

This Week's Words for Meditation

Faith to Sight and Prayer to Praise

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

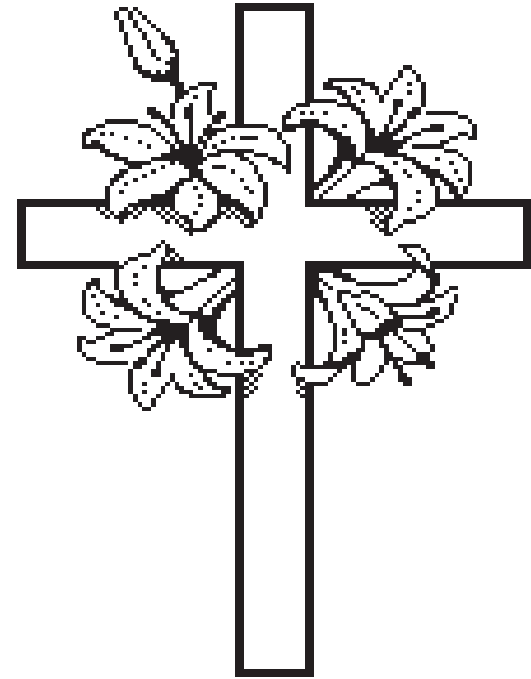
John 20:29

Thomas is often looked on in a bad light. Shamefaced along with all the other disciples who forsook Jesus as He went to the cross for the sins of all humankind, he suffers the misfortune of being absent during Jesus' first two post-resurrection appearances to His disciples. Stubbornly Thomas clings to his skepticism, only to have it melt at the sound of his Master's voice, "Stop doubting and believe."

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." We are those people. St. Peter wrote, "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8). To be sure, we have our "Thomas" moments when our faith wavers and we stubbornly cling to our unbelief. It is then when our Savior, who has called us by our name, assures us of His guiding presence. Redeemed by our precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love, we are assured of eternity in heaven, where we will see God face to face. Then our faith will be changed to sight and our prayer to praise. "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

**Loving Father, strengthen us when we
doubt Your promises. Keep us strong in
faith until the day when our faith is changed to
sight and prayer to praise. Amen.**

James W. Freese



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Welcome! The service is designed to honor God and encourage and feed His people. We hope your heart is open to Him today, and that you sense the warm presence of His Spirit.

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+ WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP +

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Organist: Christopher Mueller



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+ WELCOME AND GREETING +

Pastor’s Welcome

The Invocation for Easter Season

P: Alleluia, 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 28:19b)

C: Amen!

Opening Hymn: #470 LSB “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (v 1,2,4,8)

Verse 1: *O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!*

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 2: *That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Refrain*

Verse 4: *That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you, here.” Refrain*

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

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+ TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS +

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(1 John 1:8-9)

(A time of silent confession before God)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(1 John 1:12; Philippians 1:6)

Kyrie Lord, Have Mercy (p. 152) (SPOKEN by Pastor & Congregation)

(Mark 10:47)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Victory This Is The Feast (p. 155) (Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

_Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

+ FORGIVEN, WE NOW ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE +

PSALMODY: Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3 (Read responsively)

P: 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.

C: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

P: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

C: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P: 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.

C: 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.

P: 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 for this Day

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

The First Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-35 (ESV p. 912)

They Had Everything in Common

32 Now the 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. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There 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 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



The Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (ESV p. 1021)

The Word of Life

1 That 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— 2 the 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— 3 that 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. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Walking in the Light

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

Christ Our Advocate

2 My 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. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Season Gradual (*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*)

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

C: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31 (ESV p. 906)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twentieth Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

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

Jesus and Thomas

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

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

The Purpose of This Book

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Children's Message: "Alleuia! What Do We Do Now?"

The Message Hymn: #463 LSB "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleuia"

Verse 1: *Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleuia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleuia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleuia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleuia!*

Verse 2: *For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleuia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleuia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleuia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleuia!*

Verse 3: *Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleuia!
God and sinner's reconciled, Alleuia!
When contending death and life, Alleuia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleuia!*

Verse 4: *Christians, on this holy day, Alleuia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleuia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleuia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleuia!*

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The Message for the Day: (John 20:19-31)

"Surprising Truth: What Is Already Known Is More Important!"

