ann Ulrich	Bob Reed , Ron Riese	Pat Scarborough Kathleen Lemke
	Late	Tristan Ericson	Riley Jones	Peggy Jacobs	Jaclyn Kinkella Allen Reep	Janet Fitch Larry Becker	Dave Kopp , Carol Woodbury, Sandy Dickensheets	Sandy Dickensheets Tonya Cave

Dedicated to the Glory of God . . .

Victor Fields
Fred & Elinor Rosenmiller
Pat & Gary Van Nattan



In Honor of . . .

Gibson, Marty Golden, Tom & Donna Crane by Kirsten & Sammy Barnes
Our Children and Grandchildren by Mike and Becky Bingham
My grandchildren, Alexis & Tom Heistand and Daniel, Ryan & Brynn Butler by June Heistand
Our children, Anna, Drew, and Paula by Nicki & Scott Herdson
Our Children and Grandchildren by Earline & Frank Jones
Our Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren by Harold & Donita Sargeant
My Great Grandchildren Jordan, Spencer, Nicholas, Emily by Norma Spencer
The Waddail Family by Pat & Gary Van Natten
The Baptism of our granddaughter, Indiana Belle (Nina) Jones by Kem & Cindy Vaught

In Loving Memory Of . . .

Alice Vinik, Mildred & Jim Blake, Catherine Becker, Margaret Griffin and Ruth Moyer by Kirsten & Sammy Barnes
Our Fathers, Dave Boyer and Ronald Becker by Deb & Larry Becker
Our Parents and Grandparents by Mike and Becky Bingham
Josephine M. Cushner, John J. Cushner, MD, and Mary R. Maxwell by Jo Anne Cushner Debes and Family
Robert & Thelma Delancey by their family (Diaczun).
Donald Heistand by Mark Heistand
My mother, Paula Kassolis by Nicki Herdson
Parents; Kenneth & Ruth Hinkle, Frances & Delores Ports and Sisters; Sandra Hinkle, Dorinda Hinkle and Susan Holtry by Ken Hinkle and Jennifer Ports
Our loved ones by Earline & Frank Jones
Grandparents; Elmer & Adela Schmidt, Grandmother; Margaret Diggs, Aunt; Martha Gomez Llorente, and Mother-in-Law; Rosa Fernandez by Tina Llorente
Richard T. & Margie Martin, Michael T. Martin, Sandy & Dale Shellenberger, Wilfert & Viola Wildasin; James & Julia Martin by Tom Martin
Our Son, Chris Poster by Michael & Nancy Poster
Martha A. Wysocki & Allen W. Reep by the Reep Family
Robert & Mary Reifsteck by Cheryl Reifsteck
Our Parents, Walter H. and Helen M. Riese, and Edward W. and Savinah Brenneman by Doris and Richard Riese
Our Parents by Norma & Ronald Riese
My Mother, Thelma Nace, by Pat Rudacille
Our Parents, Harold & Grace Sargeant, and Donald & Bertha Spencer by Harold and Donita Sargeant
Gene R. & Neil Shue by Norma Shue
My Husband, Don G. Spencer; and Son, Alan Ely Spencer and sister, Evelyn Ely Loyd by Norma Ely Spencer
Mary & Henry Weikert, Lois & Vernon Bull, and Ben Stauffer from the Weikert Family
My Parents, Emily & Bill Kain by Carol Woodbury

“Hurry” they tell me.

“You have the remote control Dad. Skip the recap.”

This is sound advice if you are powering through one episode after another of your favorite TV show. Or coming out of lock down where you survived by learning how to give yourself over to binge watching. In those instances skipping the recap makes total sense. But in a former time when an entire week elapsed since you sat down, settled into a comfortable chair to view a TV show, the caption displayed across the bottom left of the screen “Previously” can be incredibly helpful. The recap, the “previously,” provides significant plot details to help you enter into the current story; they jog your memory, fill you in, and bring you up to date.

