

Hymns:

Gathering— <i>Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	ELW 389
Hymn of the Day— <i>We Know That Christ Is Raised</i>	ELW 449
Sending— <i>Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen</i>	ELW 377

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow 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 ²³ this 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. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For 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;²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You 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. ³⁰ Since 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. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

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

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

Psalms: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But 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 upon my lips.**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit 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.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed 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 ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so 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. ⁸ Although 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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.” ²⁶ A 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.” ²⁷ Then 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERVERS	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	.... <i>Doris Wessinger</i>	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>
<i>Lector</i>	.... <i>Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Ann Satterwhite</i>
<i>Worship</i>	.... <i>David Griffith</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	.... <i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	.... <i>Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Melba Murphy</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	.... <i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Property</i>	.... <i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	.... <i>*Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>(April 12)</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>11:45 am</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Cameron/Rebekah Circle</i>
	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Lydia Circle</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Saxe-Gotha Rostered Leaders Mtg.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Razberries</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Council Retreat</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>(April 19)</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>

The flowers today are given in observance of William J. Aull's 124th birth anniversary on April 8 by Bill Aull.

God's Helping Hands current needs are: vegetable oil, breakfast cereal, small bags of sugar and flour, small cans of soup. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick
Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)