

**April 11, 2021**

*The Second Sunday  
Of Easter*



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

*Communion:*

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Richard Willsea

Deaconess:

Karen Suter

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### PRELUDE

Two Preludes on "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" W. Wold & K. Kolander  
*Susan Messersmith, trumpet (Friday)*

#### WELCOME

*Stand*

#### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. What we do have is Christ, His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood. Though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God!"
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- G** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN**

**"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**

**LSB 474**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

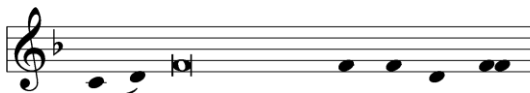


Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**KYRIE**

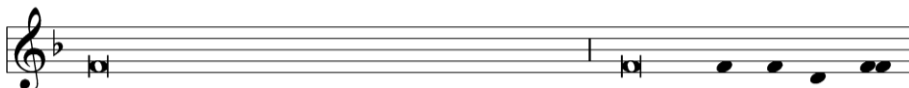
**LSB 152**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



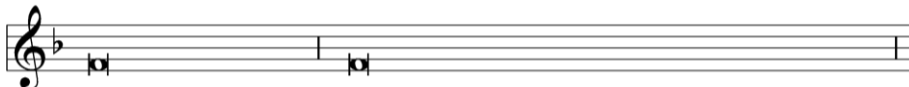
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



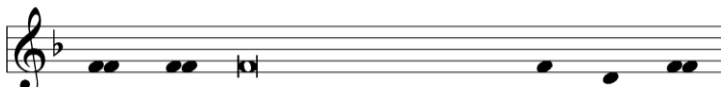
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



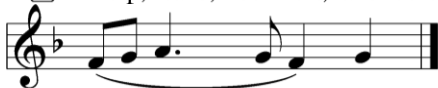
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** 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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Acts 4:32–35*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 148*



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the | heavens,\*  
praise him | in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his | angels,\*  
praise him, | all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you | shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest | heavens,\*  
and you waters above the | heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD!\*

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and | ever;\*

he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,\*  
you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, | snow and mist,\*  
stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and | all hills,\*  
fruit trees and all | cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all | livestock,\*  
 creeping things and | flying birds!  
<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all | peoples,\*  
 princes and all rulers | of the earth!  
<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens to- | gether,\*  
 old men and | children!  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 for his name alone is ex- | alted,\*  
 his majesty is above earth and | heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>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 John 1:1—2:2*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 156*

**G** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 20:19—31*

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

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

The Gospel is read...

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**, (11:00 AM service only) Title: "ID Please"

Billy Milam

**HYMN**

"These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

**LSB 472**



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The  
 2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was  
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That  
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the  
 keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -  
 one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers  
 thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.  
 spect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.  
 read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.  
 palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

**SERMON**

*"Witnessing is About Jesus"*

Stand

**APOSTLES' CREED** (on front screens)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Christian Church, that the peace of God dwell upon it and that the Spirit of God work through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

**A** We pray for the nations of the world and for the men and women entrusted with their leadership, that true and lasting tranquility be known around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**



**P** We pray for this congregation, that all of its members dwell together in unity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

**A** We pray for those who actively keep the peace both locally and around the world, including the armed forces of our nation and our local policemen and women. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

**P** We pray for those whose lives are in need of a special measure of peace and comfort: the sick and the hospitalized, [*including . . .*], and those who are experiencing changes and challenges, including the unemployed, those who are relocating to new situations, and the elderly, as they face each new day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

**A** For all the saints called now to Your eternal presence, Lord, we give You thanks. Grant that we be blessed by the heritage of faith they have left to us in our time. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER, *(on front screens)*

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

### OFFERING, *Gifts are brought forward*

### OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**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.

**G** Amen.

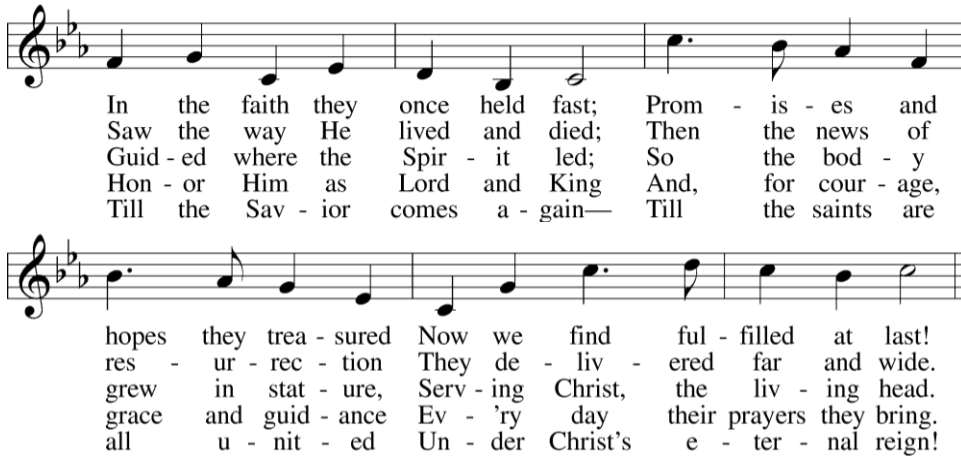
**HYMN**

"We Are Called to Stand Together"

**LSB 828**

1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of  
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the  
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -

a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,  
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y  
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are  
hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

**A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"  
*Susan Messersmith, trumpet (Friday)*

M. Helman

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

*Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea*

*Deaconess: Karen Suter*

*Organist: Rev. James Pierce*

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