

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²Now 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. 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.

Epistle

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.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

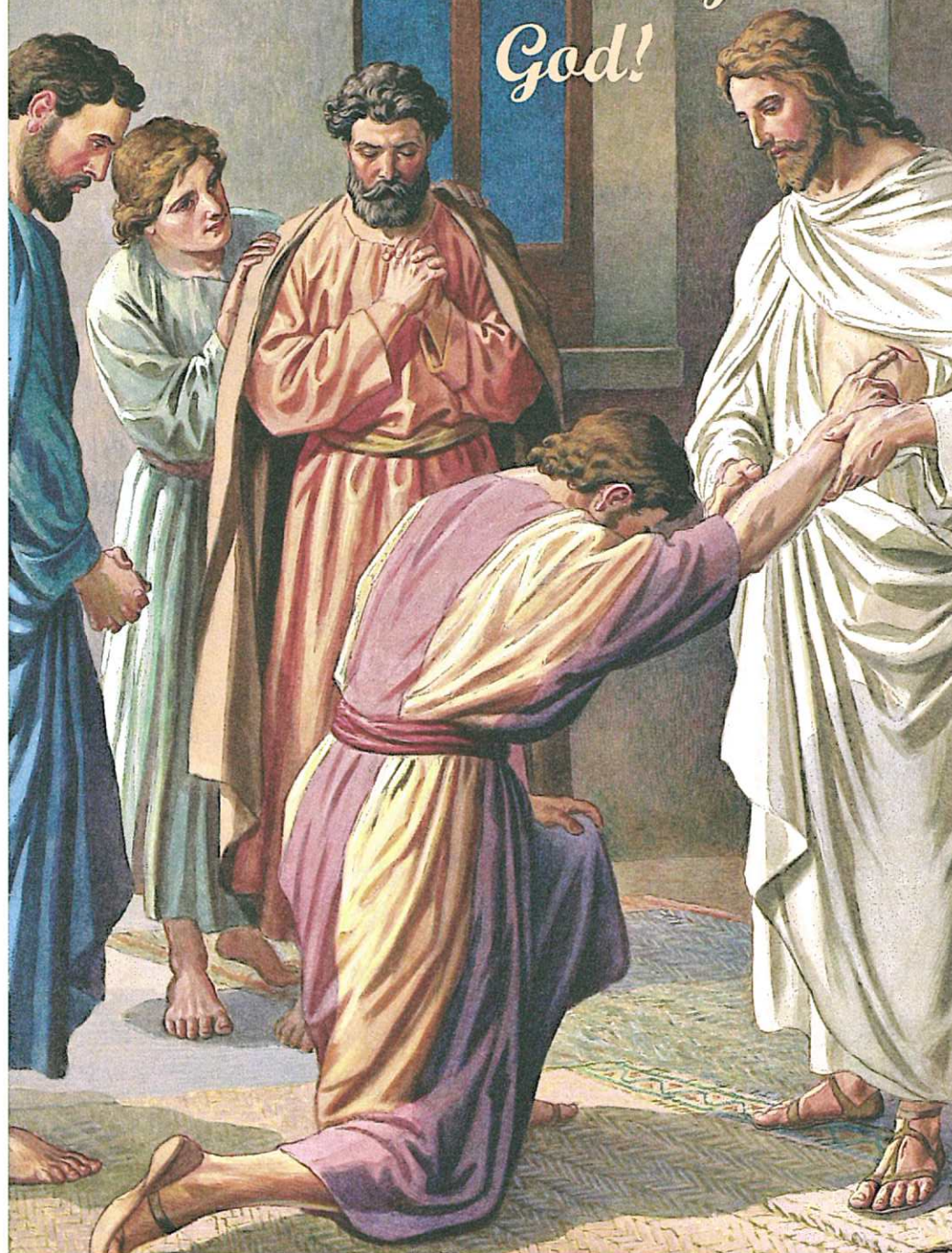
¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they 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.

*My Lord
and my
God!*



About the Cover: We often refer to Thomas as "Doubting Thomas." We doubt too. When something seems nearly impossible for us to believe, we blurt out, "Show me!" As humans, we think we need to be shown in order to believe. Some things sound too good to be true. Not so with Jesus. Jesus tells us about His love and promises for us. We need only to believe.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: (W) 487, 470, 805, 480
(S) "O Come to the Altar," "Call Upon the Lord," "You
Are Good," "What a Beautiful Name," "Hosanna," 805,
"King of My Heart"
Sermon: "Believing Is Seeing"
John 20:19-31

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 3/29 (Maundy Thurs.): 69 Comm.: 59 Offering: \$1,032.00
Attendance 3/30 (Good Friday): 86 Offering: \$ 880.00
Attendance 4/1 (Easter – 7 am): 86 Comm.: 71 Offering: \$5,497.00
Attendance 4/1 (Easter – 9 am): 159 Comm.: 106

No Sunday School/Bible Class

Budget Needs: \$3,397.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (4/8) 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
WED (4/11) 6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
THUR (4/12) 12:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
SUN (4/15) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./No B.C.
9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm.

THANK YOU TO HAVEN2GO, a group of Concordia University Wisconsin students, for being with us today (Sunday) to lead our music. A free-will offering will be received to support their ministry.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed toward the Military BibleSticks. Because of your generosity and commitment to sharing God's Word, we are able to supply 51 BibleSticks to our military personnel. Thank you!

PASTOR ON VACATION - April 9-16 – If an emergency should arise, contact Pastor Joel Brassfield (920-246-2587) or one of the elders.

VOTERS MEETING is Sunday, April 22 at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

MEN NEEDED to serve on the Board of Elders. Please prayerfully consider serving. If you have any questions or interest, contact Rick Riemer or Pastor Krueger.

FLOAT COMMITTEE – The board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for 3-4 people to organize the church float for the parade on June 8. Contact the church office if interested.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

John 20:19 "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – This week, please pray for our **District's Campus ministries**, giving our young people a Christian home away from home, and reaching out to the many international students who learn about the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).