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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.*

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: 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).

Order of Worship
Service of Prayer and Preaching *LSB p. 260*

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”**

LSB 480

**1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the_ incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

**2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.**

**4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**

Stand

△ **5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

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Opening Versicles

LSB 260

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

♪Hymn of Response: “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

LSB 488

1 He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;

The gates of heav’n are open.

My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan’s arrows broken lie,

Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.

O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.

He was dead but now is living!

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Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

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.

Men's Chorus: "Alleluia, Alleluia" (10:30 a.m.)

Epistle Reading

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.

Stand

Gospel Reading

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Joh, 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.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”** *LSB 472 to tune Tallis’ Canon 833*

- 1 These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.**
- 2 The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact.**
- 3 His reasoned certainties denied That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille The markings of the spear and nail.**
- 4 May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**

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Sermon “Peace Be With You”

Pastor Buchhorn

New Member Reception

Stand

♪ **Te Deum Hymn: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.**

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]*. . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Collect of the Day

- P** 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.**

Collect for the Word

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the

blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Benedicamus

LSB 267

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Sit

♪ Hymn to Depart: “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 470 v. 1, 4-8

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Justin Anderson, Tasha Forsyth, Abigail Bose, Jason Claussen, Craig Evans, Chase Forsyth, Desiree Kneifl, Sandy Bartling, Sara B. Ruwe, Layne Evans, Makayla Heithold, Kash Koch, Tammy Nissen, Payton Janke, Tim Reinhardt, Courtney Roeber-Hefti & Charlene Bodlak

ANNIVERSARIES: Dennis & Pam Ekberg, Chad & Pam Janke, Ralph & Glenda Beiermann and Cody & Stephanie Henderson

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE \$14,184.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we return to our review of the events of Jesus' final days leading up to His crucifixion according to St. Mark. Join us in the church basement at 9:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We are still in the early days of our overview of the book of Genesis. This book is foundational to our understanding of much of the rest of the Bible and our place in the world. Join us for this lively class at 9:00 a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs.

MIDWEEK CLASSES: Our midweek classes by grade have wrapped up for the year. In April we will have a series of large group movie nights (April 10 & 17) beginning at 6:30 p.m. where midweek students and any others who would like to attend will watch the movie version of "The Gospel of John" in three one-hour installments with a brief discussion at the conclusion of each section. There will be snacks. Join together for this time to fix our eyes on Jesus and remember what he did and taught.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Breathe In, Breathe Out" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez -- The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study “Consuming Fire.” Elijah challenges the people to stop “limping” between Baal and the true God. Gathering the 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah proposes a test to determine the truth: each side will butcher a bull for sacrifice and call on their god to send down fire. The prophets of Baal call upon their god, even cutting themselves to appease it, but nothing happens. Elijah drenches his offering with water, completely filling the trench around it. Then Elijah offers a simple prayer to the true God, who sends down fire from heaven to consume the offering, the wood, and even the water in the trench.

WELCOME: Today we formally welcome a number of individuals who have affiliated with our congregation over the past year. We delight to have them as a part of our fellowship and pray God's richest blessing on them as they join us in serving our Savior. We welcome Donavon & Nadine Bjorklund, Austin & Kylee Keiser, Brian & Rachelle Reeg and their children Grant & Sophia, Norma Lee Stoltenberg, Mike & Brooke Sturm and their children Chase, Evlyn, Logan & Taelyn, and Haydyn Beaudette. If you would like to know more about becoming a member of Grace please contact Pastor Buchhorn.

LIFESERVE BLOOD DRIVE will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Call today to schedule your appointment – 800.287.4903. Only blood collected by LifeServe is provided to Providence Medical Center.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be Sunday, April 14th, at 5:30 pm. at Teresa Tiedtke's home. We plan to make door hangers (cost \$40) and porch signs (cost \$60); all supplies will be provided. There will be stencils and designs available. If you want a custom design made, contact Teresa (402-369-2653) before Sunday, April 7th. You are welcome to bring an appetizer. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and devotion, even if you don't want to make a project. If you have questions, contact Teresa Tiedtke or Julie Bose.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Youth Easter Breakfast! A HUGE thank you to the youth and their parents for all their help! Lora & Teresa

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: *Husbands, listen up!* Did you know that 90% of effective communication is listening, not talking? When your wife is talking to you, stop what you are doing, turn toward her, and look at her face. Communicate the message that you are interested in and care about what she is saying. This is respectful, courteous, and is one way to build a great relationship. Give it a try this week! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND: The Youth Group is planning a lock-in at the church on Friday, April 26th – Saturday, April 27th. Be on the lookout for more details to come!

CHECK IT OUT:

More books by Regina Jennings for the Church Library. The “Fort Reno” series consist of three books:

- 1) “Holding The Fort”—Louisa Bells loses her job and has no choice but to go West into Indian Territory where her brother is stationed only to find that he has his own problems. Unsure what she can do to help him and desperate for a job, she doesn’t protest when she is mistaken for a governess at the fort. How hard can teaching really be?
- 2) “The Lieutenant’s Bargain”—Hattie Walker dreams of becoming a painter, but her parents want her to settle down. As a compromise, they give her two months to go to Denver and place her works on exhibition. Her journey is derailed when a gunman attacks her stagecoach, leaving her to be rescued by a group of Arapaho. . .but she is too terrified to recognize them as friendly.
- 3) “The Major’s Daughter”—Caroline Adams returns to Indian Territory after tiring of confining society life. She wants adventure, and when she and her friend Amber come across swaggering outlaw Frisco Smith, his dreams for the new territory are very persuasive. FIC/JEN

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTORS: Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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ELDER ON DUTY: Chuck Potosnyak (8:00) Chad Janke (10:30)

ACOLYTES: Reagan Heithold & Nora Heithold (8:00)

Liam Blohm & Aiden Kesting (10:30)

READERS: Jeff Simpson (8:00) Nadine Bjorklund (10:30)

GREETERS: Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (8:00)

Donavon & Nadine Bjorklund (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Louise Green in gratitude for all those who contributed to Lent & Easter

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
TUESDAY	1:00 pm.	Blood Bank
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	2:00 pm.	Ladies Aid
	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek Movie
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner