

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2019

11:00 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!

PRE-SERVICE *Instrumental*



WELCOME

OPENING “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Arr. Crowder/Milligan/Erfreuen

**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.**

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(Please Stand)

EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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



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☩

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.)

¹² 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. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ “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)

⁴ 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, ⁵ 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 ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ 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. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ 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.” ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ 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.**

¹⁹ 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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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 "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

Jaylee Kate Schulz

SONG OF THE DAY "Blessed Be Your Name" Redman

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.**

CHORUS: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. **CHORUS**

You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.
You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.
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Blessed be the name.

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SERMON

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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 “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” H. Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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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.**

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” Maichel

**Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.
And have mercy on us. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
Have Mercy on us, O Lamb of God. Grant us your peace we pray.**

(Please Be Seated)

To the cross I look, to the cross I cling
Of its suffering I do drink
Of its work I do sing
For on it my Savior both bruised and crushed
Showed that God is love
And God is just

CHORUS: At the cross You beckon me
You draw me gently to my knees, and I am
Lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered

What a priceless gift, undeserved life
Have I been given
Through Christ crucified
You've called me out of death
You've called me into life
And I was under Your wrath
Now through the cross I'm reconciled **CHORUS X2**

In awe of the cross I must confess
How wondrous Your redeeming love and
How great is Your faithfulness **CHORUS X2**
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“Jesus Firm Foundation”

Ingram/Wood/Brown

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.**

**Fear not, He is with us, oh be not dismayed,
For He is our God, our Sustainer and Strength.
He'll be our Defender, and cause us to stand,
Upheld by His merciful, almighty hand.**

**How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation.
And we will not be shaken. Jesus, firm foundation.**

**The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord
Will press on enduring the darkest of storms.
And though even hell should endeavor to shake,
He'll never, no never, no never forsake.
He'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

**How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation.
And we will not be shaken. Jesus, firm foundation.**

**Age to age He stands . . . faithful to the end.
All may fade away, but He will remain. He will remain.
How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation.
And we will not be shaken. Jesus, firm foundation.
Jesus, firm foundation. Jesus, firm foundation.**

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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 SONG “How Great Thou Art” *LSB 801*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” *Refrain***

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

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