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2nd Sunday of Easter

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Divine Service 4

PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS PROCESSIONAL AS WE GATHER

One of the classic Easter songs of the church is the *Victimae Paschali*. Dating back to medieval times, it includes a musical narrative of the resurrection of Jesus. One of the verses begins by addressing Mary, who is a witness to the resurrection, in this way: "Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring." And Mary replies confidently: "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection" (LSB 460). The vision that Mary had of the divine messenger in a bright garment at the open and empty tomb was a glorious sight. His message, "He has risen; He is not here" (Mark 16:6), was glorious as well. The season of Easter in the life of the church is a time when the glory of God is celebrated by His faithful people. In his stirring hymn text "Thy Strong Word," Dr. Martin Franzmann writes, "Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess" (LSB 578:3). Joyfully and confidently we can share the glory of Easter!

Confession and Absolution

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 490 JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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Stand

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

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

Kneel/Stand

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

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

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

P 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.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

INTROIT

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.

**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 204

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.

**Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.**

Sit

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148

Praise the Name of the LORD

P ¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

C ²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

P ³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

C ⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

P ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were
created.

C ⁶**And he established them forever and
ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not
pass away.**

P ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all
deeps,

C ⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

P ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

C ¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

P ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

C ¹²**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

P ¹³Let them praise the name of the
LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and
heaven.

C ¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his
people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near
to him. Praise the LORD!**

EPISTLE*1 Peter 1:3–9***Born Again to a Living Hope**

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

G **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

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.”

Jesus and Thomas

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.”

The Purpose of This Book

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

Sit

KID'S SERMON: FAITH *John 20:19-31*

HYMN OF THE DAY: 470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you
here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

cried.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not
seen

And yet whose faith has constant
been,

For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days

Be laud and jubilee and praise:

To God your hearts and voices raise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON: "A LESSON FROM THOMAS"

John 20:19-31

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Response

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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 TO DEPART: 461 I KNOW
THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES**

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence
gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was
dead;

He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly
friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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WORSHIP SERVANTS April 12, 2026

Acolyte: Michael Groeller

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Pastor: Pastor Ken Huner

Organist: Heidi

Special Music:

Altar: Deb Dugan and Joanna Krueger

Counting: Bryan Bickel and Greg Eppler

Ushers: Dennis and Stacy Sprague

Greeters: Clara Miller and Natiala Fix

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Apr 12

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Second Sunday of Easter

Mon Apr 13

4:30 pm -- Confirmation

6:30 pm -- Fit for Life

Tues Apr 14

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed Apr 15

10 am -- Quilters

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of April 5, 2026

10:00 am Worship in Person: 141 / Online plays: 169

Communion: 135

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Sermon Notes:

"A LESSON FROM THOMAS" *John 20:19-31*

1. The Intense Faith, Loyalty & Bravery of Thomas

2. Jesus works with people like Thomas

3. Jesus Gives us all a Sign to strengthen our faith.