

Mon Acts 3:11-20 Predictably, Easter opened the floodgates, and the waters of salvation poured out. Repentant Peter clarified that Jesus was God's Choice (though rejected by His countrymen) and had opened the heart of the derelict to receive healing (13-16). *"As for you, repent of your sins against Jesus and receive God's forgiveness as your first step into new life (17-20)."*

Tues John 20:19-31 Peter knew what he was talking about, for Jesus had rescued him and equipped him for service (19-23). Thomas, however, held out until Jesus removed his doubt (24-29). Indeed, Jesus had performed enough miracles, and John has put enough evidence into the written record to substantiate Jesus as our Savior, deserving our trust forever (30-31).

Wed 1 John 5:1-6 Since we are convinced that Jesus is God's Chosen One, we love our brothers/sisters (1) and are happy to follow our Father's house rules (2-3). Being God's dear children, He has brought us into the winners' circle – and living as God's children inoculates us against the sin-pandemic that has brought our world to its knees. Lord, have mercy on us!

Thurs Psalm 16 This is my story; this is my song (1): I claim no credit for being a member of God's family (2-3), for turning my back on ungodliness (4) and for laying claim to God's goodness (5-6). I simply relax in the LORD (7-8), happy that Jesus came through His ordeal and left the cemetery behind (9-10). I am relying on Jesus to *show me the path of life* as I live in His *presence*, and to hold me close (11). This is my story; this is my song!

Fri Mark 16:12-14 Jesus tilled stony ground in the hearts and lives of His disciples, walking with two of them and taking time to explain Scripture prophecy. These two grasped it (12); Hallelujah! But there was more hard-packed ground to cover (13), so He rolled up His sleeves and used as much muscle as the situation required. (Jesus knew how to do it.)

Sat Acts 22:30-23:10 Jesus supported Paul all the way, so when the centurion made arrangements for a Jewish (not a civil) court trial (30), Paul appeared before his accusers but declined to be intimidated (1-5). When Paul put the Resurrection of Jesus on the table (6), that sabotaged the prosecution, for the modernist Sadducees did not agree with the Scripture or with the Pharisee's traditionalist stance on that crucial theological issue (7-9). Jesus had better plans for Paul than his being mauled or killed, so He orchestrated Paul's rescue via the Roman officer with his troopers (10). God's good reason for placing secular authority over a country's citizens is to protect law-abiders—and punish law-breakers. So far, so good.

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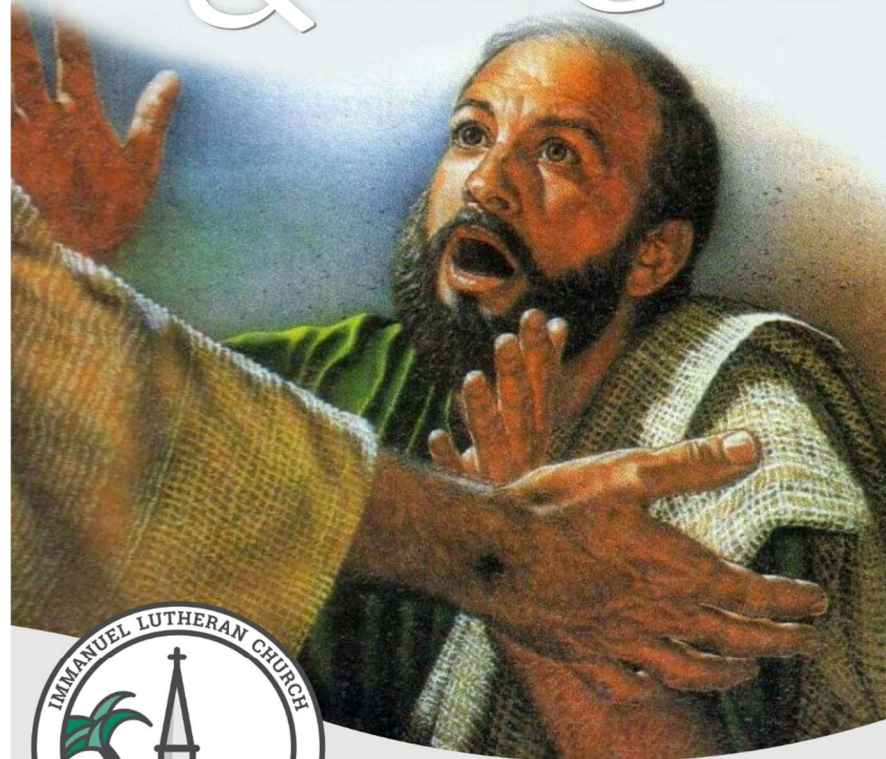
2nd Sunday of Easter

