

**The Second Sunday of Easter + April 24, 2022**

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

**HYMN:** "O Sons and Daughters of the King" *LSB 470 / TLH 208*

*Lutheran TV – Hymns from the LSB St John LCMS, Hubbard, IA*

1. **O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting!  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**
2. **That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**
3. **An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
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 that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**
  
9. **On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

## CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

*LSB 184-185*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.  
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.**

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.**

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.**

**PSALM:** Read Psalm 148

*1 Praise the Lord!*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!*

*2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!*

*3 Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!*

*4 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!*

*5 Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For he commanded and they were created.*

*6 And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

*7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!*

*9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!*

*10 Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!*

*11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!*

*12 Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!*

*13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.*

*14 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!*

*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.*

**KYRIE** *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17**St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19**St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017*

C: **Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

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 5:12-32*

P: <sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers

were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,<sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.<sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy<sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.<sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,<sup>20</sup> “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”<sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.<sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,<sup>23</sup> “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”<sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.<sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”<sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,<sup>28</sup> saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.”<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.”

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE***Revelation 1:4-18*

P:       <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** “Beautiful Savior” *TSJ Grades 5-6*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 20:19-31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: <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.”

<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.”

<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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED LSB 192

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN: "He's Risen, He's Risen" LSB 480 / TLH 198

*Bethany Lutheran Church Vacaville, CA*

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, th'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.
5. Δ 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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**SERMON:** “The Son of Man in Glory” *Revelation 1:4-18*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: LSB 532 / TLH 219**

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

*The Choir of Lincoln Cathedral Matins for Ascension Day*

1. **The Head that once was crowned with thorns**  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty Victor's brow.
2. **The highest place that heav'n affords**  
Is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. **The Joy of all who dwell above,**  
**The Joy of all below**  
To whom He manifests His love  
And grants His name to know.
4. **To them the cross, with all its shame,**  
With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name an everlasting name,  
Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. **They suffer with their Lord below,**  
**They reign with Him above,**  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The myst'ry of His love.
6. **The cross He bore is life and health,**  
Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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## 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 FOR THE WORD

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION [LSB 202]

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.**

## HYMN: "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" *LSB 488 / TLH 189*

*Redeemer Lutheran Church Waterloo*

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.**  
**Oh, hear what cheer!**  
**Christ victorious Rising glorious,**  
**Life is giving. He was dead but now is living!**

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