

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27 & 28, 2019

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Though we don’t have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord’s Supper. Jesus still comes through the “locked doors” we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago!

## PRELUDE

*Organ*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”

*LSB 473*

**Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed.  
O keep The feast of freedom gallantly;  
Let alleluias leap:**

***Refrain:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all our lives now celebrate The feast  
Let malice die. Let love grow strong anew, and great,  
Let truth stamp out the lie. *Refrain***

**Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord  
Who by the Spirit lives in us,  
The Father’s living Word. *Refrain***

*(Please Stand)*

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

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

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [*John 20:19-23*]

People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

### ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD☩

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is the Feast"

*LSB 155*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE 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.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**FIRST READING** *Acts 5:12–20* (God's Word goes out to the people through the apostles.)

<sup>1</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Revelation 1:4–18* (John's vision of Christ's eternal glory)

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**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 disciples hiding behind locked doors and brings peace by His resurrection.)

*The congregation is invited to read the words printed in bold*

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

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

<sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 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.**” <sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <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 believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

*LSB 477, v. 3*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**



**CONFIRMATION VERSE ESSAY PRESENTATION 8:15 AM**

*Henry Frederick Brink*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

*LSB 472*

**These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.**

**The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make him blind  
To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact.**

**His reasoned certainties denied That one could live when one had died,  
Until his fingers read like braille The markings of the spear and nail.**

**May we, O God, by grace believe, And thus the risen Christ receive,  
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**



**SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*



**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, in this season of Easter keep before us the vision of our risen and eternal Lord, through whom we also will rise and have life forevermore. Thank You for breaking through our locked doors of fear and doubt, and for offering us Your peace. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Ever-sustaining Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Quiet our doubts and nurture the faith that holds us together that we encounter the troubles and trials of our times with confidence. Since Jesus is alive forevermore, grant us peace that our praise and joy remain in You. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Ever-giving Lord, the greatest blessing You gave to this world was Your own Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who knew the struggles of the flesh and took them and all our sins to His cross to win the Easter victory over sin, eternal death, and the work of the devil. Grant Your continued peace for those who struggle in affliction and despair as they face trials of body and spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them with Your Spirit and keep them firm in their faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*(Special Petitions)*

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

**People:** Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

*LSB 806, v. 1*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

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## ✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

### PREFACE

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

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PROPER PREFACE

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *Holy, Holy, Holy Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*LSB 161*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*LSB 162*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 162

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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. *Matthew 6:9-13***

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 163

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

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God John 1:29*

LSB 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** “Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.**

**Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

**Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

LSB 487

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh’ bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.**

**‘Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days’ sleep in death As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv’n Laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus’ resurrection!**

**For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb’s dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.**

**Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb’s dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris’n this day; Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*(Please Stand)*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His Praise, tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia!**



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

*LSB 166*

**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.  
**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*LSB 457*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our Triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organ*

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