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2. SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 16, 2023

## **GATHERING**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Kyrie: Sung Together pg. 184 ELW*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

People of God, in the baptismal waters  
you traveled with Christ from death to life.

**Our past, Our sin, Our failure, Our doubt, are drowned and gone here.**

Your fear, your confusion, your self-righteousness, your despair,  
are washed away by grace.

**Our pride, and other people's opinions of us no longer define us.**

The Spirit lives and moves through you now, a great and joyful mystery,

**So we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.**

Rejoice that God has claimed you in this baptismal grace, my fellow  
siblings in Jesus,

**not by Our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.**

**Gathering Hymn: *Alléluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377***

**Prayer of the Day: "Possibility Prayer"**

**Yes. It can happen.**

**Yes. It can take place.**

Yes. God can do it.  
After all, the angel said, "Do not be afraid."  
After all, the tomb was found empty.  
After all, the Spirit, "will pray for you."  
After all, God wants peace and reconciliation  
After all, God's name is "justice."  
After all, God is "liberation."  
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### THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Response to "Word of God, Word of life" **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 (Read Responsively):

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;**

**I have no good apart from you."**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;**

**I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

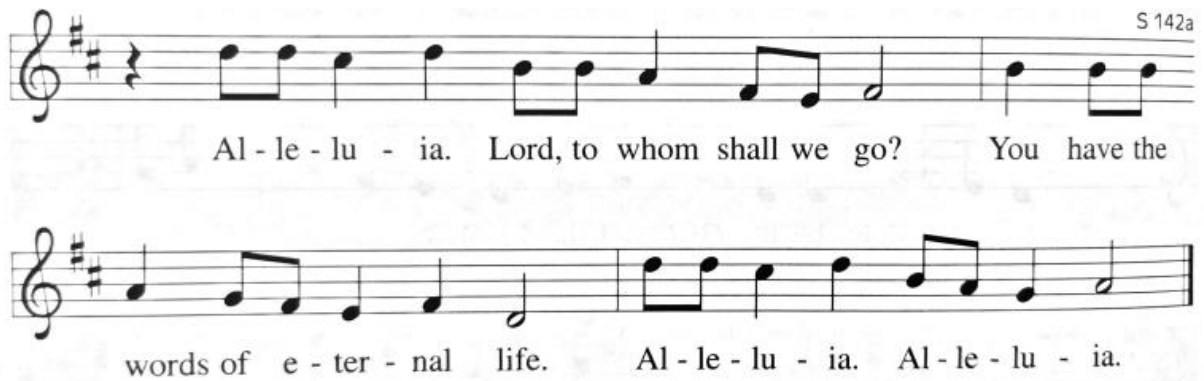
**I keep the LORD always before me;**

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## Gospel Acclamation:



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

## Gospel: John 20:19-29

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Christine LaPointe*

Hymn of the Day: *At the Lamb's High Feast we sing ELW 362 vs. 1-4*

Apostle's Creed: *pg.105 ELW*

## Prayers of Intercession Response:

Set our minds on heavenly things. **Fill us with your joy.**

## Lord's Prayer:

Offertory: *ELW 801 Change my Heart, O God.*

## Thanksgiving for the Word:

Almighty God,

we thank you for the gift of your holy word.

May it be a lantern to our feet, a light upon our paths,  
and a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all people

The Word of life which was from the beginning... **we proclaim to you.**

The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining;  
the Word of life which was from the beginning... **we proclaim to you.**

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes, and touched  
with our hands,

the Word of life which was from the beginning... **we proclaim to you.**

For our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

The Word of life, which was from the beginning... **we proclaim to you.**

**Amen**

### **SENDING**

**Sending Blessing:**

**Sending Hymn:** *Christ has Risen Alleluia (Mfurahini, Hale Iuta) ELW 364*

**Dismissal:**

Go in Peace, Love one another! **Thanks be to God, Alleluia.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S DUTY ELDER IS** Ginny Byron

**THANK YOU** to Christine LaPointe for providing the sermon today.

**DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** now available at the side entrance

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to all who helped deliver flowers during Holy Week, to the Choir for their lively anthem and to all who participated in the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services. Everything was much appreciated.

### **TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:**

Luke Splettstoesser	Grace Mueller	Otto Philipp
Patty Davis	Jennifer Cherewka	Scott Hagglund
Stephen Kovacs	Gladys Souliere	Florence Smith
Eberhard Poelzl	Adam Brown	Marlene Sams and Ruby