SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER





CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 15th and 16th, 2023

The Season

This season of Easter is a 50- day-long celebration of the fact that we have a Savior who rose from the grave. We believe this life-changing truth. Christ is risen! He lives! Throughout this season, we explore what that means for us.

The Sunday

Today is a day of great comfort for any follower of Jesus who wrestles with doubt concerning Christ's promises or doubts about God's Word. Jesus does not come to rebuke Thomas' weak faith. Jesus engaged Thomas and gave him peace. Still today, Jesus comes to his disciples in Word and sacrament. The living Lord speaks to us. When we show weakness of faith, he does not reject us. Just as he did with Thomas, Jesus engages us, giving us proof and peace.

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Seminarian Jacob Zabell Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday)



- 1 Come, you faith ful, raise the strain of tri um-phant glad ness!
- 2 See the spring of souls to day: Christ has burst his pris on,
- 3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
- 4 For to day a mong his own Christ ap peared, be stow ing 5 Al le lu ia! Now we cry to our King im mor tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in joy from sad - ness, and from three days' sleep in death has ris - en: as a sun with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its iov to ren - der: bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more hu - man know - ing. pass - es who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar-aoh's bit - ter voke Ja - cob's sons and daugh-ters, all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion Nei - ther could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark por - tal faith - ful, raise the strain tri - um - phant glad - ness! Come, you of



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters. from his light. to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing. wel-come in un - wea - ried strains Ie - sus' res - ur - rec - tion! nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him a mor - tal. as God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad-ness!

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism – 10:30 AM

Remain seated

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Finley Asher Eggert, son of Jason and Tina Eggert and Braxton Scott Eggert, son of Michael and Krista Eggert, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Finley Asher Eggert and Braxton Scott Eggert as your own children and made them members of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to them and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Service continues with the Hymn "Oh Sons and Daughters of the King". Stand to sing the hymn.

The Service – 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

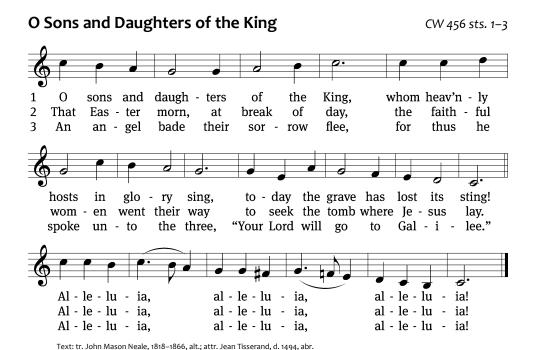
Lord, have mercy.

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For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

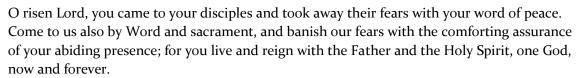


The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.



Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:14a,22-32

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²²"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him:

"'I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him

on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;

you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;

surely I have a delightful in-/heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. Refrain

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;

my body also will / rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,

nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.

You make known to me the / path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,

with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

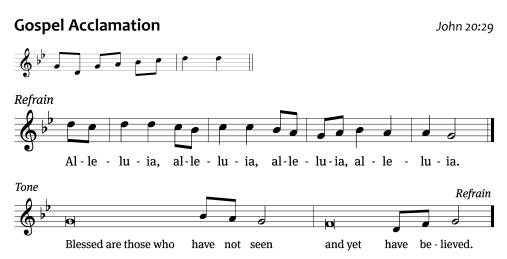
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³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



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Gospel John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

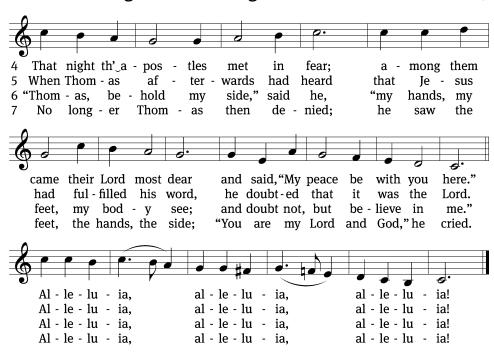
³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated





- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been; in life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated



Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Gracious Lord, we thank and praise you for your continued goodness to your servant Evelyn Theimer, whom you have blessed with 100 years of your grace. Grant that she may continue to know your loving-kindness, remain in your care and protection, and in all things glorify your holy name.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