“Previously” during last week’s gospel reading Jesus was crucified along with two thieves. Darkness came over the whole land. Jesus breathed his last. Bystanders were horrified by the crucifixion. And a group of Jesus’ acquaintances including the women; Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and others who shall remain nameless, stood off at a distance watching. Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate, the Roman Governor, for the body of Jesus. It was removed from the cross, wrapped in linen cloth and laid in a tomb. The women saw all of this and then they made a beeline to prepare spices and ointments before the sun went down. The Sabbath was beginning and they were running out of daylight. Add to that their devout religious convictions; none of this work would be done on the Sabbath. Sabbath was a day of rest; a day of rest even amidst grief and sadness. *“On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.”* And that is where the story left off.

“Come on Mom, it’s starting” the kids shout out, knowing that their mother is off in the kitchen preparing snacks to enjoy during the show. And the recap has ended displaying the powerful images of the previous week. “It’s starting” they exclaim!

But on the first day of the week, the Sabbath is now over, and a new week is beginning, the story resumes. The women having prepared everything possible before sundown are off to the cemetery to anoint the body of Jesus. There is no time to spare. One complete day lost because of the perplexing circumstance surrounding the sentencing and crucifixion of Jesus plus the Sabbath observance. Not letting another moment slip past they are off at the first morning light carrying spices to the tomb. Upon their arrival the stone is rolled away, the tomb is open and empty. They are now doubly perplexed. And if this isn’t enough, suddenly two men in dazzling cloths stand beside them moving them from perplexed too terrified.

“Remember” said the men in dazzling cloths. Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

It was early dawn, perhaps too early to do much remembering. The women were completing their burial duty. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women. Their minds focused on the task at hand. They were not prepared for what they found! They were not prepared for what they didn’t find either! The stone was rolled away from the tomb, they weren’t prepared for that. When they went in, they didn’t find Jesus’ body, they weren’t prepared for that either.

They were perplexed and terrified. These are descriptive words. These are adrenalin pumping, head spinning, heart racing words. These are words that break into the quiet of the garden cemetery, the quiet of the morning sunrise, the quiet of the burial ritual. They stand looking down, awe struck, dumbfounded. “*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember.*” The men in dazzling cloths interject a “recap” a “previously” sort of moment. “Remember,” that was what was asked of the women. Remember.

We gather on this Easter morning, an entourage of faithful, loyal, devout followers being asked to remember. To remember what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We have relived those last events in his earthly life over the past week. We remember the great lengths to which God goes in order to reach us who are, were perishing. We gather to remember what God is doing for us right now in the Risen Christ whose Spirit envelops us and breathes life into us. We remember that we are a community, formed for relationship with God and one another, a community in which to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving. And, we gather to remember what God promises to do for us and for all who believe. We are given a future that is beyond human comprehension and it starts with this new day, the day of resurrection.

Because Jesus has fulfilled God’s plan, the disciples, who first think that the news told them by the women coming from the tomb is utter nonsense; they are commissioned to preach repentance and forgiveness. This is the same message of grace that is proclaimed to us. It is proclaimed in the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning for Indiana Belle and Margaret Grace. This message permeates our lives, in times of grief, in the stillness of the break of a new day, when we don’t understand, or when we think that the whole thing is utter nonsense. Our sins are forgiven by the one who was handed over to sinful humans and was crucified and on the third day was raised.

I do not know what brought you here this morning, but I do know that in Christ Jesus you are forgiven and are given a new day, the first day in a week, a month, a year, a lifetime. You might not be prepared for such good news. You might not even know how to respond to such grace, mercy and love announced to you. The women first proclaimed it to the eleven disciples and they did not how to respond to such news either. The recap this morning is to remember the depth of God’s love and compassion for you and for all people. God does not desire us to be perplexed and terrified in life, but through remembering the events surrounding his Son’s suffering, death, and resurrection to live life amazed. Amazed at what happened on that early dawn when the women took spices to the tomb, amazed that the Risen Christ is among us today, amazed that he comes to us in Baptism’s Word and Water and in communion’s Bread and Wine. And we remember.

Don’t be too quick to skip the recap. It may be what is needed for you to remember a fuller more complete understanding of whose you are. That “previously” provides essential details of the story to assist us as we engage with the advancing plot. Previously; Jesus, Lord, Savior, Teacher, Healer, told us *that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.*” The two men in dazzling cloths announced it to the women. The women told it to the apostles. And through them we remember his words. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

or **Isaiah 65:17-25** [not printed]

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

or **Acts 10:34-43** [see First Reading]

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

or **John 20:1-18** [not printed]

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.

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