

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

QUASIMODO GENTI (NEW BORN BABES)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

April 16, 2023

AS WE GATHER: *"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood"* (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty God,,

People: 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Matins

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB 464
"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

*Confession and Absolution: (Printed)

"O Lord, open my lips..." LSB 219

PSALMODY

Venite: LSB 220ff

READINGS

Catechism Review

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Pew Bible Page 1345

Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10
Pew Bible Page 1903

*Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31
Pew Bible Page 1686

*Common Responsory LSB 221

Office Hymn: LSB 470
"O Sons and Daughters, of the King"

Sermon

Offertory LSB 472
"These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

*Canticle LSB 941

PRAYER

*Kyrie: LSB 227

*Lord's Prayer: LSB 227

*Prayer of the Church

*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

*Collect for Grace: LSB 228

*Benedicamus/Benediction: LSB 228

Closing Hymn: LSB 487
"Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain"

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