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (p. 158)

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 worshipped 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.

The Gathering of Offerings for the Lord's Work (A Friendly Reminder to please continue offerings as you are able.)

The Sanctus

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise you on this day for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By his dying he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Consecration of Elements for Holy Communion

Distribution will take place in the Narthex at the conclusion of this worship service.

Please make sure to sign in on the Communion Notebook.

The Prayers of the Church (after each petition, please respond with - “Hear our Prayer”)

- O Lord, **have mercy.**
- O Christ, **have mercy.**
- O Lord, **have mercy.**
- O Christ, **have mercy.**

The LORD’s Prayer (p.162) (Spoken)

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.

Prepare to Receive Holy Communion

We practice Biblical Communion. It is a testimony to our unity in faith and doctrine. All who have been baptized, examined and absolved are welcome.

If you are not an active member of this parish or have not previously received communion from Pastor Dolby, please speak with him.

We invite you to read and understand Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, 1 Timothy 4:16, and Mark 14:23-25.

Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the wine, we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.

We receive Christ’s Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins, united in the fellowship of faith and faithful in Christ, Christ’s presence and peace.

The Benediction (p.166) (Spoken)

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Amen.

The Sending Hymn: #473 LSB “ Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free” (1, 2, 3)

Verse 1: *Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep
The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap:*

Refrain: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Again sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!*

Verse 2: *Let all our lives now celebrate The feast; let malice die.
Let love grow strong anew, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.*

Refrain

Verse 3: *Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord
Who by the Spirit lives in us, The Father’s living Word.*

Refrain

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The Sending

P: Christ has risen from the dead! (Matthew 28:7)

**C: Alleluia! Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia! (2 Timothy 1:10b)**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masks are required while in the buildings for all participants 5 years or older.

Flowers/Plants to decorate our Altar area. Many thanks to all those who brought in flowers/plants to grace our Lord's Altar on Easter morning. Please be sure to pick up your flowers/plants today if you have not already done so.

Preschool Phone Number Changed! The new number for Rise and Shine Preschool effective immediately is 425-869-6487.

Worship service recordings will continue to be provided on the church website in the days following each Sunday.

Worship services are currently, on a week-by-week basis, either being held at 9:30 AM in our Sanctuary or being live streamed in our Facebook account. Members can also view the recorded video later, on our website at: <http://www.allsaints-lcms.com>, when posted. Updates will also be posted on the website as things are subject to change due to COVID-19.

Sunday School classes currently remain virtual.



Scan using camera or vision on your smartphone. Its a quick way to get to our website.

PLEASE TAKE HOME THIS PRAYER LIST OF PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

Below are names that Pastor has received over several weeks. Should you wish any names to be added or updated, please contact Pastor or Barbi in the office. If we do not receive updates, names will be removed from this list after 30 days and placed into the Lord's hands.

Ezra, family friend of Paix and Karin, is looking for results after recent surgery. (3-21)

A family friend of the Hargraves, Marc, had colon cancer surgery recently. Prayers for healing from the surgery and that all the cancer was removed. (3-21)

Scott Allen, has been diagnosed with tongue cancer. Prayers for healing. (3-21)

From Lisa Gasiewicz - Please pray for a good friend of ours, Audrey, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for the Doctors, Audrey and her family, and for a complete recovery. (3-7)

