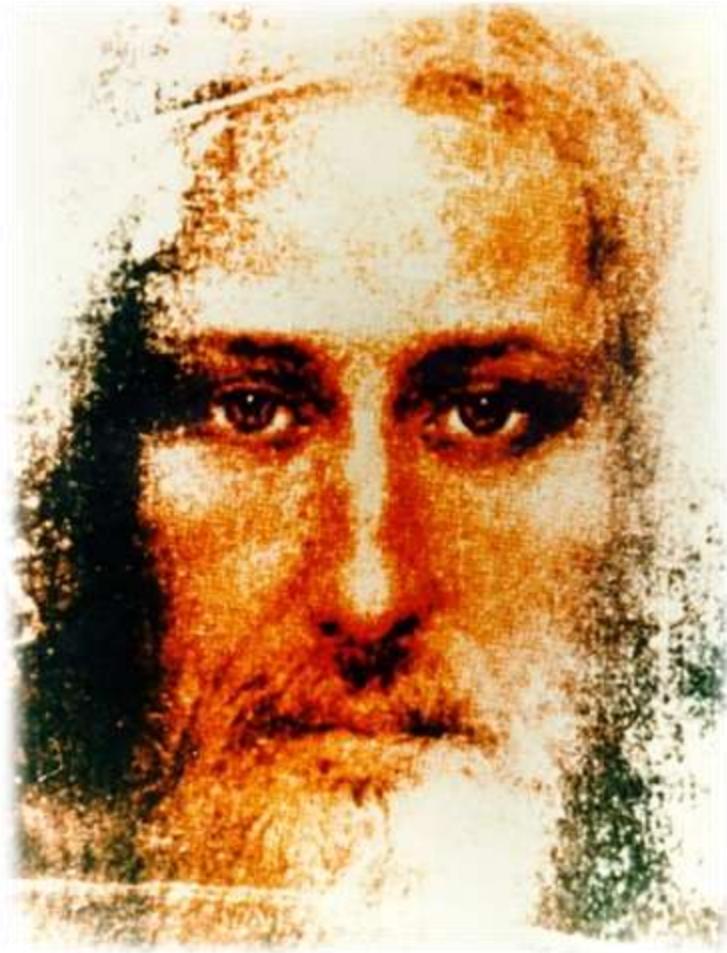


WE ARE WITNESSES

APRIL 23, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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TODAY'S THEME

Today's Readings from Scripture call us to witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We hear in the Holy Gospel how our Lord sends out the disciples, and the Epistle tells how we are expected to be faithful witnesses, though distressed by various trials. The example of the disciples, as they taught and preached in spite of opposition from the Jewish Council, is a challenge to us in our day. Luther took up the challenge five hundred years ago; now it is our turn to "obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

WE WELCOME ALL OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO CHURCH TODAY!
WE PRAY GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOU IN THE SERVICE.

OPENING HYMN

COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on;
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

- 5 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!

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

After the Holy Absolution:

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—

C **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C **tell of all his wondrous works!**

P Glory in his holy name;

C **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;

C **seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever,

C the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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

C **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on High,

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy Spirit.**

P Let us pray.

P 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.**

FIRST READING

ACTS 5:29–42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are

witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But 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. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For 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. After 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. So 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; but 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, and 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. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 PETER 1:3–9

Blessed 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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so 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. Though 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, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

TRIPLE ALLELUIA

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19–31

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

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

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

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SERMON

PASTOR CARLSON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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**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 Ghost 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 sitteth at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spake 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.**

OFFERTORY

** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

OFFERING AND HYMN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

† THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED AT THIS CONGREGATION IN THE CONFESSION AND GLAD CONFIDENCE THAT, AS HE SAYS, OUR LORD GIVES INTO OUR MOUTHS NOT ONLY BREAD AND WINE BUT HIS VERY BODY AND BLOOD TO EAT AND TO DRINK FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNION WITH HIM AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. OUR LORD 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, THAT THEY MAY SHOW FORTH HIS DEATH UNTIL HE COMES. BECAUSE THOSE WHO EAT AND DRINK OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD UNWORTHILY DO SO TO THEIR GREAT HARM AND BECAUSE HOLY COMMUNION IS A CONFESSION OF THE FAITH WHICH IS CONFERRED AT THIS ALTAR, ANY WHO ARE NOT YET INSTRUCTED, IN DOUBT, OR WHO HOLD A CONFESSION DIFFERING FROM THAT OF THIS CONGREGATION AND THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD, AND YET DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT, ARE ASKED FIRST TO SPEAK WITH A PASTOR.

FOR FURTHER STUDY, SEE MATTHEW 5:23F.; 10:32F.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 COR. 11:17-34.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE & SANCTUS

- P** ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at the same time the Celebrant does during the Verba.

PAX DOMINI

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN

O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR – TLH #352

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS

C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING AND COLLECT

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**
A Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that [...] who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

C Amen. Amen. Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our 'hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
 Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
 When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
 Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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Saturday Bible Study: Saturdays at 9:00am

Sunday Bible Study: Sundays at 8:00am

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00am

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:20am

SERVING HOPE THIS WEEK...

Lector: Robby Trione

Altar Care: Peg Weiland

Altar Flowers: Rita Minor

Birthday Cake: Sally Vaci

Pre-Service Music: Beth Branscome

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 15 AM Class	n/a
April 16, 2017	
Children/Youth SS	n/a
Adult Bible Class	n/a
Divine Service	20+10
Holy Week Offering	\$ 74.00
Offering	\$ 780.00
Needed Weekly for budget	\$ 919.00
TOTAL	\$ 854.00
Surplus/Shortfall	\$ -65.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following:

Judith Petersen
Delores Fry
Florence Huggins
Sandi Minor
Diane Golchert
Stu & Ann Swindle
Hank Hollis

David Kinkle
Sophie Nadler
Ellen Russell
Rev. Perry McCullam
Wayne Prewitt
Bob Howell

BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Leshore 4/1
Doris Marshall 4/8
Dennis Trione 4/20
Sally Vaci 4/20
Beth Branscome 4/23

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 29th, 9:00am

Bible Study

Please be sure to look at the current prayer list, and if there are any changes, let Pastor Dan know RIGHT AWAY (on paper or via email; word of mouth will likely be forgotten)

Check around your pew and make sure you've picked up your hymnals and bibles and returned them to the book racks. Also, if you see any old paper, bulletins, or garbage, please pick it up and throw it away. Thank you.

"We know that God instituted the festival of Easter among the people of Israel as an occasion for them annually to praise His wonderful acts and to thank Him for their deliverance when He led them out of Egypt. ... Now this Easter festival and Easter lamb have been abolished by our Lord Jesus Christ, and in place of it He Himself has become our Easter Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7) and has instituted a far greater Easter festival. For the higher and greater deliverance is that which He accomplished when by His exodus from the world to the Father — that is, by His suffering, death, and resurrection, the real Passover, or Easter — He defeated our enemy, the devil, death, and sin, and led us out of the real Egypt into the real Promised Land, that is, eternal life." LW 13:355