

**AES MINISTRIES**  
**EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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The Second Sunday of Easter

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**"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."**

AES Ministries mission statement

**Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING SONG**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#363

**THE GREETING**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray ...

**C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING     Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

<sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: Word of God, word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 133**

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It 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.**

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

**SECOND READING     I John 1:1—2:2**

<sup>1</sup>We 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—<sup>2</sup>this 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—<sup>3</sup>we 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. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This 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. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie

and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but 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. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours.

L: Word of God, Word of life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      “Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”

#512

**HOLY GOSPEL      John 20:19-31**

P: The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“We Walk by Faith”

vss. 1-3 #635

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“We Are an Offering”

#692

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Here at East Sveadahl we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER  
DISTRIBUTION HYMN  
POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

front of hymnal  
"Come to the Table" #481

**BLESSING**

**SENDING** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #367

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. C: **Thanks be to God!**

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Lector: Wayne Jurgens April 14: Tricia Anderson Ushers: Dale Anderson Family

**Prayer Concerns:** Cindy and Karen Anderson, Rachel and Ryan Wollschlager and family, Penny Kleinow, Brianna Kleinow, Leora Ask, Barb Schieck, Myron Engel, Judy Anderson, Luane Heller, Mike Larson, Lorraine Petersen, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Wynette Haler, Joann Jensen, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Janet Plath, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, Tim Anderson, Kathy Christenson, Erma Griffith, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Jana Falk, Ellie Kulseth, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

Thank you, **Deacon Lyla**, for being with us this morning.

The St. James Historical Society is hosting an **Ice Cream Social** TODAY from 1-4 pm at the museum.

The **Bless a Camper Campaign** is underway. To help, take an envelope from the poster in the entry.

The **St. James Railroad Days Benefit** is Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am–1pm in the Community Building. Free-will donation. Cheesy Chicken Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Pickles & Dessert. All proceeds go to the Railroad Days activities.

The **Kick-Off Breakfast** for Relay for Life is Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-1 pm at the Legion. Tickets: Adults: \$7 in advance, \$8 at door; Ages 6-12: \$4 in advance, \$5 at door; Under 5: Free. Tickets available from Committee members. See poster on the narthex bulletin board.

**ROAR** meets on the 17<sup>th</sup> as usual for a field trip! Adults are welcome to come along!

Learn about the lives of **Jewish Children during the Holocaust**, Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 or 5-8 pm and Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-4 pm free of charge at Mt. Lake Christian School. 710 11<sup>th</sup> St., Mt. Lake, MN.

Come join us for **Brewed Theology** at the St. James Eagles on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Activities this week: April 8 – April 14**

Monday	10:00 am Weekly Prayer meeting on Zoom, see website for the link 3:00 pm Bible Study, East
Tuesday	1:00 pm Text Study 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday	10:00 am Ministerium 2:00 pm Confirmation/ROAR, Augustana 5:30 pm Soup and Potato Fundraiser, Augustana 6:00 pm Committee Meetings, Augustana
Thursday:	7:00 pm Council, East
Friday:	Pastor's Sabbath
Sunday	9:00 am Communion Worship, East -- Baptism, New Member Sunday 10:30 am Communion Worship, Augustana 11:30 am Radio Broadcast 1370AM