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"MY LORD & MY GOD"



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶ And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ⁷ Praise the LORD . . . Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. 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!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

☞ Pastor

☞ Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #206:1-3 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

1. **Jesus Christ, my sure Defense And my Savior, ever Liveth; Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope it giveth Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.**
2. **Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; I, too, unto life shall waken. Endless joy my Savior gives; Shall my courage, then, be shaken? Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?**
3. **Nay, too closely am I bound Unto Him by hope forever; Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found, Grasped it, and will leave it never; Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.**

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

☞ 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

☞ **Who made heaven and earth.**

☞ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

☞ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

☞ Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

☞ The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

☞ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

HYMN: TLH #203

"Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb"

1. **Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom. Day of triumph through the skies; See the glorious Savior rise.**
2. **Ye who are of death afraid Triumph in the scattered shade. Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.**
3. **Christians, dry your flowing tears Chase your unbelieving fears; Look on His deserted grave, Doubt no more His power to save.**

✠ Announcements ✠

Teacher Call News

is expected this Wednesday evening. Three weeks ago, we elected to call a graduate to be our Lower Grade Teacher. This call will be issued to the CLC Call Committee, and, Lord willing, they will extend our call to one of the two candidates: Ben Hansen or Katie Naumann. Please keep this matter in your prayers!

☞ **Apr. 11:** Orlando Service 8 am
☞ **Apr. 14:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30pm
☞ **Apr. 18:** Masks-on Service 9 am
☞ **Apr. 18:** Voters Meeting
☞ **Apr. 25:** Orlando Service 8 am

Shut-in/Encouragement List

Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and other health problems. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **Rudy Enriquez** is home from the hospital and awaiting the beginning of treatment for his throat cancer. **Joel Bernthal** is recovering well from his knee surgery and is back at school in Eau Claire. **Shirley Rosenberry** is struggling with severe knee pain, please pray for successful treatment.

CLC Call News

Mrs. Carrie Reim has been called to teach with primary emphasis on kindergarten at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI; Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY; and Redeemer, Bowdle/Zion, Ipswich, SD have put in pastoral graduate calls to the CLC Call Committee.

Last Week: WH – 57

Total Offering = \$2,958.10

General = \$2,841.10 | Tuition = \$50 | Property Improvement = \$60

Cleaner (4/17): Ream | **Acolyte (4/18):** Maxwell Kuehne

SERMON – John 20:19-31 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." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ 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.

"Seeing is Believing"
"Believing is Seeing"

OFFERTORY

C *♩* 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.

HYMN: TLH #208:4, 6-8 "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"

4. That night the Apostles met in fear, Amidst them came their Lord most dear And said: "Peace be unto you here": Alleluia!
6. "Thomas, behold My side," saith He, "My hands, My feet, My body, see; "And doubt not, but believe in Me": Alleluia!
7. No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried: Alleluia!
8. Blessed are they that have not seen And yet whose faith hath constant been, In Life eternal they shall reign: Alleluia!

C O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 105:1-5, 8; 1 Pt. 2:2-3

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.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Rom. 6:9; Jn. 20:29*

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*TLH #237:1*

C *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. . . and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *♩* A - - - men.

FIRST LESSON – Acts 3:12-20 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name-- by faith in his name-- has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also

your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

SECOND LESSON – 1 John 5:1-6 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN: WS #759:1-3**"These Are the Facts"**

1. These are the facts as we have received them, these are the truths that the Christian believes, this is the basis of all of our preaching: Christ died for sinners and rose from the tomb.
2. These are the facts as we have received them: Christ has fulfilled what the Scriptures foretold, Adam's whole family in death had been sleeping, Christ through his rising restores us to life.
3. These are the facts as we have received them: we, with our Savior, have died on the cross; now, having risen, our Jesus lives in us, gives us his Spirit and makes us his home.