
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27-28, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Though we don’t have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord’s Supper. Jesus still comes through the “locked doors” we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago!

HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

Stand CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

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

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**C Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

**C Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

**C Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**C 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.**

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

KYRIE 

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the
Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast 🎵

LSB 155

C *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.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*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.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **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.

Sit **FIRST READING**

Acts 5:12–20

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Saturday] **GRADUAL**

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

[Sunday] Adult Choir

You Raise Me Up

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4–18

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand ALLELUIA AND VERSE 

LSB 156

C *Alleluia.*

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

C **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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit **HYMN**

Our Father, by Whose Name

LSB 863

MESSAGE

Kay Meyer, Family Shield Ministries

Stand [Saturday] **NICENE CREED**

C 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.**

[Sunday] APOSTLES' CREED

**☉ 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P With Thomas, whose doubt and fear wrestled against his faith, we pray You, Lord, to strengthen our weakness, embolden us in our trepidation, ease our anxieties and help us trust in You for forgiveness of all our sins, for the new life granted to us in Baptism and for the gift of eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With the disciples behind locked doors, we pray You, Lord, to release us from the prison of our fears so that we may make known the joyous good news of Christ's death that paid the price of sin and His resurrection that has bestowed upon us the promise of eternal life. Bless the work of Family Shield Ministries in the spread of the Gospel in and to families. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With the faithful on the evening of our Lord's resurrection, we pray You, Lord, on behalf of Your Church and those who bring us Your Word and Sacraments. Grant to those ordained for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to fulfill their holy calling faithfully where You have placed them. Pour out Your Spirit upon us as we continue the process of calling a Pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray You, Lord, to lead and guide our president; the Congress; our governor; the legislature of our state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect and defend those within our community who enforce the rule of law, respond in emergency and disaster, and guard our liberty here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With concern for those who have fallen away, we pray You, Lord, to rekindle faith within them and restore those who have wandered from Your house and from Your Word. Make our congregation a welcome place, and teach us to rejoice with the angels over every sinner who repents of their sins and rejoices to believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With concern for the wounded and hurting, we pray You, Lord, to grant the sick and suffering healing and relief according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of those for whom our prayers have been

requested [*including _____*] and those we lift to You in our hearts... Be the comfort of those who grieve and the peace of those at the last, that they may know the joy of Your presence in all their sorrows and afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With grateful hearts for all Your mercies, we pray You, Lord, to teach us to use wisely all Your gifts and with a grateful heart to be generous with those in need. Give us a willing heart to return to You the tithes and offerings that testify to our faith and evidence our gratitude for all Your gifts, that neither Your work nor Your Church should suffer any lack. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With confidence in Your mercy, we pray You, Lord, to give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation and to keep from us all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit **OFFERING**

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Stand **OFFERTORY** 

LSB 159

C **What shall I render to the Lord
for all His benefits to me?**

*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will take the cup of salvation and
will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Sunday's service continues with the Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as

He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Sunday's service continues with the Benediction

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI 

LSB 163

C 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.

Sit **DISTRIBUTION**

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness LSB 467
Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing LSB 421

Stand **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** *Thank the Lord* 🎵 LSB 164

C *Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and
leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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