



GLORY OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter
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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church? According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

Following along with the Service: At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says, "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service, you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 151. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

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Worship Notes

John 20:19-31

"Peace"

"Peace to you" Jesus says to the disciples. Twice.

But what does Jesus mean by peace?

Is it peace-and-quiet peace? Or is it the guns-are-silenced peace? Or is it hippie peace?

As is often the case with Bible terms, this peace doesn't exactly fit with our normal definitions of peace. The peace that Jesus is giving to his disciples is *divine* peace. Divine peace means going back to the way it should be, back to the way God *intended* it, back to Eden. It should not escape our notice that in the same breath, Jesus gives the Apostles the authority to forgive (and retain) sins. Because we've made an awful mess out of things here in this age and things can only go back to the way they should be if God begins with forgiveness.

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COLLECT

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 4:32–35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



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 un- | der his feet.**

EPISTLE 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE – *“Arisen is Our Holy Lord” Sung by Soloists*

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19–31

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

G **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.**

SERMON HYMN #471 – "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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SERMON

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Hymn #620 – *“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”*

Hymn #464 – *“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)

God descends with heav’nly power,

Gives Himself to me this hour

In this ordinary sign.

On my tongue His pledge receiving,

I accept His grace, believing

That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God’s boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,

With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

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Thank the Lord

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CLOSING HYMN #472 – *“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flower Chart: The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located ***now in the kitchen on the shelf above the triple sink***. To have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday.* Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **The Flower chart for 2018 is in the back of the Sanctuary.**

Thank you to everyone who have contributed to our services with Easter Flowers! You may take them home with you whenever it is convenient for you.

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class at 10:30.

Saturday Evening Divine Services 5:00 PM – *Until April 14th*

Monday Evening Divine Services 7:00 PM – *begin Monday April 23rd*

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for prayers for St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns.

VBS – Save the Date! The dates for VBS have been set for June 11th through the 15th. More details to follow, but please mark this week down on your calendars!

April Youth Group Event: Youth Group Lock In!! Friday April 20th to Saturday April 21st Devotion/Workshops, Indoor and Outdoor Games, Food and MUCH MORE! Sign-up now to reserve your spot! Questions? Call Julie Anderson 612-791-0163 or julesanders@live.com.

Save the Date! Pastor and Susan Johnson's Christmas in July Party is set for Sunday July 22nd (weather permitting). Please mark your calendars!!!

Mission Fest Decorations Needed! The Mission Fest committee needs "Up North" decorations. Things like Christmas trees, stuffed forest animals, canoes, etc. No real fishing poles/lures-too dangerous! If there are any questions on what would be appropriate you can e-mail (Suzy.Skau@Gmail.com) or text her at (952) 220-4238. **The items are needed by April 15th** so they will have an idea of what decorations they may need. Thank You!

Missions Fest Donations: Have you started thinking of what you're going to donate to Missions Fest? Great! Whether it's a live event or a physical item, we will start accepting donations after Easter (with a firm cutoff date of [May 6th](#)). Thanks in advance for your contributions!

Speaking of Decorating: Construction may be almost completely done, but the final touches of decorating are still ongoing. The interior subcommittee is still actively working to complete the new space. Thank you for your patience!

Mom's Group for April: Mark on your calendars for Mom's Group; Friday, April 20th at 7pm at Kelly Dorweiler's house: 12110 - 50th Ave N Plymouth. More information will follow as it gets closer to the date.

Compassion Circle: Our next meeting will be on Monday April 9 at 1:00p.m. We will be meeting at the Medina Entertainment Center for lunch.

A Congress on the Lutheran Confessions: Presented by the Association of Confessional Lutherans National Free Conference No. 20 and the Luther Academy Lecture Series No. 25. This year, the ACL Conference is being held on April 18-20. The topic is "What the World Needs Now: DO THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS SPEAK TO THE WORLD TODAY?" Please see the pamphlets on the Narthex table for more information and how to sign up.

Paintball for Everyone! - We have reserved time at Special Forces Paintball on April 29th. This is the perfect time to shoot your brothers and sisters in Christ, in a loving manner. Cost: \$35 (includes all equipment and three hours of play) also 500 paintballs. Arrival time: 1:30; Start time 2:00. Address: [5494 fairhill drive SE, Buffalo mn, 55313](#). All are welcome! The more we get involved the more fun we can have. The more we get to RSVP, the more of the facility they will close down for us. Everyone will need to complete waivers before participating. The waivers can be found at: <http://sfpgames.com/>

Prayer List: As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!



Liturgy Workshop 2018

The Lord's Divine Service: *A Matter of Life and Death*

Saturday May 19th, 2018. Office of Matins 8:30am. Workshop begins at 9am. Closing devotion at 3pm.

The Lord's Divine Service to us prepares and equips us to die - to self, in service to the neighbor, and when our last hour comes. This workshop will consider how the gifts of Christ to us in the Divine Service strengthen us in faith toward God and love toward the neighbor both in our living and our dying. In God's giving and our receiving, we learn what it means to be truly human and, having seen the Lord's salvation, to depart in peace according to His Word.

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Registration fee: \$25.00 per person. Registration forms are in the Narthex. You can also register online at www.gloryofchrist.org

Listen to
Pastor Jeremiah Johnson
and Host
Pastor Jonathan Fisk

on



Tue., April 10, at 8:00 a.m. CT
for
Sharper Iron
(Lectionary Study)