

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers

and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

GATHERING SONG *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* (ELW 860)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (*Ps. 118:28*)

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works ¹ of the LORD. R**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun- ¹ ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- ¹ ver to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.**

²⁰ “This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
here the righ- ¹ teous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation. R**

²² The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the ¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! ¹ O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros- ¹ per our days! R**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house ¹ of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has giv- ¹ en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners ¹ of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and ¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I ¹ will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹ LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- ¹ dures forever. R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Revelation.

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

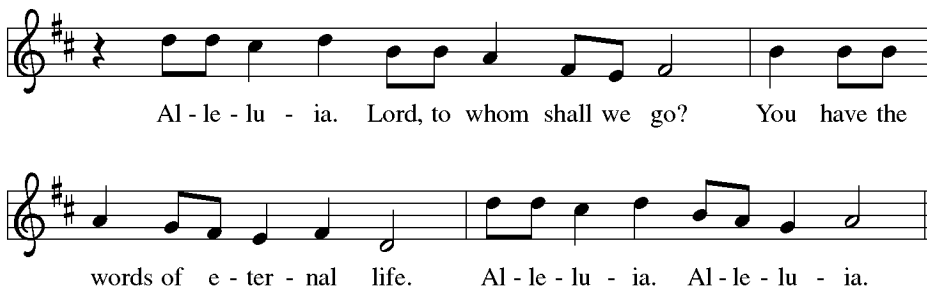
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The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to

them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (ELW 384)

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.
**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across ideological differences. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27, 2025

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Courtney Van Fossen to the Glory of God.
The Bulletins are sponsored today by Irene Wenner in honor of Loved Ones.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00- 2:00
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	2nd Sunday of Easter Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	7:00PM	Fermenting our Faith(Circa 1898)
Thursday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	3 rd Sunday of Easter Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

Thank You: A special thank you to our Liturgist, Kurt Steigerwalt and Nora Oswald who will be sharing the message today in Pastor Tony's absence.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY April 26 to May 3

04/26 Ann Marie Watkins

04/27 Ervin Haupt Jr

04/29 Leandra Kenny

04/29 Ella Pepper

04/29 Denise Rhyder

05/01 Bryn Schleicher

05/01 James Schleicher

05/01 Austin Stuckley

05/02 McKenzie Bowman

05/02 James Koch

05/02 Judd Schleicher

05/03 Grayson Ayers

05/03 Avery Ceykovsky

05/03 Fay Hunsicker

05/03 Trell Schleicher

2025 Flower & Bulletin Chart: The flower and bulletin charts for 2025 are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone interested in sponsoring a date. The cost to sponsor is \$25 for flowers and \$13 for bulletins.

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125.

Cookbook: The fundraising team would like to have your favorite recipe to put together a Dinkey Memorial cookbook. Please give the recipe with your name on it to Karen Schleicher or drop off at the office by Sunday, May 11, 2025. There will be a section for Breakfast, Appetizers, Beverages, Soups, Salads, Vegetables, Main Dishes, Game, Breads, Rolls, Desserts, Miscellaneous.

Vacation Bible School: The time is now for us to plan VBS for Summer 2025, however, we are in need of help. If you are able to help in any way with coordinating, teaching, assisting in the classroom, planning snacks or games, or teaching music, please speak with Pr. Tony. Let's make this VBS another wonderful experience for our children!

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; \$12 for a dozen original glazed or a half dozen special order (chocolate iced, lemon filled, raspberry filled or cream filled). Orders due by May 5, 2025, pickup on May 14, 2025 from 1-3PM. Sign up sheet in back of church.

Family Promise: Family Promise invites you to the Dedication of the Drury Family Community Resource Center on April 30, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at 140 W. Mill Street, Nesquehoning, PA.

Noah: A reminder for those who signed up for the bus trip on May 7, 2025. The bus will leave at 7:45 AM from Dinkey Memorial. You can bring snacks on the bus and there is a restroom in the back. The bus will return to the church around 6:30 PM

Fermenting our Faith: Join us on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 7:00 PM at Circa 1898 to explore our faith in a relaxed setting.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Tess Hinger	Debbie Meckel	Alice Scitney
Ruth Keck	Gordon Scherer	Debbie Strohl

SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Alexis	Sonny Hack	Kenny Schleicher
Eli Bowland	Stephen Hoffman	Lukas Schleicher
Sherri Bowman	Doug Keller	Todd Schleicher
Willard Doll	Rick Keller	Patti Walck
Lauren Dugan	Joe Kluk	Sandy Walter
Candy Everett	Deb Lilly	Betty Weber
Joseph Gorman	Nicole Mazenko Rowles	

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation
<u>Pastor:</u>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<u>Music Director:</u>	Bridgette Gorman
<u>Greeters:</u>	Everett
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Alexis Keller
<u>Lector:</u>	Brian Schell

Worship Participants for May 4, 2025:

<u>Greeters:</u>	Frey
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Jaxson Markell
	Bryn Schleicher
<u>Lector:</u>	Kurt Steigerwalt
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Erica Pagotto
	Lavona Schleicher

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,




sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

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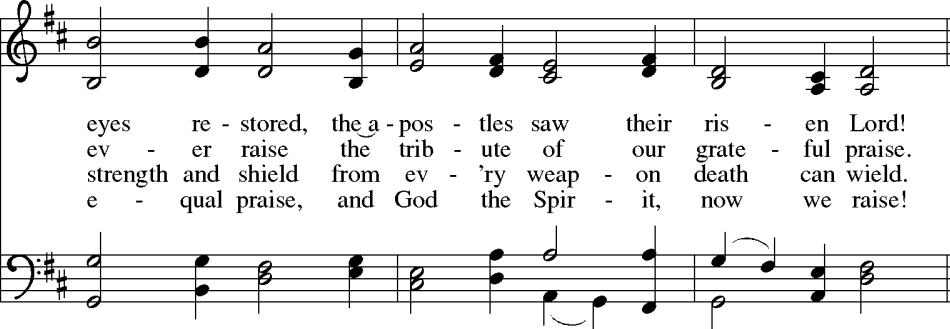
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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Thine Is the Glory

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
 greets 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!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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