Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023 – 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Setting One, Lutheran Service Book

Prayer before worship:

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you this day thankful for your glorious resurrection. Scatter doubt and uncertainty, and confirm our faith and trust in you. Come into our midst this day with your life-giving presence and bestow upon us your saving peace. Amen.

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Prelude

March on the 'Occasional Oratorio' (G. F. Handel)

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross made be made in remembrance of Baptism

- ▶ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☑ 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.



- P 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.
- C Amen.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" (LSB 463) **Processional Hymn** 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al -lu le ia! 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al le - lu ia! 3 Hail. the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al le - lu ia! _ 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al le - lu ia! _ _ Chris-tians, has - ten Al - lu on your way; le ia! Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al _ lu ia! le God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, A1 le lu ia! All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al le _ lu ia! 0 Of - fer praise with love Al re - plete, le - lu ia! Christ the Lord ris'n on Al le - lu is high; _ ia! When con - tend - ing le - lu death and life, Al ia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al le - lu ia! At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al le - lu ia! Now He lives, no die. Al le - lu ia! more to Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al le - lu ia! -Now He lives. die. A1 le - lu ia! no more to _

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Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

G He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

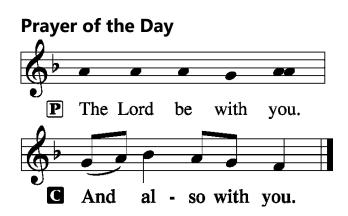
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.



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P Let us pray:

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

C Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm (*read responsively*)

Psalm 148

- Praise the LORD!
 Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
- Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
- Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- L Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
- And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- **L** Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- G fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- L Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- G Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
- L Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- **G** Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

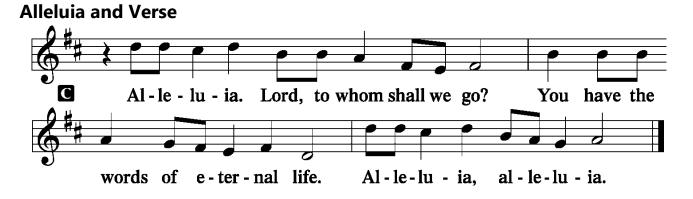
Epistle

Please join in reading aloud the highlighted portion of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

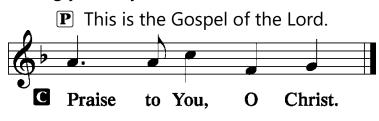
John 20:19-31

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



^[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.



"Living Hope"

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"O Sons and Daughters of the King" (LSB 470, stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

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 1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up - 					
hosts came seen on	in glo - ry their mas - ter the ris - en My hands, My	dear And sa	ay the grave id, "My peace ubt-ed the ith-less but	has lost its be with you dis - ci-ples' be - liev-ing	sting! here." word. be."



- 7) No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8) How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season of Easter each petition ends with the phrase: "Hear us, O God." Please respond by saying: **"Your mercy is great."**

The prayers end with the words:

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

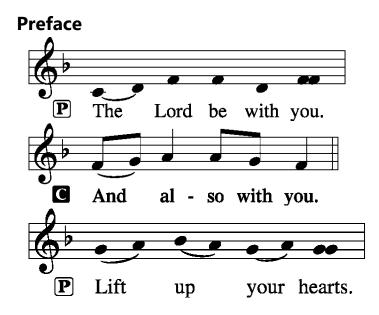
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

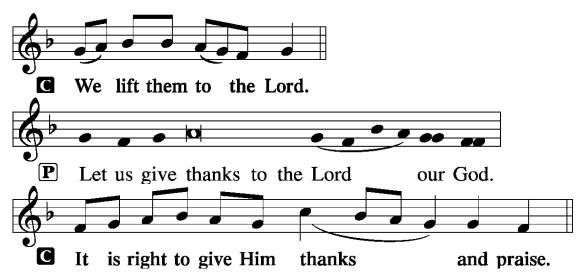
Announcements

Offertory Prayer

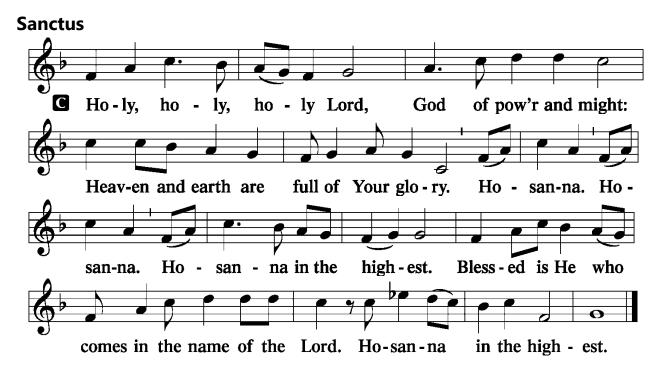
- L Let us pray: Blessed are you,
- O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament





It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

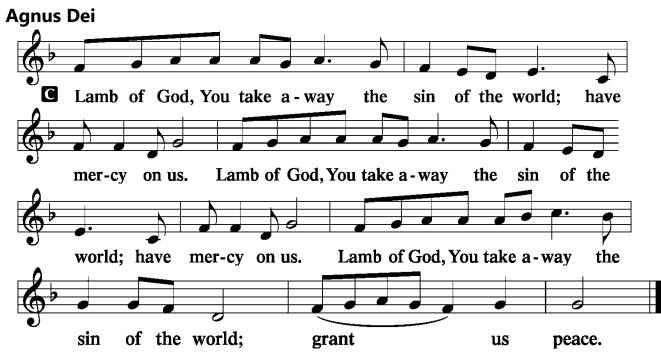
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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; 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

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



Distribution of Holy Communion

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

Music at Distribution



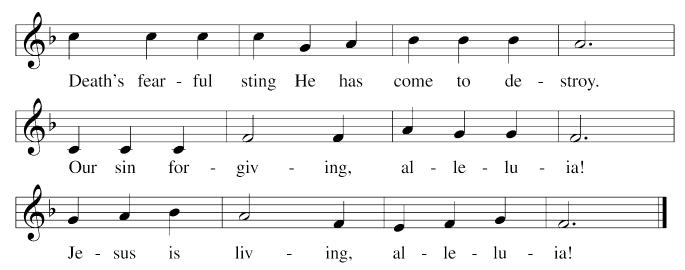
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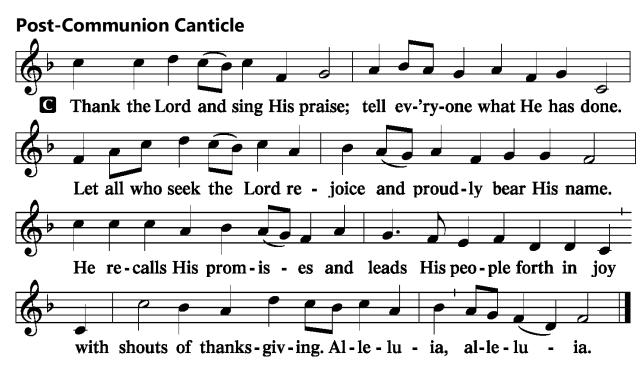
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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.



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Postlude

"Nun Danket alle Gott" (Karg-Elert)

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Our Ministry Of Worship

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	Michelle May		
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