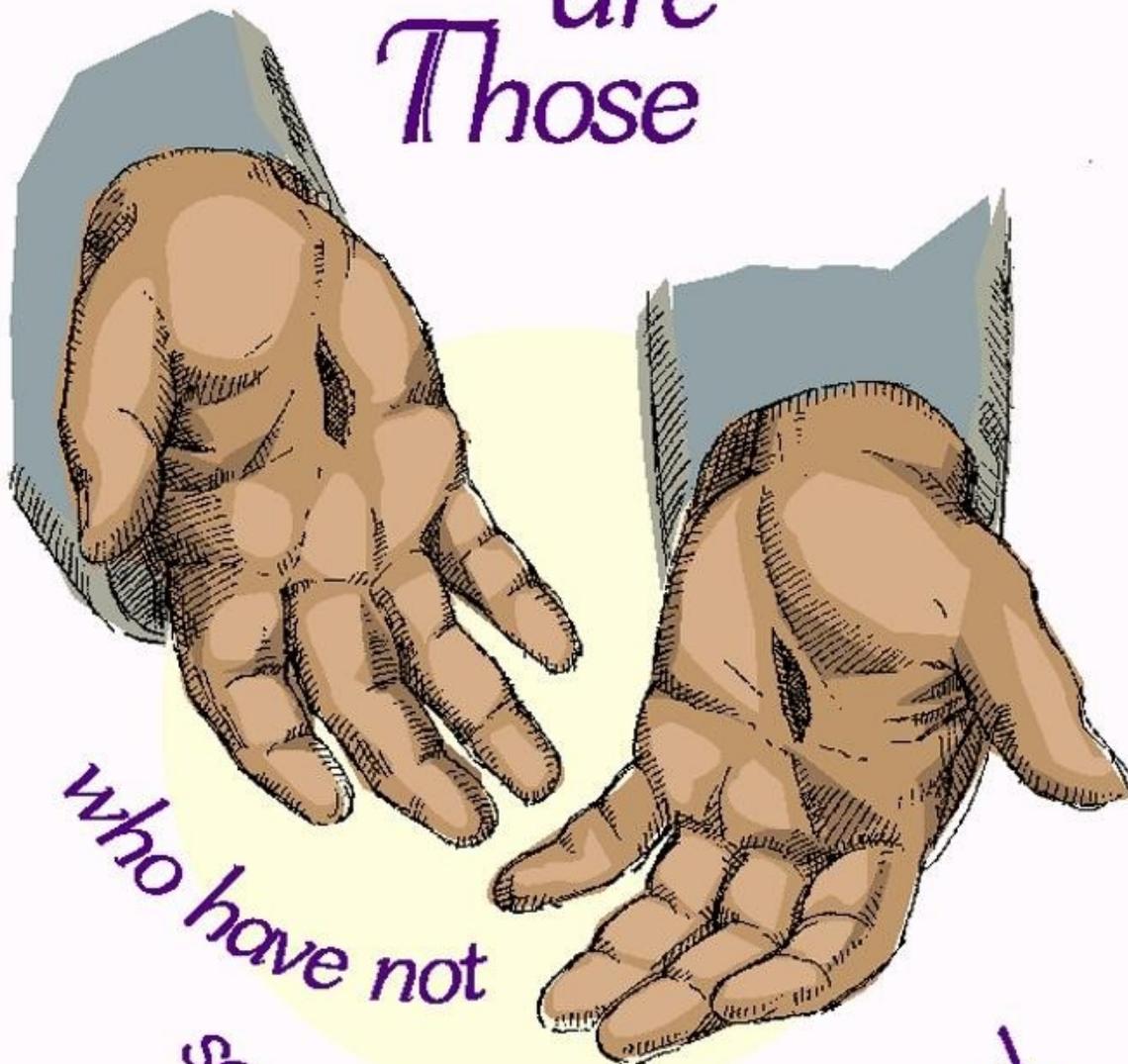


Blessed  
are  
Those



who have not  
seen and yet have believed.

*John 20:29*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday, April 19, 2020

1:00 p.m.

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**ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** This morning's order of worship is adapted from Service of Divine Setting Five (LSB pp. 213-218) in the Lutheran Service Book (the burgundy hymnal). It is our intent that the service in word and song points to the meaning of the day and more importantly to its meaning and strength for your life.

**P** = Pastor      **R** = Reader      **C** = Congregation

**✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! ALLELUIA" *LifeWay*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**EXHORTATION**

*LSB 213*

**P** 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.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 213*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **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.**

### ABSOLUTION

*LSB 213*

- 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 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.  
**C** **Amen.**

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### GLORIA

“ALL GLORY TO OUR LORD AND GOD”

*Koine*

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**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 5:29–42

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

### Praise the Name of the LORD

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

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

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

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

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,  
<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!

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

<sup>14</sup>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!

## **EPISTLE**

1 Peter 1:3–9

### **Born Again to a Living Hope**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your

faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKY”

*Koine*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19–31

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

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

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

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

### **Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>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**

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

**C** 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

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 218*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN TO DEPART**

“MY REDEEMER LIVES”

*iWorship*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

### INTRODUCTION TO THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*LSB 217*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### DISTRIBUTION

### THE DISMISSAL

*LSB 217*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

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# Sermon Notes

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### A NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION—

Holy Communion, among Lutherans, is an act of witness in unity of the great faith that God is triune, Jesus is the Son of God that salvation is His gift by grace alone, earned for us by His death, given through faith alone. In Communion, we believe that we receive the Real Presence of Jesus' body and blood given for us. Because we are a **confessional** Church, we practice the Biblical doctrine of Close Communion; therefore, we rejoice when others share that unity of faith and invite all who do to be our guests at the Lord's Communion Table this day. ***If you have questions about or are uncertain about the Christian faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church, please speak with an elder or the pastor before communing.***

*If you desire to participate in the Lord's Supper, please use the following devotional thought as a guide to help you prepare.*

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 13:5, "**Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.**" He also wrote in 1 Corinthians 11:28, "A person should examine himself first before he eats of the bread and drinks from the cup."

- Have I been baptized?
- Do I trust Jesus Christ as my Savior?
- Do I recognize my sinfulness before God, repent of those sins, and truly desire to live in a way that pleases Him?
- Do I, by faith, trust in Jesus' words and recognize in the bread and wine Christ's true body and true blood (His Real Presence) and trust His words, "given and shed" for me, for my forgiveness, and for my strengthening in the new life?
- Do I understand that the Lord's Supper is intended for those who have been instructed to discern its meaning and power and to affirm joyful confession of faith?

*"He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Martin Luther*

**IF YOU DO COMMUNE TODAY**, please register your name on the attendance card so that we are aware of your sharing with Jesus. The tray with individual cups with the wine will be

passed immediately following the host (bread). The common cup will follow. *If you would prefer non-alcoholic wine, you will find it at the center of each individual tray and can be identified as “clear rather than red.”*

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO COMMUNE BUT WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FOR A BLESSING,** please feel free to do so. Indicate your desire for a blessing without Communion by folding your hands or crossing your hands on your chest. The Pastor will then know to say a special prayer of blessing for you.