

FIRST READING. Acts 10:34-43 34 Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL. Luke 24:1-12 1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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Sunday April 20, 2025

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor’s day off

Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Wednesday: Rose City Quilters 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm (first of the month)

Thursday:

Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am



Upcoming Events & Dates To Remember

Pickleball continues every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Please come and join this fun activity or email Margaret at margaret@kleinsmith.ca if you have any questions.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week’s service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Linda Borland
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week’s service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Marilyn Schultz
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Carole McLeod & Bob Hansen

Attendance April 13 - 22 people, attendance 1 year ago – 22

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
GATHERING**

*A portion of the Easter Gospel is read from the centre aisle. Following the reading the leader says:
“Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here. He is risen just as he said!”*

All: Alleluia!
Christ is risen, **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**
Gathering Hymn..... **ELW # 365**
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
Apostolic Greeting
Kyrie..... **HS** Page 3
Hymn of Praise “Now the Feast”..... **HS** page 4
Prayer of the Day

WORD
First Reading.....Acts 10:34-43
Psalm **118:1-2, 14-24**..... **ELW**
Second Reading1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel Verse.....**HS** Page 8
GospelLuke 24:1-12
Sermon
Hymn of the Day..... **ELW # 373**
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”
Nicene Creed..... **HS** Page 10
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace

MEAL
Great Thanksgiving (sung).....**HS** Page 14
Sanctus “Holy, Holy”.....**HS** Page 15
Eucharistic Prayers and Acclamation **HS** Page 16
The Lord’s Prayer
“Lamb of God”**HS** Page 18
Sharing the Meal
Communion Hymns....**ELW # 385, 672 & 375**
Prayer after Communion
Song after Communion.....**HS** Page 20
“Thanks be to you”

SENDING
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 382**
“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
“**Thanks be to God**”