

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021**

**Worship on Zoom
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**Or watch on YouTube Channel
All Saints Lutheran Church, Albuquerque**



The Zoom link for worship each week is: <https://zoom.us/j/680469401>
You can also call in to Zoom at 1-669-900-9128 and the meeting ID number is 680 469 401.

The service will be recorded and you can watch it any time on YouTube – go to <https://YouTube.com> and look for the “All Saints Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM” channel for our recordings. Past recordings are also located there.

To prepare, you can set up a worship space with a candle and cross, flowers, or whatever makes it feel like a place for worship. If you join the worship service by Zoom and choose to participate in Holy Communion, have a small bit of bread and wine or juice ready as well. Recorded services do not include Holy Communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song *Wade in the Water ~ Entourage Jazz*

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of the risen Christ, the steadfast love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

Let us pray

Fulfillment of the prophecies,
With Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word,
so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake
of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *Be Not Afraid ~ ELW 388*

*Be not afraid, sing out for joy; Christ is risen, Alleluia!
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Narrative Reading:**Acts 8:26-39**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south* to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?*' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip* baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**Luke 24:44-47**

Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon**Song of the Day***O Blessed Spring ~ ELW 447*

Creed

(you may take your microphone off mute as we profess our faith together)

**I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead.**

**Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and will come again 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 dead,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

*Each prayer ends with the words, “God of life,”
and the response is “**Hear our prayer**”*

We pray for: Tom Arguello, Jean Bernabo, Karen Birner, Lillian Edwards, Olga Fassler, Jerry Ferdig, Frank and Bev Horn, Jon Jastram, Fern Knudsen, Bob Klenner, Al Miller, Ed Strebe, Dave Thompson; For Lucy, Bob and all who grieve Tara’s death

Offertory

Breathe ~ video by The Work of The People

*All Saints continues to rely on your generosity and faithfulness in giving to carry out our ministries.
We are grateful for your continued support.*

Holy Communion – spoken

The Lord be with You
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy ~ Entourage Jazz

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Receiving Communion

As the pastor says, "The body of Christ, given for you," take the bread, or if others are with you, you may serve one another the bread. When the pastor says, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," take or share the wine or juice.

Blessing after Communion

Closing Music *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing ~ Healey Willan*

Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.