#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2

HYMN (remain seated) Up from the Grave He Arose No. 322

SERMON WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

**Beyond Grief** 

**OFFERING** 

Call to Stewardship and Mission

Offertory There'll Be Heavenly Music in the Air Kevin G. Pace Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the Source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach

\*CLOSING HYMN The Day of Resurrection No. 303

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord of Light shines in the darkness.

The light of the world brings the light of life.

Invite this light into the depths of your soul.

Let us live in the light and find fellowship with all during this Easter season.

RESPONSE Christ is Alive No. 318

POSTLUDE Easter Recessional Chester Nordman

\*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

# Today's Scripture

## 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.

## 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.

Today's Liturgist: Barbara Reineke

|       | GIVING |       |           |       |       |          |
|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
| WEEK  | 8:30   | 10:30 | IN-PERSON | VIDEO | TOTAL |          |
| 03/10 | 33     | 57    | 90        | 44    | 134   | \$10,087 |
| 03/17 | 33     | 62    | 95        | 25    | 120   | \$4,412  |
| 03/24 | 39     | 60    | 99        | 25    | 124   | \$6,969  |
| 03/31 | 42     | 95    | 137       | 26    | 163   | \$3,294  |

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$253,9565 Budgeted \$228,951

EASTER Received \$5,060 Easter Budgeted \$5,000

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
FELLOWSHIP
COMMITTEE
Next Sunday,
April 14
STAFF-PARISH



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



| Mon | Apr 8  | No Quilt Class in April   |  |
|-----|--------|---|--|
| Tue | Apr 9  | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga Yoga -CH, no Bible Study today, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR. |  |
| Wed | Apr 10 | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Morning - CH, 10:00 AM UWF Steering-L, 1:30 PM Mission Team-MMR.                          |  |
| Thu | Apr 11 | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 1:30 PM Finance-L, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal -S.                       |  |
| Sun | Apr 14 | 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.  |  |

## Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall

S--Sanctuary K--Kitchen

L--Library---Room #123

MMR--McMillen Room #113

PS--Pastor's Study

HR--Handbell Room #115



## Sun Apr 14 Staff-Parish Appreciation Sunday

Church staff will be honored and recognized at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.





Sat Apr 27 All-Church Workday 9:30-11:30 AM. Looking for volunteers young & old for small jobs around the church. A productive day of working together--is noon pizza a rumor?

Sun Apr 28 3 PM County Band Concert Held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 959 Valley Rd, AG. Leonard Lutz, our handbell director, is also director of the County Band.

Sun Apr 28 MOVIE NIGHT in Criswell Hall, 4:00 PM, to see Oscar nominee, "NYAD" Free movie and popcorn.



Sun May 5 United Methodist Men Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar after 2nd service. \$10 p/p. Tickets on sale Apr 14.



Sat May 11 United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon

Save the date! Tickets on sale Apr 21.

Wed May 15 Deadline for applications for the 2024 ELT Scholarships. Apply online at www.worshipweekly.com or church office.

Sat Jun 1 Sweet Springs Nature Walk (Los Osos) and Lunch. Leave the church at 9:30 for 10 AM walk. Sign up at Connections.

**Sat Jun 22** We have an invitation to visit the home and garden of member Scott Trees. Mark your calendar and watch for more information.



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April 7, 2024

10:30 AM

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." --- John 8:12

**PRELUDE** Do I ord Traditional/arr. Brent Edstrom

No. 318 INTROIT Christ is Alive

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The doors that were closed are now open! The tomb that was sealed is flung wide! Christ who was dead is alive! See! Christ is with us now!

\*OPENING HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices No. 304

### WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Light of the world, we come to you this day with praise on our lips and joy in our hearts. We come into worship to offer you glory and praise. Breathe upon us with your Spirit, that we may sense the peace and power of your presence with us.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer No. 186 Alleluia Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response Alleluia No. 186