

Blessed are they who  
have not seen and  
yet have believed

John 20:29



**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

2nd Sunday of Easter

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## **Worship Plan for Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Second Sunday of Easter

LBW Holy Communion Setting Two

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (LBW 131)**

**GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**

**HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup>Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,**

<sup>3</sup>upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>4</sup>**It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

<sup>5</sup>For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life forevermore.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SING JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**GOSPEL VERSE (LBW p. 83)**

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>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 any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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." <sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <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 come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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 of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *"Seen and Heard"*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Thine Is the Glory* (LBW 145)

**APOSTLE'S CREED** (LBW p. 84)

**THE PRAYERS**

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERING** (LBW p. 86)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (LBW p. 87)

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** (LBW p. 87)

**PREFACE** (LBW p. 88)

**SANCTUS** (LBW p. 89)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND HIS PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**LAMB OF GOD (LBW p. 92)**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR LBW #518**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)**

**BLESSING (LBW p. 94)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** *Low in the Grave He Lay –Bulletin Insert*

**DISMISSAL (LBW p. 94)**

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

**Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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**APRIL NOISY CAN**

**Baltic:** The Table Ministry

**East:** CASA

**Our Response to God's Love**

**Baltic: Mar 31:** Attendance 151; General Fund \$4190.00 Noisy Can \$91.27 Easter Season Offering \$1036.50

**East: Mar 31:** Attendance 102; General Fund \$3551.00 Noisy Can \$44.53 Bldg Fund \$550.00 Lent Offering \$ 96.50 Easter Offering \$680.00



**MEMBERS**

Betty Jean Benjamin  
Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold  
Kelly LaValliere  
Harry Laue—Jason Dykes  
Randy Hartman

**FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS**

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community  
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community  
Keith Fawcett—Kyla Fawcett's (Nesheim) father-in-law  
Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt  
Mattias Warne—Friend of the Community  
Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg  
Laurel Mader—Friend of Pastor Randall & Kim Questad  
Marie Pazour– Mother of Karen Doom  
Caroline Vollan– Aunt of Jimmie Vollan  
Darrel Bonrud– Friend of the Community  
Jerome Johnson—Cousin of Dale Erickson  
Paul Thompson—Friend of Marc & Manda Sheaffer

**Baltic Lutheran will have Spring Cleaning at 9 am on Saturday, April 13. We would appreciate your help! Join us.**

**East Nidaros Special Congregational Meeting will be held following service on April 7 to vote on a major roof replacement. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.**

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
<b>East Nidaros</b>	10:30 Worship

## Things Happening Week of April 7th

Mon Apr 8	6:30pm Bible Study in Baltic
Tue Apr 9	6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting
Wed Apr 10	6:30 8th Confirmation at East 7:30 7th Confirmation at East
	6:30-7:30pm Food bank open
Sat Apr 13	9am Spring Cleaning Church at Baltic

## Sunday, April 14, 2024

<b>Baltic</b>	9am Worship 10:30 am Worship and Livestreamed on Facebook @ EastNidarosLutheranChurch
<b>East Nidaros</b>	

## Fellowship Coffee and Treats

### BALTIC:

Apr 7 Sue Aldrich  
& 14 Tammy & Todd Park

### EAST:

Apr 7 Alyssa Frantz  
Karen & Louie Doom

### BALTIC:

Apr 21 Gaila Schreurs  
& 28 Tracy & Cameron Kerkhove

### EAST:

April 14 Mark Brobjorg  
& 21 Janet Leffring & Larry  
Hemmer