

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 475 720 629 620 646

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

April 11 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

April 11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

April 11 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

April 13 NO 10:00 Bible Study (Pastor's Circuit Meeting)

April 13 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

April 14 2:30 p.m. Confirmation

April 14 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

April 15 Noon Bible Study

HYMN OF THE DAY: At the end of our Gospel lesson, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Our hymn of the day, *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*, praises just this kind of faith. Though we have not heard Christ's voice, we believe him near. Though we have not touched his hands and side, we cry with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." With many prayers for God to strengthen our faith, we seek the risen Christ where he can be found today, in the Word and Sacraments of his church. All the while, we long for that day when faith will turn to sight, and we will behold our Lord forever in realms of clearer light. Come quickly Lord Jesus.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Though Thomas believed upon the sight of the risen Christ, Jesus says that those who have not seen and yet believe are blessed. Just as John's Gospel account tells us, these events were recorded, written, preserved, and shared so that we might have faith and believe that Jesus is not only the Christ but also our Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work through the Word, the very faith of which Jesus speaks is happening today in us!

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 3:11-21 1John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49

THANK YOU to our Church family and Third Avenue Youth for the Easter Cards and Goodies. We appreciate being remembered. **Ray and Janice Delfs**

FROM PASTOR ALEX: Spring is here. The fellowship hall is reopened, and I am looking forward to getting to know every family in the parish. If you would like a visit, you can sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office. My goal is to visit every family once this year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

DEVOTIONS: Now that Lent has come and gone, Pastor Alex will be resuming his Facebook devotionals. Check the church's Facebook page on Monday for the first devotional on 1 John. These devotionals will be published Monday through Friday.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK!!! Peace has opened the fellowship hall for after service coffee and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you would like to provide snacks and beverages.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will meet Wednesday, April 14th at 3:30 p.m. Karen Olson will have devotions and program and Kathleen Dieren will be the hostess.

NORTHWEST ZONE LWML RALLY The Spring Rally will be April 28th at St. John Lutheran in May City. Registration at 1:00 p.m. and Rally at 1:30 p.m.

MAY BREAKFAST Due to the COVID restrictions in place at Holy Name Catholic Church, Rock Rapids, they are **not** able to host the May Breakfast this year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Hello Everyone! Rainforest Explorers will be our VBS theme this year. We are very excited for this summer's program! VBS will be Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11 from 8:30-12:00. To register, please go to vbsmate.com/peacelutheranchurch. VBS is in need of volunteers for the kitchen, crafts, and also teachers! What a great opportunity to connect with our youth! We are also accepting snack donations! Please let Natalie Larson know asap if you are able to help out, her number is 719-641-7547. Thank you in advance!

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will have a Spring Rummage Sale on May 7th. Please start accumulating your good, clean, used items for the sale. If you have any special items that you are donating, please let a member of Daughters know so it can be advertised to bring more people to the sale.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect canned fruit for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

ACOLYTE TODAY is Lexi Davis . Next Sunday will be Harper Flying Horse.

USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 475: GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

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

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

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.

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

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–32

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God 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

1 John 1:1—2:2

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 720: WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

- 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Hymn 629: What Is This Bread

Hymn 620: Jesus Comes Today With Healing

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.
P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

- 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.

HYMN 646: CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS

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