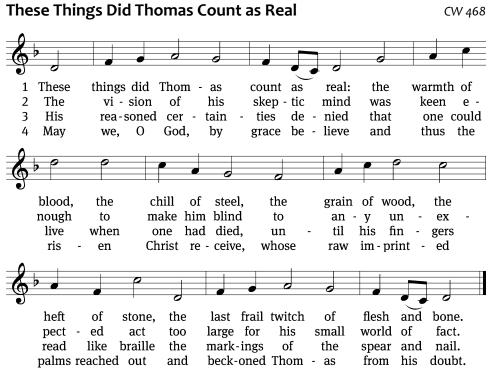
Silent prayer

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

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Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

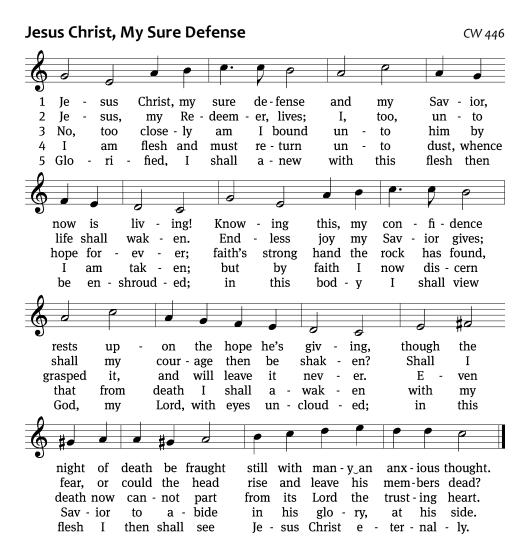


Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



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Announcements

Forward with God's Blessings: We give thanks to the Lord for moving his people to commit and to give offerings for the new church building project. We pray that God would continue to bless the efforts to build a new facility to worship him and proclaim what he has done for us. We pray with the confidence that he is able to do more than we either ask or imagine (Ephesians 3). Several members have asked about including a covered drive up to the church building. In the back of the church are some new conceptual drawings including this feature. Keep in mind that building this drive up would require a variance from the village, since the current required set back is 25 feet. Obtaining that variance would occur during the permitting process.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program The enrollment window is now open! Apply for the WPCP between February 1st and April 2oth. To apply for a voucher, go to dpi.wi.gov/choice, verify your income and submit proof of residency. We hope this program can be a blessing to our St. Lucas families and allow us to share the light of God's Word even more. If you have questions please contact Kevin Scheunemann, school choice administrator, at (262) 339-5425 or kewaskumdq@gmail.com or Mr. Hesse.

Opportunity to Serve: Lutheran Memorial Park is in need of one or two people for mowing and trimming of the Cemetery grounds. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who enjoys being outside in summer, riding on a lawn mower and trimming. If there is multiple interest, duties can be shared or split. All equipment is provided. Pay is hourly. For further information, contact Sexton Richard Schmidt at 262-626-4593 or Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829. Thank you for considering serving the Lord and our Congregation.

LUTHERAN MEMORIAL PARK - It's time for spring clean-up at the cemeteries. Just a reminder that all Christmas Decorations should be removed no later than April 15th. Please take your refuse with you as there are no containers at the Cemeteries. Anything placed outside of the designated planting area will be removed and placed next to the shed for a short time and then disposed of. The "Responsibilities of Family and Friends of the Deceased" as it relates to Lutheran Memorial Park is posted at the entrance area and on the shed at the cemetery. Thank you for helping to keep our cemeteries looking beautiful. Memorials to Lutheran Memorial Park are appreciated in helping maintain Cemeteries.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

Birthdays:

Lucille Marquardt – 4/17 Briana Raether – 4/21 Harry Krueger – 4/20 Ralph Rather – 4/23

Calendar

Readings for April 16th – April 23rd, 2023

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY
Exodus 20:1-24 Luke 4:1-15 *Worship 8am Sunday School 9:15am Congregational Call Mtg 9:15 *Worship 10:30am	ı6	Exodus 22:20-23:13 Luke 4:16-30	17	Exodus 23:14-33 Luke 4:31-44 Bible hour 6:30pm
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY
Exodus 24:1-18 Luke 5:1-16 Public School Catechism 3:30		Exodus 25:1-22 Exodus 25:23-30:38 Luke 5:17-39 Bible hour 10am Ladies Guild 6:30pm	20	Exodus 31:1-18 Luke 6:1-19 School Chapel Service 7:45am
SATURDAY		SUNDAY		USHERS
Exodus 32:1-14 Luke 6:20-38 *Worship w/Communion 6p	22 om	Exodus 32:15-35 Luke 6:39-49 *Worship w/Communion 8a Sunday School/Bible Hr 9:15a *Worship w/Communion 10:	am	Sunday 4/16 - Schacht - 8am Strack - 10:30am Saturday 4/22 - Butzke - 6pm Sunday 4/23 - Kempf - 8am Koch - 10:30am

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