

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018

11:00 am



### AS WE GATHER

Thomas is seldom remembered for anything other than his doubt. In our quest to find relatable biblical characters, we often leave Thomas as a man who needed evidence—proof. We may miss his bold confession: “My Lord and my God!” While the other ten disciples had seen Jesus eight days earlier, none of them confessed as Thomas did. And none of them believed until Jesus appeared to them and spoke His Word to them. Focus today not on Thomas’s doubt but rather on his confession of faith.

**PRE-SERVICE** “Are You Washed In The Blood” *Instrumental*

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠



### WELCOME

**HYMN** “We Believe”

Ryan, Fike, Hooper

**In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear.  
There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see.  
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.**

**CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)**

**So let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing.  
In our weakness and temptations. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now let love invade.**

**Let the church live loud our God we'll say, We believe, we believe.  
And the gates of hell will not prevail. For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.**

**Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe.  
CHORUS**

**He's coming back again, He's coming back again, We believe, we believe.**

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Pastor:** He brings us light

**People:** that shines in our darkness.

**Pastor:** He brings us life

**People:** that death cannot overcome

**Pastor:** God is light.

**People:** In Him there is no darkness at all.

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*1 John 1:8, 9; 2:1–2*

**Pastor:** In the Epistle, John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Let us consider our sins so that we do not deceive ourselves with false righteousness.

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father,

**People:** **we have chosen darkness instead of light. We have chosen death instead of life. Forgive us. Let Your light and life come to us again.**

**Pastor:** John also writes, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Having heard your confession, and trusting in God’s Word and promises, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of the risen Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen. “We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”**

### ☩SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

#### SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God,

**People** grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

**Pastor** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.



**FIRST READING** *Acts 4:32–35* (Great unity filled the Early Church as the apostles gave testimony to the resurrection of Jesus.)

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. [33] And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34] There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold [35] and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



**EPISTLE** *1 John 1:1–2:2* (God has come near to us with His light and life.)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— [2] the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— [3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4] And we are writing these things so that our joy

may be complete. [5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. [2:1] 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. [2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477, v.1*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 20:19–31* (Jesus appears to a troubled Thomas.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had

said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." [24] Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "**Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.**" [26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "**My Lord and my God!**" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." [30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## APOSTLES' CREED

*LSB 159*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466,**  
*Refrain*

***Refrain:* Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "In Christ Alone"**

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**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;**

**This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!**

**My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!**

**This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.**

**Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;**

**For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of  
Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll  
stand.**

**Here in the pow'r of Christ we stand**



**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a world of darkness where many are plagued by shame, abuse, neglect, and hatred. Shine Your light into the dark corners of our hearts that we always walk in fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord, we live in a world of death where threats of war, terrorism, disease, and disasters constantly abound. But You are the God of life. In the midst of all this death, bring the hope and comfort of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, there are many who do not know the joy of Your light and life and many who refuse to believe the power of Your resurrection unless they can see or experience something profound. Lead them to confess alongside Thomas, “My Lord and my God!” Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them with Your healing hand, and bring them the joy of fellowship we have in the communion of saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life, which is ours in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that our rejoicing draw us back to the Good News of Your light and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, at one time Your Church was united so that the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul. Unite Your Church once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**



**OFFERTORY “All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name”**                      **LSB 549**

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.  
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.**



## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: **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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

Erfruen

**All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us  
sing**

**O praise Him alleluia.**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer  
gleam**

**O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n  
along**

**O praise Him alleluia.**

**Thou rising moon in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening find a voice**

**O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let all things their Creator bless. And worship Him in humbleness**

**O praise Him alleluia.**

**Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in  
One**

**O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in  
One**

**O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

“Grace Like Rain”

Agnew

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I  
once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see so clearly.**

**CHORUS 1: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**CHORUS 2: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun.  
CHORUS 2 X 2**

**... They're washed away.**



## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN “Awesome is the Lord Most High” Tomlin**

**Great are You Lord mighty in strength, You are faithful, and You will ever be.**

**We will praise You all of our days, It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything.**

**Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know.**

**We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.**

**Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.**

**We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.**

**We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high. X2**

**Hallelujah . . . . . Hallelujah. . . . .Hallelujah.**

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