



The Second Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
April 7-8, 2018



THE PRELUDE: "Easter Hymn"

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (*if able, please stand for the last stanza*)

Divine Service Four, pages 203ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another.

INTROIT: Psalm 105



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name; make known His deeds among the | peoples!
 Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him; tell of all His | wondrous works!
 Glory in His | holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
 Seek the LORD | and His strength; seek His presence con- | tinually!
 Remember the wondrous works that | He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He | uttered.
 He remembers His covenant for- | ever, the word He commanded for a thousand gener- | ations.
 Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit
 As it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

KYRIE: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: "Glory to God in the Highest" page 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. C: 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. Amen. (*please be seated*)

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "Make Me a Servant"

Primary Sunday School Students

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 4:32-35

Now 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. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE 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 under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 John 1:1-2:2

That 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—the 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—that 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. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But 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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My 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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(*please stand if you are able*) **ALLELUIA:** (page 205)

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

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

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. **C: Glory to You, 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: CREED

(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 206** *(8 a.m.)* **The Apostles' Creed: page 207**

(please be seated) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG** *(8 a.m.)*

I love to tell the story Of how our Lord and friend,

Rose up on Easter morning And reigns in highest heav'n.

The love of God the Father, the Spirit, and the Son.

Has given us salvation The free gift Jesus won.

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 847 "Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"

SERMON: "The Acts of Easter: Of One Heart and Soul" Acts 4:32-35

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*

(Each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy" and we respond, "hear our prayer.")

HEALING AND COMFORT: Bernadine Kruse, Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Eunice Stumpf, Don Winkelmann, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Darlene Lohman, Jane Donjon, Kevin Liefer, Cheryl Walker; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Alice Liefer, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+those who mourn: the family of Wilma Uffelmann who died in the Lord on Friday morning

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** "Grafton"

setting by Walter L. Pelz

The 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer, and Benediction.

(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS: page 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and the LORD'S PRAYER: page 209

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and the PAX DOMINI: page 209

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

THE AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

472 "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" page 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

CLOSING HYMN: 649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

THE POSTLUDE: "Bolyston"

setting by John A. Behnke

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