



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Easter  
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## ✠ WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY ✠

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & GREETING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card*

### OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

**P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** This is the day the Lord has made!
- C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- P** Because Jesus is alive forevermore,
- C** in Him we will live also!

### HYMN: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

*LSB 594, stanza 1\**

**God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

### BAPTISM

*Samuel Rogers*

### HYMN: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

*LSB 594, stanza 5\**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!**

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\* Music for hymns and liturgy can be found in Lutheran Service Book (LSB) found at your seat.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, amid doubts and fears, Your gift of faith gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side because Jesus lives forevermore. As we wait until that day of unending glory with Him, teach us to live the lives you’ve given as a reflection of Your love, that we serve You and others in truth and give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 5:12–20*

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. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

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

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

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 1:4–12a, 17-18*

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, 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 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 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.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 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.”

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me... 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, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades

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

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155\**

*Refrain:*     **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.** *Refrain*

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

**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.** *Refrain*

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

## GOSPEL READING

*John 20:19–31*

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

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

## HYMN: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

*LSB 463\**

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| <b>1 Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!<br/>Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!<br/>Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!<br/>At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!</b> | <b>2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!<br/>Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!<br/>Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!<br/>Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!</b> |
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- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
 God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
 When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
 Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
 All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
 Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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*Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!      **C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
**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.**

**HYMN: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”**

*LSB 477\**

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
 Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
 He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—  
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
 See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
 Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
 Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
 Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
 Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
 Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

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**SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK**

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for April:</b>	John Licht, Andrew Johnston		
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Levi Siegmann	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Morgan Shively
<b>Reader:</b>	Andrew Johnston	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Frank Cornell
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Cathy & Dan Schultz, Vern Bartlett, Kathy Wendt		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir		
<b>Altar Guild for May:</b>	Lori & Rita Argo		
<b>Lawn Mowing for Next Week:</b>	Donald Proefrock, Dennis Kaus		