

The Second Sunday Of Easter

April 7, 2024

10 AM – Morning Prayer Rite I

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)

During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

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We thank Bill Breed for leading the service today and preaching while Gini+ is away.

LAY READERS – Bill Breed & Barbara Prillaman

ALTAR GUILD – Diane Mahoney, Pat DuPont, Tricia & Gunnar Kohlbeck

COFFEE HOUR – in Denny Hall

NURSERY TEAM – Jenny Karluk & Marrica Hazelwood

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen

USHER – Scott Badin

VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

When you pray, please remember the following church members:

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Lee & Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Sally & Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Birdie Lighthiser, Rita Gulliksen, Connie Aasen and Roy McLeod.

When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:

Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Eddie Oliver, Tom Walker, Elizabeth Felicetti, Grady Hebert, Peggy Loeper, Dennis McArdle, Hersch Goldberg-Polin, Susan & Dave Woods, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Glenn Webster, Norma Easter, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Wendy (Marsh) Rush, Jan, Jenna, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Jacob, David, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Laura and Chip.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Ann Johnson	4/9	Alexis Rawlings	4/13
Ross Dillard	4/10	Richard Sherman	4/13
Judy Martin	4/13		

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Mandy & Ian Edwards	4/7	Pat & Rhett duPont	4/13
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Announcements

- ❖ **Gini+ will be away on vacation from April 6 through April 13.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office.
- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, April 8, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Tuesday Bible Study** will meet **Tuesday, April 9, at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;> Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Ladies Lunch Out- Tuesday, April 9, at 11:30 AM** at El Cerró Azul, 13561 Midlothian Turnpike. Please contact Beverly Whitley at beverlyrwhitley@gmail.com or 804-598-6024 by **1 PM on Sunday, April 7** if you would like to join us.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 10, at 9:15 AM:** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study will be for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Crafting a Rule of Life - A Rule of Life, Part II April 10, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.** On **April 10**, we will continue the conversation from the February 21 Lenten Presentation on *A Rule of Life*. This evening will focus on the creation of a meaningful individual Rule of Life to assist in one's spiritual journey. We will meet at St. Luke's. Dale+ will be cooking our meal. Supper will be served at 5:30 PM and the evening will end at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to the St. Luke's office **by noon on April 9**, at 804-794-6953.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, April 13, at 8 AM** in Denny Hall. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Megan Ferenczy, Director of Education at the Virginia Holocaust Museum. Ms. Ferenczy will present "The Virginia Holocaust Museum and Experiences of Local Virginia Holocaust Survivors." Please plan to attend this very interesting and informative presentation, and of course enjoy a great breakfast!
- ❖ **Books For The V.A. Medical Center:** Manakin is collecting books, new or used, to be taken to the V.A. Medical Hospital for veterans who are hospitalized or in recovery. **Books will be received in the front Denny Hall classroom #7 through April.** For more information or questions, please contact Peter Plourd at 540-974-2189.
- ❖ **Choir Practice:** The **Chancel Choir (adults)** rehearsals **Thursday, at 7:30 PM.** If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as individual bags of chips and Pop Tarts and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. **Join us on the first Friday of the month.** You can meet us at Manakin at **9 AM** or at the site at **9:30 AM**, 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are in the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs are beef broth, cooking oil and sugar. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as "Kongs"), treats, medium collars/harnesses/leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

The 2nd Sunday Of Easter

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Response

Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

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-- 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-- 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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

Processional Hymn #178 – Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4

Final Ending

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Hymn Before The Gospel #203 – Alleluia! O Sons And Daughters



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Closing Hymn #208 – The Strife Is O'er



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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