

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish*  
*April 27, 2025*

*We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.

Grant that we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son. We journey with joy knowing we are your own.

**All: Amen. Let it be so.**

*(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. **We pass the plate to receive your gifts.** Use the cards provided if you give online. A collection box is also available at the back of the sanctuary. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at [www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving](http://www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving).)*

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**\* HYMN**

*Borning Cry*

**#732**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Compassionate One,

**All: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion**

you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.  
We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
**Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **BAPTISM OF Jeremiah Joseph Smith (10:15 am only)**

Child of Jacob and Kasey Smith

Gathering Hymn: *Welcome, Child of God*

*Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God.*

*Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.*

*When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds  
you, we are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.*

Baptismal service ELW pages 227-231

Concluding Hymn: *Welcome, Child of God*

### **\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All:** *O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded  
hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your  
mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **WORD**

### **\* GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

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

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**      *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*      **#619**

## **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** 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 into hell. 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**

**Pastor:** ... Lord, in your mercy ...

**Congregation:**      **Hear our prayer.**

## **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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**

## ***CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE***

### **SUNDAYS**

Worship Service at Peace 8:30 am

Sunday School at Peace 9:00 am

Sunday School at Nelsonville 9:30 am

Worship Service at Nelsonville 10:15 am

Livestream every Sunday at 10:15 am at [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org), click on *Live Stream*

### **THURSDAYS**

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm

Candlelight Videos are posted online at [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org), click on *Candlelight Services*

### ***WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!***

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