

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 531 471 Blue 40

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

TODAY April 24 11:15 a.m. Voters Meeting

April 24 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

April 26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

April 26 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

April 27 9:30 a.m. Quilting

April 27 Noon Bible Study

April 27 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

April 30 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

May 7 No 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

May 7 9:00 a.m. May Breakfast at Holy Name Catholic Church

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *O Sons and Daughters of the King*. This hymn takes us back to Easter morning, the morning of Jesus' resurrection. The good news is first announced by the angels, "Today, the grave has lost its sting!" The word is shared with Thomas, who doubts the reality of the resurrection (stanza 5). Jesus takes away Thomas' doubt by inviting him to touch his hands and his sides (stanza 6). Where do we find ourselves? In the words of verse 8, "How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win." We must not doubt the Lord as Thomas did, but trust the news shared by the angels, the resurrection witnessed by the apostles, and the blessing pronounced by our Lord. Those who have not seen yet have believed have won eternal life.

A WORD: The first reading (from Acts 5) shows us how the ministry of Jesus continued after his resurrection. Though Christ was bodily absent, he empowered the apostles to continue his work and released them when they were imprisoned. Our Savior continues to empower and care for his church today. We meet doubting Thomas in the Gospel. He believed when he saw. We have believed but not seen. Therefore, Jesus' blessing belongs to you and me.

The epistle reading is from Revelation. This is the only place in the Bible where Jesus is described to us in all his heavenly glory. This Lord of infinite glory and might rules all things for the glory of God and the salvation of his people.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 9:1-22 Revelation 5:1-14
John 21:1-19

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The women expect to find an imposing stone keeping them from the body of Jesus. Instead, they find the stone rolled away. They expect to find the body of their crucified Lord. Instead, they find the tomb empty. The resurrection has changed everything. The living are not to be found among the dead. In Christ, we "consider (ourselves) dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

GUEST PASTOR: Pastor Alex will be taking a working holiday the second week in May. Pastor Howlett will be preaching May 8.

UPDATE ON UKRAINE: Between the two churches and Thrivent, we were able to raise \$1687 for Ukraine over our Lenten season. The Synod has given us an update on how the funds are being used, which is posted in the fellowship hall. In the short term, our gift has provided food, medicine, travel accommodations, documents, and clothes to refugees. A long-term fund is also being built that will be used to construct an LCMS mercy center in Romania for women and children and for the rebuilding of Lutheran churches in Ukraine following the war.

MAY BREAKFAST The Council of Churches May Breakfast will be hosted by Holy Name Catholic Church's St. Catherine's Society of Rock Rapids on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m. Hope Rasmussen will speak about her Study Abroad Program and provide musical entertainment.

ALTAR COMMITTEE FOR MAY: At Peace it will be Avis Fick and Colleen Small and English will be Linda Wulf.

GOD'S WONDER LAB WILL BE OUR VBS THEME THIS YEAR. We are very excited for this summer's program! VBS will be Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10 from 8:30-11:45. To register, please visit our church website and click register for VBS. 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 if you are able to help out, her number is 719-641-7547. Thank you in advance.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: Daughters of Peace will have their annual Rummage Sale May 13th from 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. As you do your "Spring" cleaning, please collect items to donate for this sale and place them in the southwest Sunday School room and mark them "rummage sale". No adult clothing or shoes--children's clothes only.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: A new pictorial church directory is in the planning stages. The Committee needs updated information on all members. Please complete one of the information sheets that are on the table in the Fellowship Hall and return it to the church office. Thank you all for your assistance in getting up-to-date information.

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

USHERING TODAY is Team 3: Paul Davis, Lowell Drenth, Paul Sindt, Warren Arends, Jerry Baatz, Eugene Johnson **Next Sunday is Team 4:** Wayne Ranschau, Brad Vogel, Gary Delfs, Marv Flier, Wayne Jepsen, John Schulte

+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO +

HYMN 531: HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

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 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

Revelation 1:4–18

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 470: O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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

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

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.

BLUE HYMNAL 40: BECAUSE HE LIVES

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