PLEASE ADD OTHERS YOU MAY WISH TO PRAY FOR



*THE FOLLOWING SIGNED UP TO GIVE
EASTER PLANTS
TO GRACE OUR LORD'S ALTAR*

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Bob and Barbara Burger

Pat, Barbi and Sean Callahan

In Loving Memory of
Loretta Bangert

Steve and Diane Fairbanks

In Memory of Loved Ones

Dewey and Mary Miller

Ruth Poe

In Loving Memory of Family Members

Pat Roley

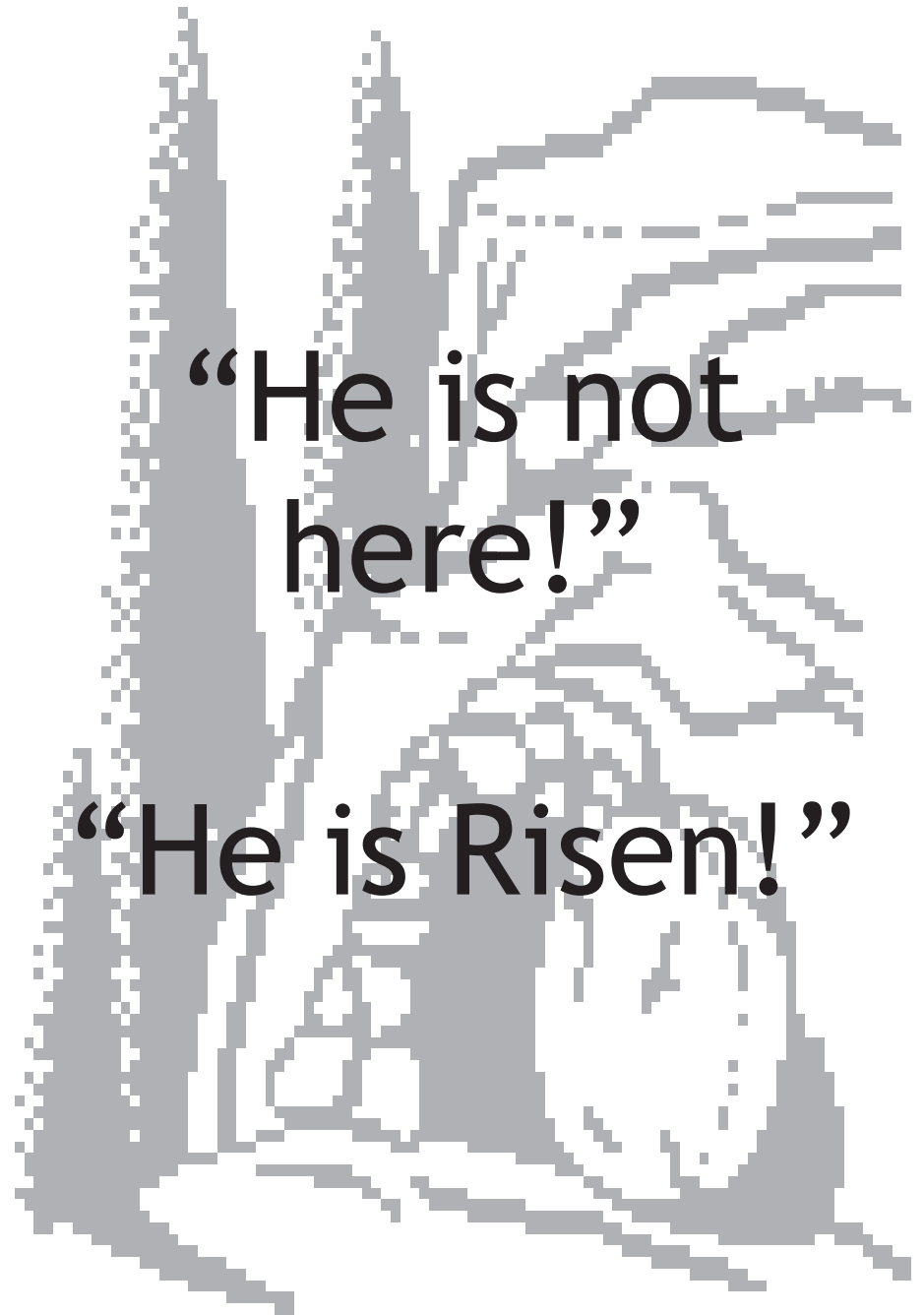
In Loving Memory of Family Members

Erika Wolfkill

In Memory of Loved Ones

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*WE THANK ALL THOSE
WHO HAVE ALSO PLACED SPRING PLANTS
TO BEAUTIFY OUR CHANCEL TODAY!*



“He is not
here!”

“He is Risen!”