

“Stop doubting
and
BELIEVE.”



JOHN 20:27, NIV

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday Worship Service
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Welcome! We continue to celebrate the season of Easter as we remember our Lord's triumph over sin and the grave. Today, we remember that with our Lord's Easter victory, he brings God's peace through the forgiveness of sins given through His cross and empty tomb.

+ **Order of Worship** +

Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

P: On the first on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the woman went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Confession and Absolution

P: Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin and toward You. Grant your Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us then make confession to God, our Father:

C: **Most merciful God, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.**

Confession and Absolution (continued)

C: But I am sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins. Grant me Your Holy Spirit that I may believe in Your forgiveness in Christ, amend my sinful life and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit *(Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon, 1 Peter 2:2-3)*

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it, you may grow up to salvation.

C: If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples.

C: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he uttered.

**C: He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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that by it, you may grow up to salvation.

C: If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 vv. 1-4

First Reading

Acts 5:29-43

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

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But 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. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For 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. After 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. So 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; but 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, and 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. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C: Christ has risen from the dead. (God the Father) has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands. He has put all things under His feet.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed 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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so 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. Though 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, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

P: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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." 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."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 vv. 5-9

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P: Hear us, merciful Father, as we pray for ourselves, for the Church, for our nation and for all conditions and manner of people.

Brief silence

P: God of mercy, keep us from doubts and fears that prevent us from knowing the fullness of Your saving peace and gracious presence. Teach us to trust Your Word and to believe in Christ crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of grace, bestow upon Your Church Your Holy Spirit and all the gifts that come down from on high. Grant to us faithful pastors who will preach faithfully and ears to hear Your Word proclaimed. Give us boldness in our witness before the world and courage to speak Your name without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of power, give courage and strength to those persecuted for the faith, and comfort the families of the martyrs. Keep Your Church from following the winds of change, and make her steadfast in the doctrine of the apostles and the faith once delivered to the saints. Help us to admonish those who have fallen away with Your Word and to restore with gentleness those who have wandered from the truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of might, counsel the nations and their leaders in the paths of peace and justice. Bless us with wise, faithful and just leaders who protect the sanctity of life and defend us against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Make us wise and discerning citizens who use the gift of liberty for noble purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of love, teach us to love one another as You have loved us. Guide us so that we may manifest the love of Christ as well as His strength. Deliver us from all that would threaten our homes and families. Protect the police, firefighters, disaster-relief workers and medical personnel who attend to us, as well as the places where we live and work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of comfort, give Your aid and relief to all who suffer want or need, to the sick in their afflictions, to those troubled in mind, and to those to whom death draws near, especially _____.
Heal and sustain them according to Your gracious will, and preserve them in faith to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of hope, be with those who grieve the loss of those whom they love. Point them to the promise of the resurrection and the gift of everlasting life to all who die in Christ. Deliver us from the distractions of things that do not matter, that we may be found faithful when our Lord returns in His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, bless us with the good gifts of the earth, with the fruits of our honest labors, and with a kind and generous heart. Accept the worship of our hearts and voices along with the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our gratitude and thanksgiving. Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor, that we may serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O blessed God and Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and teach us to trust in Your will to answer our prayers with all that is needful and beneficial, both for us and for all for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Closing Prayer

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from our ears to our hearts, from our hearts to our lips and from our lips to our lives, that Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction and Easter Proclamation

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.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

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