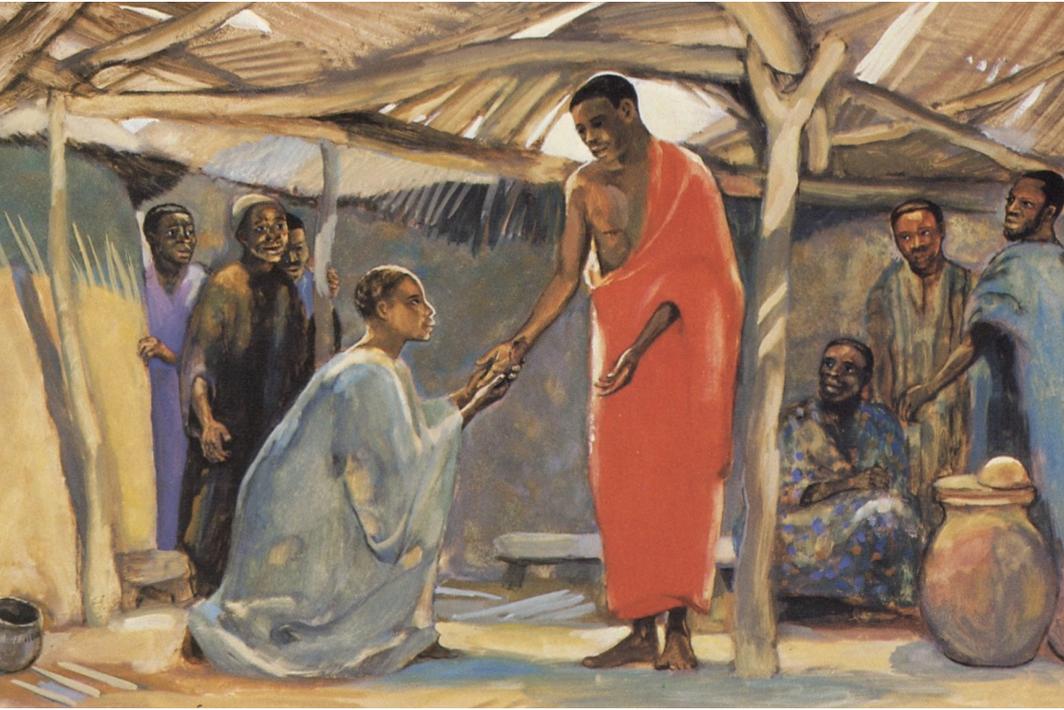




Service of the Word



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020

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✠ GATHERING ✠

*Gather around a sacred space in your home.
Light a candle and have a bowl of water on hand.
Join the video on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).*

Repeat this several times. Loudly.

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Then give thanks for baptism,
through which we are united in the death and resurrection of Christ.*

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Scoop water from the bowl with your hand and let it drip into the bowl.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah
and his family. Through the sea you led your people
Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son
was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and
sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of
all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in
Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and
love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus
Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

HYMN

LBW 144 / ELW 385

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING

Read or sing the hymn with Tom and Miriam Milbrand.

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.
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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



WORD



1ST READING

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



- 1Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good a- | bove all other."
- 2**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- 3But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- 4**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**
- 5O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- 7I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8**I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**
- 9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- 10**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- 11You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right
hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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2ND READING

1 PETER 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”



²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN

WOV 675

WE WALK BY FAITH

Sing or read the hymn with Ronald and Frances Blatchley.



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Each petition concludes:

One: Lord, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

PEACE

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

Kaylin Foss leads us in the canticle. Join in the refrain.

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -
ev - er and ev - er. I Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O
God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O



Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and



sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and



bles - sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All



praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

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.



SENDING



BLESSING

One: Almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

One: Go in peace. Christ is risen.

**All: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

After Worship, join us online and by phone for:



Physically Distant
Coffee Hour

Sundays - 9:45 - 10:30

<http://newberlinlutherans.com/coffeehour> OR

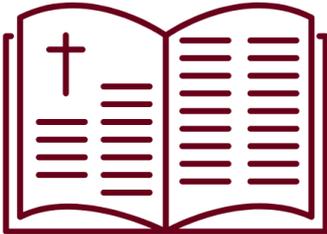
+1 929 436 2866 – Meeting ID: 559 681 862 Password: 009019

Offering on April 12, 2020

Offering: \$ 4,917.00

This offering includes:

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| Envelopes | 3717.00 |
| Tithe.ly Offering | 270.00 |
| Building Fund | 205.00 |
| Mission Support (Benevolence) | 115.00 |
| Easter Envelope | 610.00 |



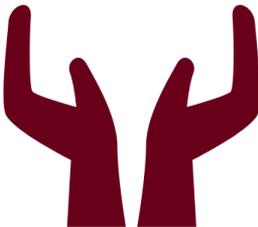
Bible Study

Sundays

10:30 - 11:30

<http://newberlinlutherans.com/biblestudy> OR

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Join the Prayer Chain

When an urgent prayer request arises, we communicate it to members of our congregation via texts, calls, and emails. To be added to one of these lists (text, call, or email), please contact Pr. Chilton, Frances Blatchley, Tom Milbrand, or Diane Walter.

Event updates

The Community Yard Sale, scheduled for May 1-2, has been cancelled.

The Mother Daughter Banquet, scheduled for May 13, has been cancelled.

In Our Prayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Julia Hauck, Logan Roush, Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Aimee Erdley, Katie Benfer, Bill and Bonnie Pontius, Nancy Pursley, Keith Phelps, Melanie Sanders, Bev Fausey, Tom and Dana Mitchell, Travis Erb, Christine Koons, Steve Boonie, Janet Neidig, Peg Mattern, Lori Haines, John Snook, Gayle Napp Swank, Gloria Callahan, Paul Treaster, Mary Hummel, David Brill, Darren Moyer, David Kline, Loren Miller, Terry Vanatta, Darrell O'Bryant, Patti Faux, Donnie Ritter, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Carson Smith, June Stroh, Betty Reber, Carla, Sandy Wagner, Bill Frank, Dale Shaffer, Nancy Hummel, Harvey Horning, Michael Callahan, Kerry Zimmerman, Karen Long, Julia Fetter, Steve Spangler, Ken Wetzel, Paul Beech, Gary Keister, Marlin Kratzer, John Northrup, Angela Golfieri, Eldon Olson, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Candy Mitchell, Bonnie Boyer, Grayson Conway, Janice Hobbs

Short Term

Mim Keister, Patty Wetzel, Scott and Ticia Showers, Ron Trick, Betty Hess, Jerry Hackenberg, Mary Hollenbach

Providence and protection for first responders,
healthcare workers, and military service members
Stanley Miller, Jonathan Ward, Sean Wagner

Companionship and support for our homebound
Bob Frank, Erma VanHorn, Roberta Hollenbach, Martha Wetzel, Wayne Moyer, Laura Erdley, Mary Bowersox

Consolation and comfort for those who grieve
Family and friends of Drew Hollenbach
Family and friends of Carla Bless

Have a prayer request?

Use the prayer request form on the website: <https://newberlinlutherans.com/prayerrequest/>
or leave a message at the church office (570-966-2815).

Need immediate prayers? Contact Tom Milbrand (570-966-1352), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Need the pastor? Call or text Pr. Chilton—570-884-4386.