

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Welcome to worship! In your bulletin there is a Connect Card. Please fill it out if you'd like to sign up for our weekly informational emails and/or communicate with our office or Pastor. For those who would rather not come forward for communion, ushers will provide single-serve communion (grape juice or wine) and a bulletin. All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

### Welcome & Announcements

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

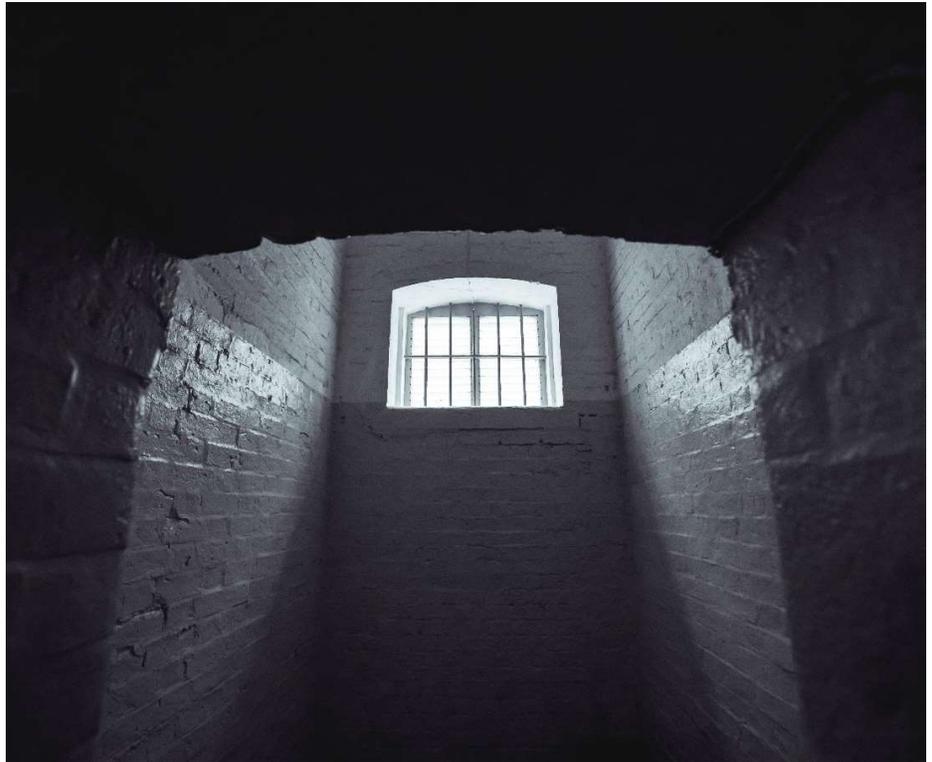
We are on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Upper Skagit. We are grateful for their stewardship of our shared land and waterways since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring treaties and our Coast Salish neighbors.

### GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### OPENING SONG: "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness" ELW 657

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea



where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who shakes things up and opens doors to freedom, stir us to see your actions in this world, and propel us to join them. May we enter into the love that is shared within the Trinity, and bring that love outward to others, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE READINGS

### First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that

the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Put your trust in Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the words of Jesus to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he rejoiced since he had become a believer in God together with his whole household.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: "Easter Alleluia"**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen, praise the Lord!**

**Gospel: John 17:20-26** (*inclusive Translation*)

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I don't pray for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, as you, Abba, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one, as we are one—<sup>23</sup>I in them, you in me—that they may be made perfect in unity. Then the world will know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Abba, I ask that those you gave me may be here with me, so they can see this glory of mine, which is your gift to me, because of the love you had for me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous One, the world hasn't known you, but I have; and these people know that you sent me. <sup>26</sup>To them I have revealed your Name, and I will continue to reveal it so that the love you have for me may live in them, just as I may live in them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ELW 392**

- 1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness;  
with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way.  
Have mercy, Lord.**
- 2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;  
may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name.  
Have mercy, Lord.**
- 3. Gather in your scattered flock;  
give us water from the rock.  
Bless the unity we share**

in our shepherd's loving care.  
Have mercy, Lord.

4. **Burst the bars of stubborn pride;  
make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath.  
Have mercy, Lord.**
5. **Honor, praise, and glory be  
to the holy Trinity!  
May your gracious will be done:  
make us one, as you are one.  
Have mercy, Lord.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

All are welcome to light a candle during the prayers.

When the reader says, "Receive this prayer, gracious God," the congregation sings:

*The Spirit intercedes for us  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh.  
The Spirit intercedes for us  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh.*

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of God be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.*

#### **BLESSING OF FAMILY PROMISE SPACE**

*We are so grateful for the many hands & hours of work that went into the 4 newly remodeled bedrooms and living room/homework areas for our Family Promise space at BLC!*

#### **OFFERING**

*Every gift counts! Online giving is also available at [burlingtonlutheran.org](http://burlingtonlutheran.org) or the Vanco Mobile app (same company just a new app, please use this instead of Give+) or by texting 360-727-0807.*

#### **MUSIC DURING OFFERING: "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423**

##### **Offering Prayer (enfleshed)**

God, for your peace that companions us through all of life's challenges, we give you thanks. Through you, we are enabled to live courageously. We do not need to know how things will unfold, only that you are faithful to us. Receive our gifts of thanks in these tithes and in our lives, and make us confident in the possibilities of love, compassion, justice, and redemption.

**Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION**

*At Burlington Lutheran Church we celebrate open table communion which means the table is open to ALL, no exceptions. For those who would rather not come forward for communion, ushers will provide single-serve communion (grape juice or wine). If you are at home please gather your communion elements at this time. Come, taste and see that God is good!*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

**Our loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Music During Communion: "Blessing, Honor and Glory" ELW 433**

### **Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty,

✠ bless you this day and always. Amen.

**SENDING SONG: "Let All Things Now Living" ELW 881**

**1. Let all things now living**

**a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us,**

**God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2. God rules all the forces:**

**the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;**

the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

#### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**



#### **Upcoming BLC Events**

**NW Washington Synod Assembly – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** (Lynwood)

**Family Promise – June 5-12<sup>th</sup>** (Meal & Overnight Hosts Needed)

**Burlington Berry Dairy Days – June 18<sup>th</sup>**

BLC Vendor Booth (Shifts from 9am-6pm)

**Worship Leaders: Pastor Charis Weathers & Musician Sean Bendickson**

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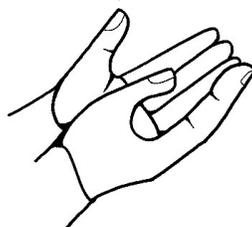
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### **GOD IS LOVE**

**We are all God's beloved children and are recipients of God's radical love and grace. All are welcome in this church community. You are welcome here if you have ever felt excluded or judged because of your gender, ethnicity, race, religion, status, ability, sexual orientation, doubts or questions. We are a community committed to racial equity, and we believe in Jesus' commandments to love God and love neighbor. Join us!**

*Matthew 22: 37-39*



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