

The Second Sunday of Easter April 24, A+D 2022



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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 4 – Page 203 Lutheran Service Book

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "the firstborn of the dead" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "sharp two-edged sword" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God," that by such faith "you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Stand

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

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

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- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Service of the Word

Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

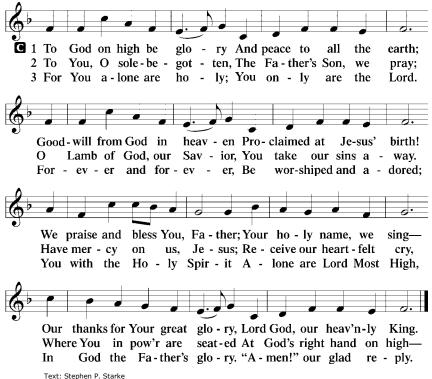
- Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- **G** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- C make known his deeds among the peoples!
- **P** Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- **C** tell of all his wondrous works!
- **P** Glory in his holy name;

Introit

- **C** let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- **P** Seek the LORD and his strength;
- **C** seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- **C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
- P He remembers his covenant forever,
- **G** the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- **G** 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.
- Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- **G** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** 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.

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First Reading

Acts 5:12-32

A The First Reading for The Second Sunday of Easter is from the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

¹²Now 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. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so 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. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And 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 and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now 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. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "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." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed

by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 1:4-18

A The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the Revelation of St. John.

⁴John 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, ⁵and 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 ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, 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.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹I, 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. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "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."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and 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. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In 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.

¹⁷When 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, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

This is the Word of the Lord. A

Thanks be to God. С

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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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.

Sit

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon Text: John 20:19–31 Sermon Title: Doubting Thomas, Then and Today

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Musical Offering

Stand

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

P The Lord be with you.

• And also with you.

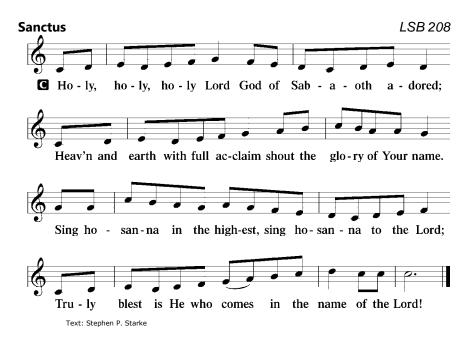
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P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

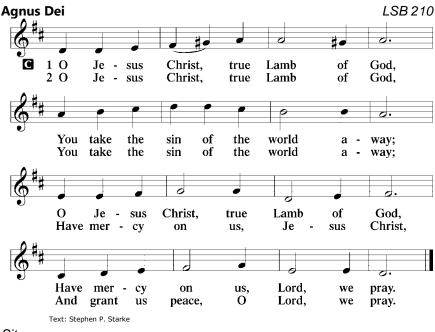
The Words of Our Lord

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 of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Communion Dismissal

The Dismissal

- Image: Provide the second second
- C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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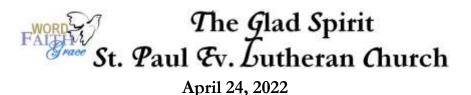
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Your stewardship of **TRASH**

TRASH refers to our care of God's creation. God created all things in heaven and on earth. Therefore, all created things and beings belong to Him. He also made the first man and woman in His image and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:28)

According to Genesis 2:15 God put Adam into the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. He was the first manager of something that belonged to God, and he was to manage it according to God's wishes. Unfortunately, he and Eve disobeyed God and desired to do things their own way. Through this act of disobedience sin entered into the world and the earth and everything on it was cursed because of that sin. And yet, this is a marvelous earth with all its beauty and bounty, and we are still God's caretakers and managers.

It is hard to fathom that more than seven billion people now live on planet earth. According to God's design there are ample resources on earth to satisfy the needs of all living creatures. The truth is that God provides but man divides. Our stewardship of the air, earth, water, crops, livestock and other resources on earth is of critical importance. Polluted air and water, world hunger and trashy environments give evidence to the need for improved stewardship of God's creation.



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Micci & Brian Orth, Family Taylor, Payton, Brianne, Genevieve Adeline Ovalle, Family Blake Jessica Ovalle Sandi Ovalle & Shawn Conway, Family Nathanial, Anthony, Aiden, Emma

BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Budde, 4/26 Cheyenne Plecas, 4/28

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Wiltjer, 4/25 Paulette Maurer, 4/26

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Barb Leone, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen and Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Over and above our own body, spouse, and temporal possessions, we still have another treasure—honor and good reputation [Proverbs 22:1].... It is intolerable to live among people in open shame and general contempt. Therefore, God does not want the reputation, good name, and upright character of our neighbor to be taken away or diminished.

-Large Catechism I 255-256

Thanks to all who donated to our Easter Free Will for LCC. \$134 has been sent to them for use wherever it's needed most.



The Saints of Swallow Hill by Donna Eberhardt is the book we will be reviewing on May 11 at 10:00 am.. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members.

Christian Stewardship is concerned with God's gifts and the way we use them. There are many passages in the Bible that are concerned with a giving God and a receiving people. How the receiving people use all that comes from a giving God is, in my book, what Christian Stewardship is all about.

Our Missouri Synod has this as their definition of stewardship: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." *Luke 6:20-38, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

The Eight T's are: Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology. You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Begin studying the book of Acts on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study various Psalms on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Article XVI: Civil Government in the Augsburg Confession (4/30 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

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"Just as He did on the embryonic leg of your journey, the Lord is guiding you still. Just as He did when you cascaded down the fallopian tube, the Lord carries you still. You were created to listen to the words of the Lord. Listen to the One who knows you, who knows your entire journey." Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



YOU REALLY HELPED MAKE THE REVIVAL A SUCCESS!—HOW WAS YOUR TRIP OUT OF TOWN?

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 14th Attendance 10, 9 Communed, 3 Online April 15th Attendance 30, 6 Online April 17th Attendance 62, 41 Communed, 6 Online

Basket Envelopes Maunday Thrs. Good Friday Easter **Budgeted Total** Offering Needed

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Free Will, LCC Church Maint 60.00

Weekly Missions

Non-budgeted Total

\$204.00

\$10.00

134.00

Today

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

8:45 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Coffee &

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

8:45 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Coffee &
10:30 am	Council Meeting

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Apr 24, 8:45 AM	Sun, May 1, 8:45 AM
Pastor	Pastor Fluechtling	
Usher	Aaron Schassburger	Louis Sella
Lay Reader	Tracy Middleton	Norma Allen