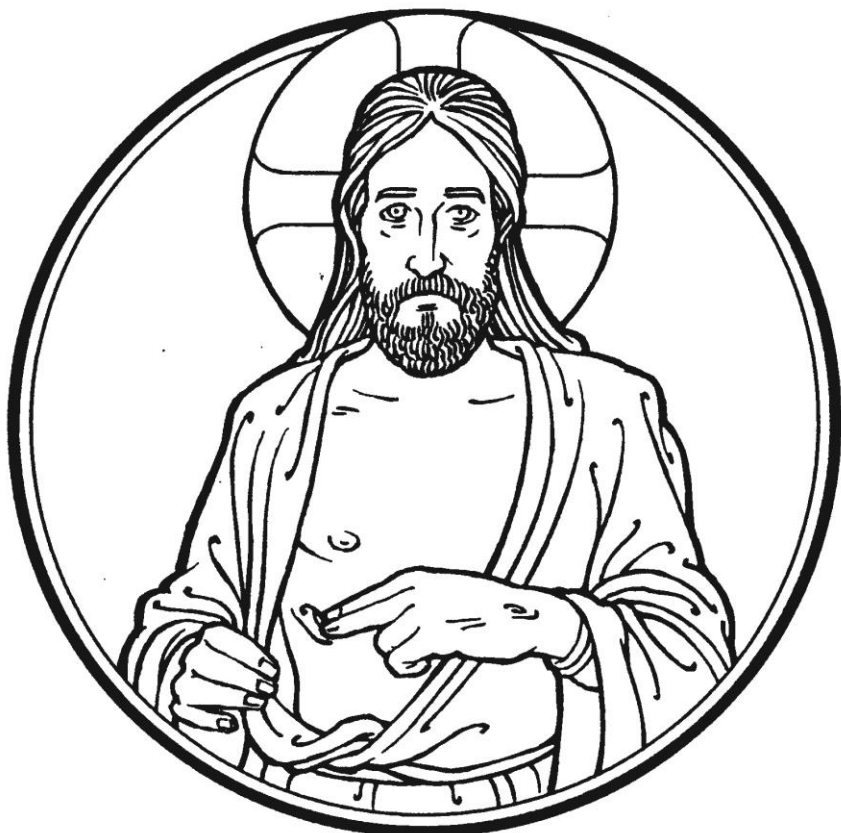


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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DIVINE SERVICE SETTING I P. 151-166

PRESERVICE SUN. SCHOOL GRADES 1-6 “AWESOME GOD” 10:30 AM

PRESERVICE SUN. SCHOOL N3-K “THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE” 10:30 AM

OPENING HYMN “DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE” 592

10:30 A.M. (P. 268-271)

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR JAMES DANIEL KINNEMAN
SON OF DALTON AND KATELIN KINNEMAN
(SERVICE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE COLLECT)**

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 151

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT 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—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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

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

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

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

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

**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.

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KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE “THIS IS THE FEAST”

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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.

G Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 5:29-42

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." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES 1-6

"AWESOME GOD"

8:00 AM

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL "O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING" VS. 1-2 470

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

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL “O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING” VS. 3-4 470

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING” VS. 5-9 470

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Scott Christenson	+ Darian Litzau
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Mark Barlau
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Danny Barlau
+ Maya Radtke	+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Sonya Clausen	+ Angela Litzau
+ Bonnie Rehmann	+ Call Process for Associate Pastor
+ Family and Friends of Merlin Mathews	

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN “HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD”

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 160-164

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“THESE THINGS DID THOMAS COUNT AS REAL” 472 (T: 655)

“JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY’S WON” 490

“SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING” 643

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CLOSING HYMN “IN THEE IS GLADNESS” 818

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Maundy Thursday: 133

Good Friday: 103

Easter Sunday: 308

Organist:

Jane Holasek

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. CONGRATULATIONS** to James Daniel Kinneman, son of Dalton and Katelin Kinneman, who will be baptized during the 10:30 am service today. Sponsors are: Kristi Scherping, Miranda VanOverbeke, Kaleb Buesing, Jacob Paschke.
- 2. VOTERS MEETING**-Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Quarterly Voters Meeting. Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 9:15 AM.
- 3. BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS**- The Board of Education is seeking donations for our end of year Sunday School party. Prize donations are requested for a variety of age ranges. Donations may be dropped off in the bin in the north education wing.
- 4. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** April 19th due to the quarterly voters meeting.
- 5. SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY** - Join us April 26th in fellowship hall for our end of year Sunday School Bingo party. All congregation are invited. We will have snacks and prizes.
- 6. SANDWICH MINISTRY**- Join us for our monthly sandwich making event on Thursday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m.
- 7. CARDS**- Confirmation greeting cards are available for \$1.00 each on the LWML table. Proceeds go to support the Mission projects. Thank you.
- 8. LWML** - The MN So. District Mites update as of April 2 is \$259, 010. That is 96% of the goal of \$270,000. The District will be able to pay all 13 Mission grants in full. By April 25, \$10,989.00 is needed and that surely will be met. To God Be The Glory.
- 9. LILIES**- You may take your lilies home any time.
- 10. NEW FREEDOM STORE COLLECTION:** LWML will be collecting cash for VISA gift cards to support the Homeless Ministry at the Pigs Eye Encampment in St. Paul. This is a mission sponsored by the LWML MN. South District as part of the district convention held June 18-20th. A collection box is in the lower narthex. Deadline is May 15th. Thank you for your support.

11. THRIVENT-If you have a Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card available, the church could use one to purchase hymnals to help support and make things easier for those who are shut in and cannot join church services in person. Please reach out to Jane Holasek or Julie Dial with any questions.

12. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Our next Adopt-a-Highway Ditch clean-up will take place on Sunday, May 17th. ANYONE THAT is 12 years of age or older is invited to help with this service project. We will meet at church at Noon that day to watch the safety video, then drive out to our clean-up site. There is a permission slip that needs to be filled out if volunteers are between 12 and 17. These will be available for you that day. Per MN Department of Transportation rules, children under 12 are not allowed to help with ditch clean-up.

13. SCHEDULE- *April 19:* Ushers: 1st Service-Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Larry Roth; 2nd Service: Gregg Machemehl, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel; Acolytes: 1st Service- J. Barlau, I. Foust; 2nd Service: C. Bebo, T. Herrmann; Greeters- 1st Service: Dan & Tina Heiraas; 2nd Service: Chuck & Kim Reed; Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Altar Guild: Tracy Jackson, Lajean Hoof, Terri Novotny; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. April 12	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Sing WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Sunday School Sing WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.
Mon. April 13	7:00 p.m.	Release Time Classes Council Meeting
Wed. April 15	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Release Time Class Confirmation Class
Thurs. April 16	8:30 a.m.	Sandwich Ministry
Sun. April 19	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Quarterly Voters Meeting WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Basement Rental