

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand.

♩ **THE HYMN** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461 vs 1,2,5,7



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

THE CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

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

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE INTROIT

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

Pastor: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

People: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples!

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Pastor: Seek the LORD and his strength;

People: seek his presence continually!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

People: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Pastor: He remembers his covenant forever,

People: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by
it you may grow up to salvation—

People: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE REDEEMER CHOIR "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the strain"
by John of Damascus and Johann Horn

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²The 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE 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.

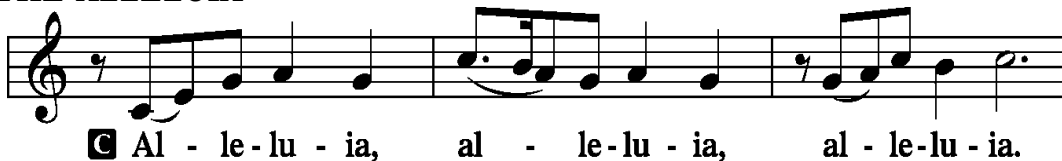
¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand.

THE ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

People: 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

**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,

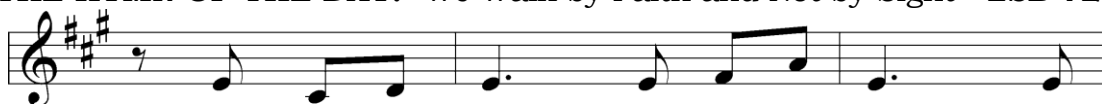
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

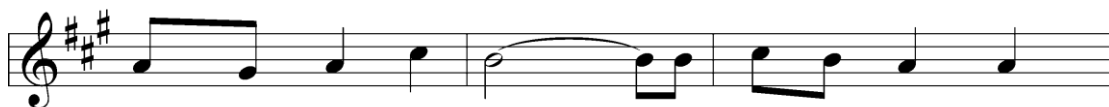
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" LSB 720



1	We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight,	No
2	We	may	not	touch	His	hands	and	side,	Nor
3	Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	And
4	For	You,	O	res -	ur -	rect -	ed	Lord,	Are
5	Lord,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	In



gra -	cious	words	we	hear	From	Him	who	spoke	as
fol -	low	where	He	trod;	But	in	His	prom -	ise
may	our	faith	a -	bound	To	call	on	You	when
found	in	means	di -	vine:	Be -	neath	the	wa -	ter
realms	of	clear -	er	light	We	may	be -	hold	You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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THE SERMON "Devout Thomas"

THE OFFERING PRAYER

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION "Cody Purcell"

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Cody: Yes, I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil?

Cody: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

Cody: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

Cody: *Yes, I renounce them.*

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Cody: *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

Cody: *Yes, I believe 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.*

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Cody: *Yes, 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.*

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

Cody: *I do.*

Pastor: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Cody: *I do.*

Pastor: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

Cody: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Cody: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Cody: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THE CONFIRMATION BLESSING

Pastor: Cody, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

Cody: *Amen.*

THE CONFIRMATION VERSE

Truly He is my rock and my salvation, He is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:2

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and

preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peace ✠ be with you.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

THE 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 BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

THE CLOSING SONG “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” **LSB 563** **vs1,3,4,5**



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a
man - sion in the skies, This then shall be my



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
on - ly plea: Je - sus hath lived and died for me.

THE SILENT PRAYER

