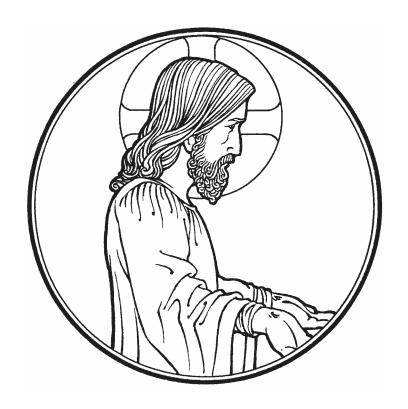
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Quasimodo Geniti



APRIL 16, 2023 LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH Lebanon Church, VA

WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

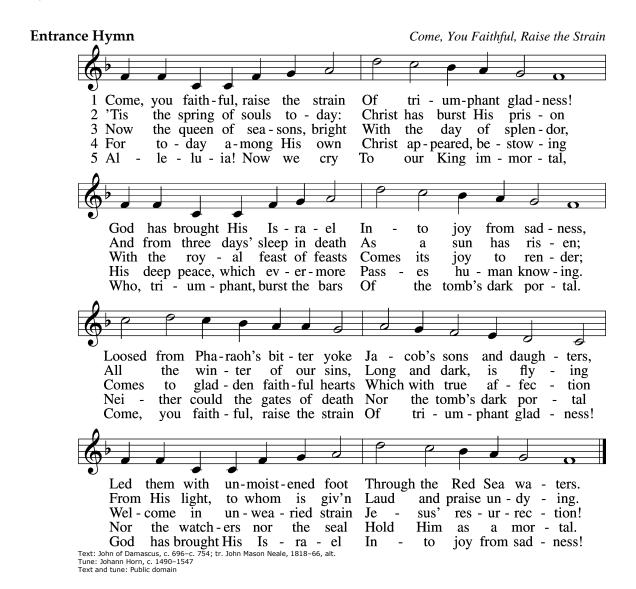
May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

Soli Deo Gloria

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

Announcement of the Day

The ministers gather for the procession. After the bell is tolled, the congregation stands for the Entrance Hymn.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Presiding Minister chants the Introit. The congregation may chant the "Glory be..."

Introit

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*

shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*

I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

I am the | LORD your God,*

who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*

and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Apostolic Greeting

- The grace of our

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 The grace of our

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 The grace of our

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 The grace of our

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communication of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communication of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communication of the Holy Spirit be with you all the love of God, and the lov
- **C** And also with you.

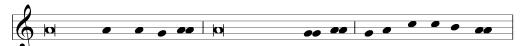
Kyrie Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



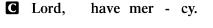
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

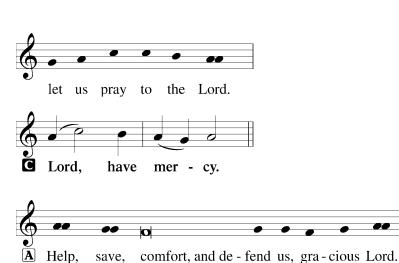




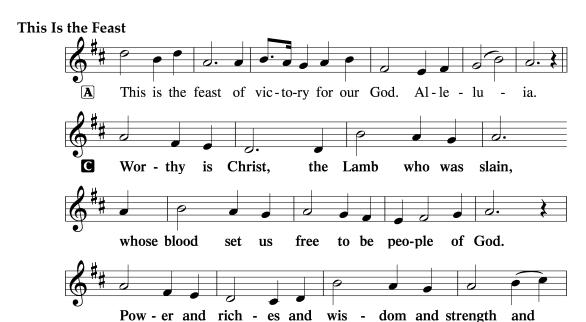




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise









Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause

breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GoD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Assistant Minister chants the Antiphon, introducing the Psalm. The Congregational response is in bold type.

Psalm

Psalm 33; antiphon: v.6



Antiphon: By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,* and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*
make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!

Sing to him a | new song;*
play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is | upright,* and all his work is done in | faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and | justice;*
the earth is full of the steadfast love | of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,* and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea | as a heap;*
he puts the deeps in | storehouses.

Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

For he spoke, and it | came to be;*
he commanded, and it | stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to | nothing;* he frustrates the plans of the | peoples.

```
The counsel of the LORD stands for- | ever,*
  the plans of his heart to all gener- | ations.
Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
  the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
The LORD looks down from | heaven;*
  he sees all the chil- | dren of man;
from where he sits enthroned he | looks out*
  on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts | of them all*
  and observes | all their deeds.
The king is not saved by his great | army;*
  a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,*
  and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
  on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
that he may deliver their | soul from death*
  and keep them alive in | famine.
Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
  he is our help | and our shield.
For our heart is | glad in him,*
  because we trust in his | holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,*
  even as we | hope in you.
Glory be to the Father and ∣ to the Son*
```

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon: By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,* and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

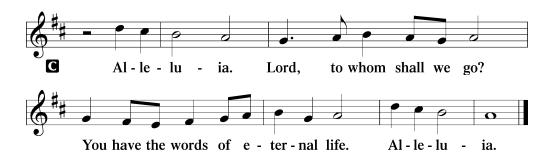
1 John 5:4–10

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

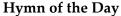
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Sermon

Stand



O Sons and Daughters of the King



- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia!

- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615 Text and tune: Public domain

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the Holfe of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

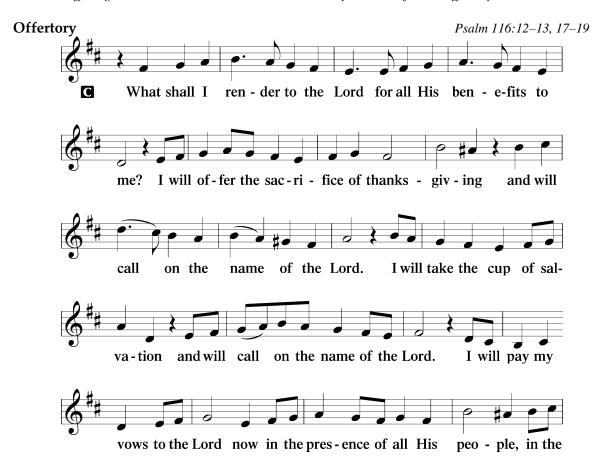
Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

Offering

When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.



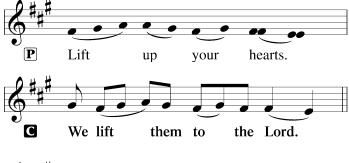


Offertory Prayer

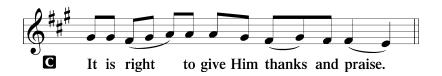
- **A** Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Preface









Proper Preface

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Verba Domini

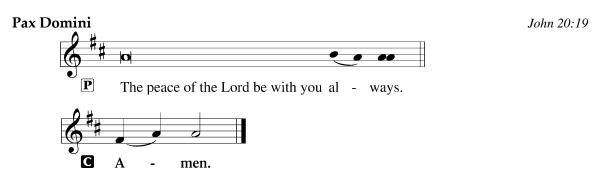
Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

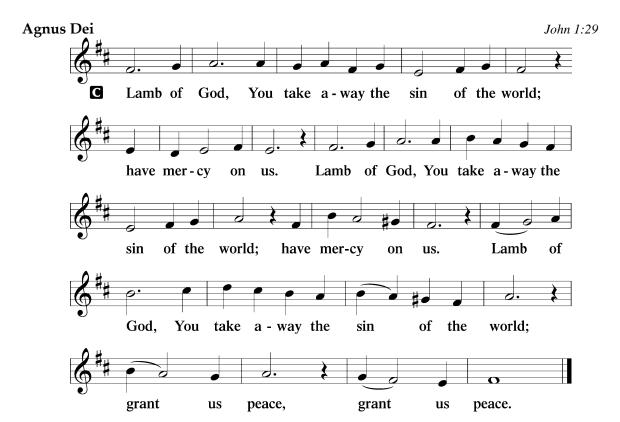
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer



Sit



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.



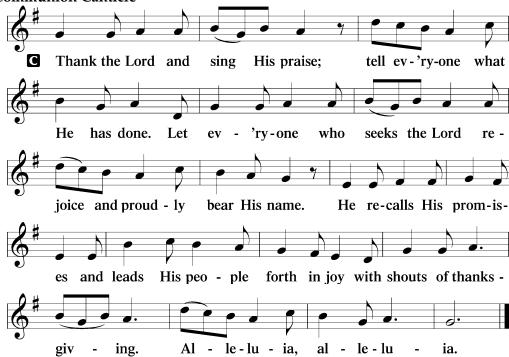
Additional Hymns

LBW 200, 214

After the congregation has communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle



Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God...
- C Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on y

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

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





Tune: Georg Joseph, 17th cent., adapt.
Text: © 1969, 1987 OCP Publications. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130301202

Tune: Public domain

Announcements and Dismissal

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Arlene Hamman, the Heird family, Steve Lowe, Adam Porter, Michael Reidy, Stephanie Andre, Kim, the Tim Middleton family, Baby Weimerskirch, Baby Kowaleski, Robert Denley, Wayne and Barbara Himelright, the family of Joseph Carbaugh, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for an increase in parish membership, for a full-time pianist, for John and Helen Baker, for the victims of violence and natural disaster.

From the Chair of the Anniversary Committee

- Anniversary Meeting TODAY after Divine Service.
- *Pull out your favorite recipes!* We're building a cookbook in conjunction with the 175th anniversary celebration. Recipes may be submitted to Tammy Leathers by April 2. Cookbooks will be available for purchase and proceeds will be used toward the anniversary celebration.

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71

Sunday 4/9: \$2,700.00

This Week

Monday – 10am ZOOM Bible Study: Acts 19-20, No Monday Evening Class (Adult Catechism has been completed).

Tuesday – 10 and 11am, Greenfield Services.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession at 10am, Midweek Holy Communion at 1:30pm, Vespers at 5:30pm.

Thursday – Choir Practice at 7pm.

Friday – Shenandoah Pregnancy Center Dinner at 5:30pm at the Yellow Barn in Mount Jackson.

Looking Ahead

Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Tuesday at 7pm, April 25.

Mayfest is fast approaching – May 13, 10am – 5:00pm we will have a booth that needs to be occupied by members of our wonderful congregation. There will be two "shifts" morning and afternoon, please see Jeff Hamman if you are able to take a shift.

The Southern District Convocation is June 10 (Warrenton), the National Convocation is August 7-11 (Oklahoma City), the Atlantic Regional Convocation is October 13-14 (York, PA). Our congregation is entitled to have one lay delegate at each of these events. We have budgeted for expenses for lay delegates.



PARISH INFORMATION

540-465-5456

lebanonlutheranchurch.org 10120 Middle Rd., Lebanon Church, VA 22641 Pastor Porter (mobile): 248-794-2263