

**April 27, 2025- Second Sunday of Easter
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**

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Pastor: Blondel Jones-Grant Organist: Stan Timari

Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. as the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

L: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

A: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

L: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

A: praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,

L: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

A: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "Rejoice, The Lord is King"

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**Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore. Re-joyce, give thanks and sing
and tri-umph ev-er-more. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, re-joyce, a-gain I
say, re-joyce!**

**His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and
hell to Christ the Lord are giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, re-joyce, a-
gain I say, re-joyce!**

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub-mit, bow down at his com-mand and fall be-neath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Re-joyce in glo-rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to gath-er all his saints to their e-te-rnal home. We soon shall hear the arch-angel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re-joyce!

Liturgy: Easter Morning Liturgy

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The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Hymn:

COVENANT

Hail, all hail, victorious Lord and Savior, you have burst the bonds of death, grant us, as to Mary, the great favor to embrace your feet in faith: you have in our stead the curse endured, and for us eternal life procured; joyful, we with one accord hail you as our risen Lord.

We believe in the one only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created all things by Jesus Christ, and was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. We believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world; who has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son; who has blessed us in Christ with all spiritual blessings; who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints, having destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace.

This we truly believe.

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and self-assured, and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. Father, glorify your name.

Please join me in 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.

(Please be seated.)

We believe in the only Son of God, by whom all things in heaven and on earth were created. We believe that he became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant. Since we are flesh and blood, he himself became a human being. By the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, he was conceived of the Virgin Mary. He was born of a woman; and, being found in human form, was in every respect tempted as we are, yet without sin. For he is the Lord, the Messenger of the covenant, in whom we delight. The Spirit of the Lord sent Jesus to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor. He spoke of what he knew and testified to what he had seen. To all who receive him, who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in the same way as he was seen going into heaven.

Hymn:

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

The Spirit and the church "O come" are now entreating; let all who hear their voice "O come!" be loud repeating: Amen! Lord Jesus, come; we still wait faithfully; soon, we implore you, come, your glory let us see.

The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of God's trumpet. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Please join me:

This we truly believe. This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and condemned human creature, from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying. Christ has done this so that I may be his own, live in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and happiness, since he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns forever and ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who came at the first in great humility as our Redeemer, grant, we pray, that when you come again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be regarded worthy to stand before you.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who comes from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be with us forever; to comfort us as a mother comforts her children; to help us in our weakness and intercede for us with sighs too deep for words; to bear witness with our spirit that we are children of God and teach us to cry, "Abba, Father"; to pour God's love into our hearts and make our bodies God's holy temple; and to work in us the will of God, allotting gifts to each one individually, just as the Spirit chooses.

We believe that by our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but that the Holy Spirit calls us through the gospel, enlightens us with gifts of grace, dedicates us to God, and preserves us in the true faith, just as the Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and dedicates to God the whole church on earth, which he keeps with Jesus Christ in the only true faith. In this Christian church God daily and completely forgives us and every believer all our sin.

This we truly believe.

Spirit of truth, direct our hearts to the love of God and to patient waiting for Christ. Establish us in the true faith, that we may abound in thanksgiving; and keep us as God's own until the day of redemption.

To you be glory, with the Father, and with the Son. Amen.

(Please Stand if able.)

We believe that by holy baptism we are made members of the church of Christ, which he has loved, and for which he gave himself, in order to make it holy, cleansing it by water and the word.

In this communion of saints, we believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us, and shed his blood on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, and who

has given us his body and blood in the Lord's Supper, as a pledge of grace. As the Scripture says, Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

This we truly believe.

Hymn:

GOUDIMEL

Lord, your body ne'er forsake, Ne'er your congregation leave; we in you our refuge take, of your fullness we receive: ev'ry other help be gone, you are our support alone; for on your supreme commands all the universe depends.

We shall never taste eternal death, but shall attain the resurrection of the dead; for this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. Thus our bodies rest in hope. And the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, will also give life to our mortal bodies if the Spirit of God has dwelt in us.

We poor sinners pray: hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with those of our brothers and sisters who, since last Easter Day, have entered into the joy of their Lord, and with the whole Church Triumphant in heaven, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Hymn:

GOUDIMEL

Who are these in bright ar-ray, thousand times ten thousand strong, round the altar night and day, singing one triumphant song: "Worthy is the Lamb once

**slain, blessing, honor, glory, pow'r, wisdom, riches, to obtain, new dominion
every hour?"**

**These through fiery trials trod, these from great affliction came; now, before the
throne of God, sealed with his almighty name, clad in raiment shining bright,
victor palms in every hand, through their dear Redeemer's might, more than
conquerors they stand.**

Glory be to Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life. He was dead, and
behold he is alive forever and ever. Those who believe in him, even though they
die, yet shall they live. Glory be to Christ Jesus, in the church which waits for him
on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, from everlasting to
everlasting.

Amen.

Hymn:

ST. THEODULPH

**I give you thanks unfeigned, O Jesus, friend in need, for what your soul
sustained when you for me did bleed. Grant me to lean unshaken upon your
faithfulness, till I from earth am taken to see you face to face.**

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

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Offering our Gifts to God:

Offertory:

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: *"For the Life That You Have Given"*

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**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these
fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord,
our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and
serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

Prayer of Blessing: (ALL) Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Creator God, we offer you our hymns of praise and thanksgiving. We thank you for the many ways that you bless us and shower us with your unconditional love and grace. Most of all, we thank you for the gift of Christ Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. (Daily Text March 31, 2025)

All that we have is because of you, dear Father, and for that we thank you. We ask for your continued blessings on us in all that we do, especially in our work for the Church. You have given to us, and we give back a portion as a continued dedication to the goodness that you have shown us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

God's Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 5:27-32

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The Apostles Persecuted

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

2nd Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 (Responsive Reading)

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Greetings and Doxology

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,

and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

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

Hymn in Preparation of Message: “Fairest Lord Jesus” MBW Page 470 vs. 1

**Fairest Lord Je__ -sus! King of cre-a_-tion! Son of God and_ Son of man!_ Tru-ly
I’d love__ thee, tru-ly I’d serve_ thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Now Thomas (called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your

hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Message: Stop Doubting and Believe

Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn Response To Message: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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**Beautiful Sav__-ior! Lord of the na__-tions! Son of God and_ Son of man!__
Glo-ry and hon__- or, praise, ad - o- ra_-tion, now and for-ev-er more be thine!**

Prayers of The People:

(Please Stand if able.)

Sending Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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**Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on his throne; hark, how the
heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him
who set us free, and hail him as your matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; be-hold his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible
above in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but
downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in
the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose
on high, who died, eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the ris-en Lord sublime, Creator of the rolling
spheres, the Master of all time. All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For you have died for
me; your praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

Benediction

Musical Response (ALL): In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Co - Leaders for May, 2025

May 4th - Muriel Timari

May 11th - Laura Hepworth

May 18th - Normalee Mallawaarachchi

May 25th - Todd Hallett

Next Sunday, May 4, 2025, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. We look forward to welcoming you here to take part in the Lord's Supper. We will be having a Fellowship Hour right after church.