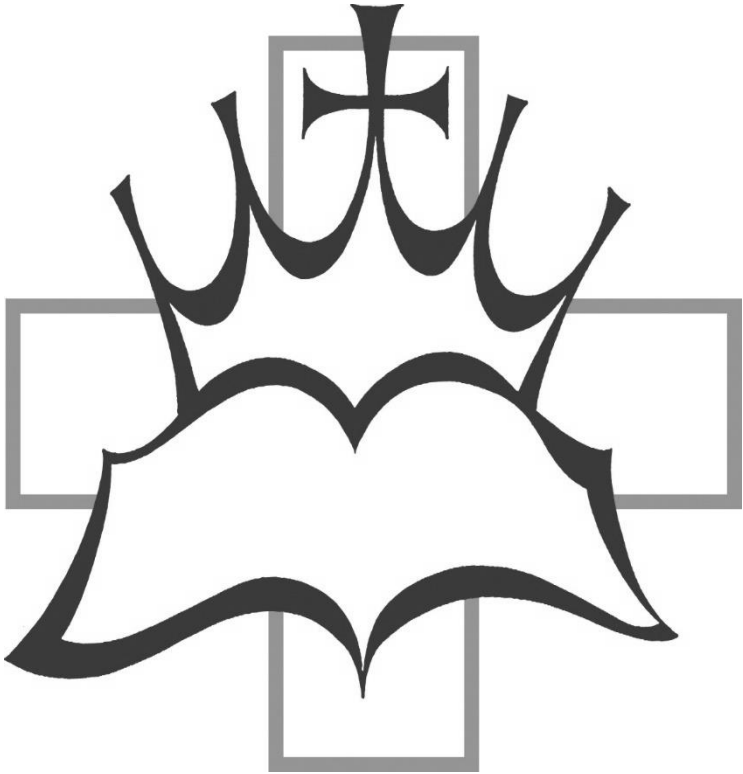


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



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John 20:30–31

Order of Worship

April 7, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8

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.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Service

Invocation for the Easter Season

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

Opening Song We Have Come To Worship The Lord

Horton

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Tag

CHORUS

We have come to wor - ship the Lord,
We have come to wor - ship the Lord, -
Bow down be - fore_ Him,_ Love and a - dore_ Him,_
We have come to wor - ship the Lord._ En - ter

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10 VERSE

in - - in - to the Ho - ly Place; En - ter - - in, - - and

13

look up - on His face; He is worth - y, He is

15

ho - ly, He is Je - sus; En - ter in.

Prayer of Confession

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **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 for self-examination.

- P** O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.
- C** **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.**

Song of Praise

You Have Saved Us

Baloche, Gowell

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus, Chorus

[4] VERSE

1. Who am I that You would know me,
 2. Turn your hearts from earth - ly i - dols,

4 who are we to You, Lord? You have shown Your
 turn our eyes to You, Lord. On - ly You can

7 love and mer - cy, we are stran - gers no more. We are
 heal what's bro - ken, on - ly You can re - store.

10 daugh - ters, we are sons all be - cause of what You've done.

15 CHORUS
 You have saved us, You have raised

16 us up with You. You have saved us,
 19 called us out and made us new, yeah.

22 1 - Repeat to Verse 2 [3] 2 - to Instrumental
 You have saved us, yeah.

26 [7]
 We are daugh - ters, we are sons all be -

30 CHORUS
 cause of what You've done. You have saved us,

34
 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

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38
called us out and made us new. You have saved us,
12
You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,
16
called us out and made us new, yeah.
19
You have saved us.
52
You have saved us. You have saved us.

Psalm

Psalm 148

Spoken responsively

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

**⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

**⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**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!**

Prayer

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.

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On 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." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.**



Nicene Creed

- ☩ 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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**




Song of the Day

By Faith

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Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus, Verse 5, Chorus x2, Tag

VERSE




1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the

3



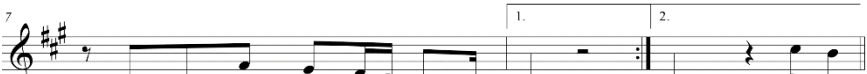
light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

5



lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,


7



who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice

10

CHORUS



stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

13



soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the work is done,


16



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

19

VERSE



3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the


21



longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -

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23



pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news

25



1. and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth. We will
in ev' ry cor - ner_ of the__

2. **D.S. al Coda** Θ

28 Θ Coda (3)



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

31 VERSE



5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

33



pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

35




know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His

38 CHORUS



name. We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will

41



fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. 'Til the

43



race is fin - ished and the work is done,

45



we'll walk by faith and not by sight. Oh, ___ we will

47 CHORUS



stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

50

soul's ___ re-ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the

52

work is done, we'll walk by faith ___ and not by

55

sight. we'll walk by faith ___ and not by sight.

Sermon

"Defeated Fear"

John 20:19–31



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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.

Blessing

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

C **Amen.**

Song

He Is Risen *Baloche, Kendrick, Galbraith*

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by a repeat sign and the word 'Verse'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 8, 12, and 16 marked at the start of each system. The final system ends with the instruction 'To Chorus'.

1. Ear - ly morn - ing break of dawn, stumb - ling to the
2. Sing with all cre - a - tion, sing of a world made
tomb, stand - ing awe - struck, won - d'ring who rolled a - way the
new. in His life we, too, may live, burst - ing from the
stone. And as the sun came up, a - mazed, they looked in - side and saw an
tomb. And look - ing up, we see our King en - throned on high, His wounds of
an - gel clothed in light. Don't be a - fraid, He is a - live.
love now glo - ri -

To Chorus

21 ^{2.} **Chorus**
 -fied. Re-joyce for soon He'll burst the skies! He is ris - en,

27
 hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah! Christ is ris - en, let the whole world

32
 sing. Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris - en from the dead! _____

38 **To Verse 2**
 _____ from the dead! _____

45
 He is ris - en, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah! Christ is

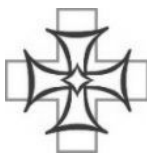
51
 ris - en, let the whole world sing. He is ri - sen,

56
 hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah! Christ is ris - en, let the whole world

61
 sing. Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris - en Christ is ris - en

67
 from the dead! _____

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Resources for Meditation this Week

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 April 2024

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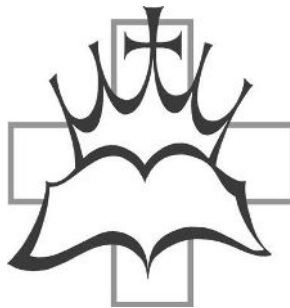
Acts 4:32–35

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19–31

The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He *“came and stood among them,”* and with His Word and the wounds in *“his hands and his side,”* He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He *“is the Christ, the Son of God,”* so that by such faith we *“may have life in his name”* (John 20:31). The apostles *“have seen and heard”* this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we *“too may have fellowship”* with the risen Christ, with the apostles and *“with one another”* (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by *“their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,”* and all who believe this Word are *“of one heart and soul,”* because in Him they truly have *“everything in common”* (Acts 4:32–33).



Readings

Acts 3:11–21

1 John 3:1–7

Luke 24:36–49

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).

