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This service will be posted later today on the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel (see website).

2nd Sunday of Easter
Worship in the Grove, Sunday, April 11, 2021

Welcome, Announcements
Prelude – *Resurrection Fanfare*.....E. Lorenz

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1, 14, 17, 21, 23-24
¹How good and how pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

R: The blessing of the Lord is life forevermore.

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

R: The blessing of the Lord is life forevermore.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

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Prayer of the Day **C: Amen**

Bible Reading: 1 John 1:1-7
¹We 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—²this 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—³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31
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 Jewish leaders, 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.

Children’s Message Sermon

Hymn: *Thine is the Glory* (hummed)

1. *Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death has won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!*
2. *Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!*
3. *No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu’rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!*

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 the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

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.

Blessing C: **Amen**
 Dismissal P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord! C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Welcome to everyone, especially visitors and guests. You may set up lawn chairs for your household at the marked flag locations, or you may participate from your car parked right here in the Grove. In order to keep everyone safe, masks over nose and mouth are required for everyone, including those already vaccinated. Please maintain 6 feet of distancing when you talk with others not from your household. The upstairs restrooms in the church building are available (the front doors only are open). Please continue to wear your mask in the restroom, do not congregate with others while in the building, and remain 6 feet away from others. As soon as the community spread of CoVid subsides to a positive test rate of 5%, we can resume indoor worship. In case of rain, services are cancelled, but you may view the message online.

The Annual Congregational Meeting, which was to be held today, is now postponed to the rain date next week, Sunday April 18th, immediately following the 9 a.m. Worship in the Grove. We will be voting on three changes to our Constitution, including changing the quorum number from 60 to 40, increasing the amount of a non-budgeted expenditure that the Council can authorize from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and appointing rather than electing the Audit Committee. The rain date is April 18th. Paper copies of the Annual Report are available on the entrance table, or in the blue bin outside the church under the carport (most people should have also received a digital copy as well via your email).

Construction on the Elevator Project will begin on April 26 and conclude on July 15.

Confirmation Gatherings for youth and parents resume today online at 10:30 a.m. by Zoom. Sundays thereafter, the gatherings will be by Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Peter's Porch Food Collection of cans and food (see newsletter) can be placed in the outdoor bin near the downstairs carport. Hunger in the area is an issue due to CoVid-related job losses.

In our Prayers: Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Nancy Beck, Russell Beck, Erik Bentz, Kirby Burkhart, Bea Ebersole, the family of Virginia Frankfort, Sharon and Cindy Frankhouser, Sara Frazer, Eugene and Hazel Fry, Nick Gehman, Alex Harding, Roger Hoover, Margaret Kuhlman, Aileen Kulp, Tina Lavrenchuk, Nolan Leid, Jeanne Lorah, Helen Martin, Michael Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, the family of Marlene Nagle, Roma Oberholtzer, Betty Ramsey, Larry Ramsey, Barbara Ruth, Ella Sensenig, Becky Thunberg, Marian Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving: April 4 (Easter): Sunrise Service – 23, 9 a.m. worship – 77
 Online - 40 views (includes YouTube Channel & Facebook)
 Received through March: \$35,901.10 Expenses through end of March: \$46,764.82
 Received April 4: \$8,164.00 Received April to date: \$8,164.00
 Elevator Fund as of March 30: \$207,177.79 (Still needed for project: \$9,031.21)