

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

a little about the Scripture readings today
and the saints of the Church we remember
this week...

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING **Acts 4:32-35**
While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

SECOND READING **1 John 1:1—2:2**
The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

GOSPEL **John 20:19-31**
The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.



Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103740.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

ONE LICENSE 7343 S. Mason Avenue Chicago, IL 60638 / License A-742170

COMMEMORATIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945
April 9
Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557
April 10
Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church
975 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Church Telephone: 412-563-0300



Festive Worship Liturgy
for
Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The Sanctus Bells proclaim the advent of worship and Christ's presence with us. Please rise as the bells are rung.
During the 50 days of Easter, we stand for portions of the Liturgy for which we usually kneel, witnessing to the confidence we have in the victory Christ has won for us through His resurrection.

Affirmation of Baptism [the faithful stand] Insert
Hymn Christ The Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369

Greeting
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.

Canticle of Praise This is the Feast ELW pages 149-150

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in Bible reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message [10:00]
First Reading Acts 4:32-35
Psalm: 133 [sung responsively, indented verses by the gathered] found in the Hymnal
Second Reading 1 John 1:1—2:2
Holy Gospel John 20:19-31
Spoken response at the announcement of the Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord.
After the reading of the Gospel: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon Pastor Heagy
Hymn of the Day Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379
Apostles' Creed ELW page 105
Prayers of the Faithful [Response to each petition: Hear our prayer.]
Exchange of Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering
Anthem Gloria in Excelsis Deo from Gloria A. Vivaldi

Doxology [the faithful stand] ELW 884
Offertory Prayer
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Dialogue
The Lord be with you. / And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. / We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface Insert
Sanctus ELW page 153
Verba [the faithful stand]
Lord's Prayer ELW page 112
Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
*Gluten free wafers available

Agnus Dei [the faithful stand] ELW page 154
Distribution
If Ye Love Me Thomas Tellis
Post Communion Prayer

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing
Hymn Thine Is the Glory ELW 376
Dismissal
Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria