

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

See. Touch. Believe. Confess

April 23 & 24, 2022

5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

Thomas had missed out. He wasn't there with the other disciples when the risen Jesus appeared that first Easter night to show them His hands and side. Thomas was absent when Jesus breathed on them with His Spirit and sent them out to proclaim His forgiveness. It's no wonder then that when Thomas heard about this encounter, he wanted to see Jesus for himself. "Unless I see, . . . I will never believe," he said (John 20:25). One week after Christ's resurrection, Thomas had his opportunity. He saw. He touched. He believed. He confessed: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). Today is your opportunity—don't miss out! Our risen Jesus is here with His Spirit and in His body and blood. We see. We touch. We believe. We confess. As we gather in His presence for worship today, may He fill us with great joy as we continue to celebrate His resurrection victory and confess Him as our Lord and God!

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

**5:00 BELL CHOIR ANTHEM**      *"Percussive Praise"*

### WELCOME

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:4-5 ESV

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #480

### "He's Risen, He's Risen"

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

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.

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.

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.

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.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow  
of the Almighty.

**People:** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

**Pastor:** Taking refuge in the mercy of the Lord, let us come before Him in prayer.

*A moment of silence to reflect on God’s Word and to examine our hearts before Him.*

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**People:** We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored you as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from your presence forever. Yet in your great mercy, you sent your Son to die and rise again for us. Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive your mercy and be renewed by your Spirit that we may honor you as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hears our prayers and answers them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. By faith, we stand at His cross and empty tomb. We find our refuge and sing for joy in the shadow of His wings. 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**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.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

(Be seated)

#### **☩ WORD ☩**

**FIRST READING** Acts 5:12–32 (The apostles testify publicly as witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection.)<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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *Revelation 1:4–18* (Jesus is alive forevermore.)

<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 white wool, like 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**5:00 ANTHEM**

*“Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful”*

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 20:19–31* (Thomas sees, touches, believes, and confesses the risen Jesus.)

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

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**"Jesus Rose for You and Me"** *(tune: Jesus Loves Me)*

Jesus rose for you and me  
"Alleluia" let us sing.  
Someday we will live with Him  
"Alleluia" let us sing.  
Sing, Alleluia! Sing, Alleluia! Sing, Alleluia!  
He rose for you and me.

Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

### SERMON HYMN #466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Refrain** Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death under go; And in its conquest His might did show.

### Refrain

The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there."

### Refrain

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"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won."

### Refrain

Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

### Refrain

### SERMON

### "Faith in an Unbelieving World"

(Rise)

### NICENE CREED

**People: 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.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, please sign our fellowship folder located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: We pray, glorious Lord, you have worked the salvation of the world through the death and resurrection of your Son. Give strength to our praise, and let our hearts and mouths be filled with the joy of your wondrous works. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God Almighty, you stoke the fires of your churches as lights in the darkness of this world. As we gather in the Spirit on the Lord's day, comfort and embolden your holy ones to serve in your presence and to cherish the words you have written to your churches. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, your Son visited disciples hiding away for fear of the Jews, as well as John when he was exiled by the Romans to Patmos. Sustain all your disciples in the throes of persecution. Visit them with your Easter Gospel, and give them their portion in the resurrection unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God of hosts, you have added believers to the Lord Jesus in all times and places, from those receptive and hostile alike. Shepherd the nations, and bring all peoples to embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ. Curb wicked rulers and break their power, that all would be brought to the feet of Jesus in worship. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Great Physician, even the shadows of your apostles brought healing to the afflicted people of Jerusalem. As we rest under the shadow of your wings, heal your afflicted servants, especially Brian Green, Steve, Dorothy, Vern, Norma, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Marlene, Brian, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah, that they would rejoice in your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, your Son greets His disciples with peace despite their sins against Him. Make us confident in His mercy toward us, and gladden our hearts as He comes to us in His body and blood to forgive, renew and strengthen us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your gifts to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for the past 175 years. Chiefly do we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, who alone is our salvation. By His death, you have atoned for our sins; by His resurrection, you have justified us; and by His Word and Holy Spirit, you have brought the Gospel of peace to us. We give thanks that for 175 years in the congregations of our Synod, you have richly and daily forgiven the sins of believers. Not unto us, but unto your name, O Lord, be glory! Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We implore you, O Lord, to sanctify and keep the congregations, schools and organizations together with all our people in the truth. Your Word is truth. Preserve us from false teaching; bring us to repentance for every place where love or zeal has faltered; grant us and our children bold and steadfast hearts to remain faithful to this confession and church, suffering all rather than to fall away from it; and unite us with all Christians in a true confession of Jesus Christ, in whom the world has redemption: the forgiveness of sins. To you alone be all glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: 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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**5:00 BELL ANTHEM**

*"Joyous Praise"*

4-8 Bell Choir

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**HYMN #487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with un-moistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!

For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.

Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

**HYMN #642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"**

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

My Lord, you here have led me To this most holy place  
And with yourself have fed me The treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

**HYMN #470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"**

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Here, O Lord, in the true body and blood of your Son, we  
have seen you face-to-face and touched the same Savior who showed  
His hands and side to Thomas and the other disciples. Grant that we  
who have believed in our crucified Savior may confess with great  
boldness the power of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### CLOSING HYMN #549 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him  
who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.  
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