

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Theme of Today's Readings: The risen Christ brings peace to his disciples.

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation I come to your table to eat and drink your body and blood. Let me find favor in your eyes to receive this Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Opening Hymn, TLH 192, verses 1, 4-8

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Verses 4, 7 & 8, everyone sing

Verse 5, women

Verse 6, men

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

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 our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C**Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. We praise You, LORD Jesus, that because of Your resurrection, we can live our daily lives, assured that You are alive in us...and that You can and will empower us with Your presence through Your Holy Spirit to do You will in our words, in our actions, and even in our thoughts. Thank You, Jesus!
- C **Amen.**

The First Reading, Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Epistle Reading, 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NIV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The Life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal Life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is Light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie

and do not live out the truth. But 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, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His Word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Reading, John 20:19-31 (NIV)

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

On 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!" After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the LORD.

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

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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!" Then 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." Thomas said to Him, "My LORD and my God!"

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

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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.

Sermon Hymn, TLH 208, verses 1, 2, 4, and 6
"Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"

Sermon

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

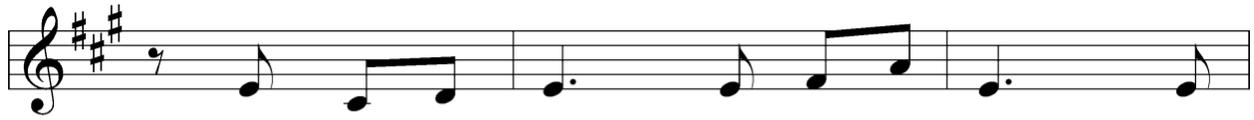
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

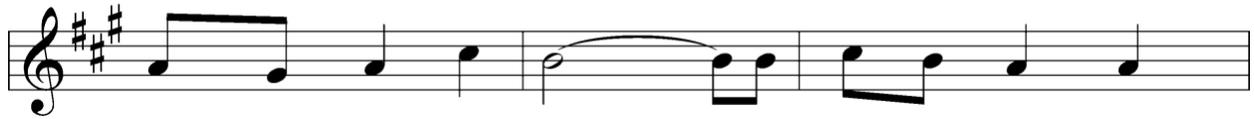
Benediction (NIV)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and T give you peace.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn, LSB 720 (No TLH)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Those Serving Today:

April Altar Guild: Jean Anderson and Darcy Tatham

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Communion Assistants: Lyle Horrmann & Steve McConley

Counters for today: Adam Horrmann

Lector: Jean Anderson

Organist: Julie Wright

Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Ushers: Keith Lange & Tim Phelon

LWML Mites

The Mite offering will be received today. The next collection will be May 2.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Lynn Oolman (4/12), Bill Christ (4/13), and James Scanlon (4/18).

New Directory

A new membership directory has been printed and is available in the back of the sanctuary. Please report any- corrections to the office.

Corrections: Under Doris duBois the phone number is a landline not a cell. Under Diane Reyes the phone number is a cell not a landline.

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Don is generally in the office on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10-3.