

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

(LSB 487)

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### EXHORTATION

**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 gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, 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.

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## 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.

**FIRST READING** Acts 5:29–42 (Peter preaches over the objections of the Jewish authorities.)

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "What the Lord Has Done in Me" (*Reuben Morgan, arr. Larson*)  
*Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist*

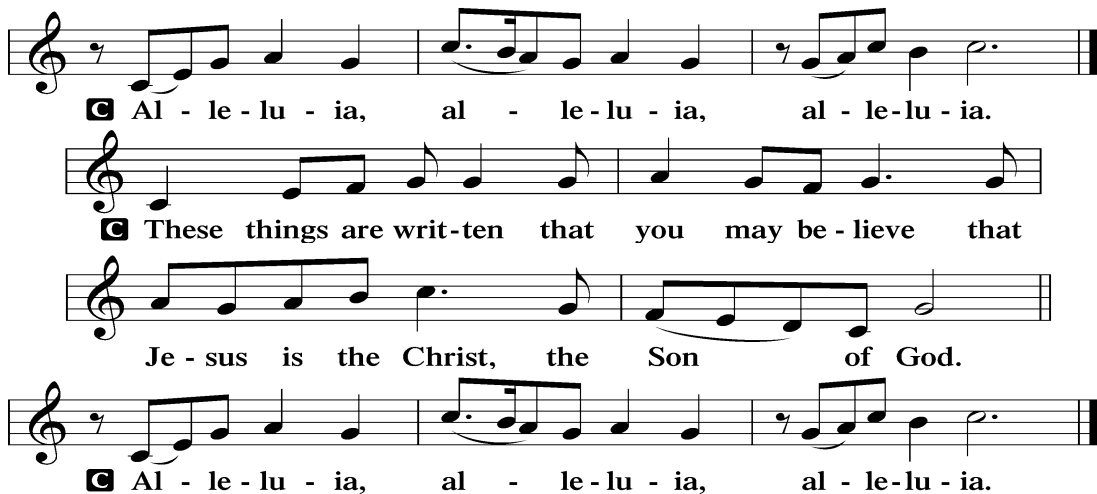
**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 1:3–9* ("Born again to a living hope")

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 20:19–31* (Jesus appears to the disciples.)

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

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

*After the reading:*

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

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

**SERMON HYMN** "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (*LSB 470*)  
vs 1-5 before sermon, vs. 6-9 after sermon

## SERMON

*"Tested Genuineness"*

*(1 Peter 1:3-9)*

*Pastor Sam Handschke*

**THE CREED** 8:30 *Nicene*      *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
11:00 *Apostles'*      *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** O God, our Father, You have raised Your Son, and He has bestowed the Holy Spirit on His apostles. Believing Christ's resurrection, help us also to trust the forgiving words of His servants. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, our Father, turn the enemies of Your Church, and bring their hearts to repentance. Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word and receive the salvation of our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, our Father, build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, our Father, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority in federal, state and local governments. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, our Father, we praise Your Son's resurrection from the dead and draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. [*Show Your kindness to \_\_\_\_\_.*] Graciously receive our prayers of intercession for Christ's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, our Father, Your Son greets His disciples with peace despite their sins against Him. Make us confident in His mercy toward us, and gladden our hearts as He

comes to us in His body and blood with forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**8:30 am Service**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C** Amen.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**




"He's Risen, He's Risen" (LSB 480)

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire" (LSB 553)

"O Savior, Precious Savior" (LSB 527)

*(Please stand)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His

kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*(LSB 482)*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 9 – EASTER**



**AS WE GATHER** We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we

still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all.

Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

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." *John 20:26–29*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday of Easter!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching today** is Reverend Samuel Handschke.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Maundy Thurs. Apr. 6, Att. 161, Offering \$1,061.01; Good Fri. Apr. 7, Att. 204, Offering \$1,913.00; Easter Sun., Apr. 9, Att. 468;** General Fund \$11,352.54; Sunday School \$2.00; Building Fund \$240.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$730.00; Flowers \$36.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Harlan Fransen (Undesignated) \$145.00, (Blessings) \$50.00, (Generations) \$100.00, (Foundations) \$25.00, (Future) \$100.00; Endowment Fund-Generations of Faith \$102.75.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any

number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the **check** form. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



**Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser** Our Men's Club will be hosting a breakfast on April 23, 2023. Join us between services for a wonderful breakfast of pancakes & sausage. Proceeds will go to pay for the new water heater.

**Blue Cards** The Blue cards in the pew racks are for attendance records, communion records and prayer requests. They are NOT for children to scribble on. There are activity bags at the back, on either side of the sanctuary, for the children to pick up on their way in that have books to look at and color, and scribble sheets for them to write on. PLEASE do not let them scribble on the blue cards. The blue cards are also NOT for folding into paper airplanes. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

**Rent-A-Worker** The Mexico Mission Team would like to help you with all your projects this spring. Yard work, mowing, tilling gardens, garage cleaning, tree trimming, windows, painting, grocery shopping, planting, cooking, animal care. These are just a few of the things they would help you with. Give them a call or text at 605-280-6347 or fill out a form found in the Narthex and turn in to the church office.

**Mexico Mission Trip Meeting** The mission trip is scheduled this year for May 27 - June 3. We will be having an important planning meeting **TONIGHT**, at 7:30 pm in the church office conference room. Please think and pray about going along. You will not regret taking this time to share Christ's saving Word and love. Rather you will be more equipped than ever to share the same here in your neighborhoods and life.



**Confirmation** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation for this year is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service. Confirmation

Questioning is April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The students will read their essays, which are a requirement for successful completion of our Confirmation program. All members are encouraged to attend to give these students our support.

**Main Street Living** **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

### **April 16, 2023**

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM - “Gates of Glory”** - Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

**10:30 AM** - Rev. Jonah Domenichelli, pastor at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, SD presents a message titled “Jesus Always Connects Us to His Body.” This sermon is based on John 20:19-31. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

### **April 23, 2023**

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM - “Betrayed”** - A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

**10:30 AM** - Rev. Jens Jenson, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Armour, SD presents a message titled “Jesus Teaches Us to Cling to His Word.” This sermon is based on Luke 24:13-35. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** “Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.” *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



## ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

### **Today: Apr. 16**

8:30 am Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship  
2-6 pm Fastpitch  
5:00 pm Board of Education  
6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study

### **Mon: Apr. 17 Tax Day**

6-9 pm Pickleball  
6:30 pm Prayer Care

### **Tues: Apr. 18**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference  
10:30 am Women’s Bible Study  
1:00-4:30 pm Blood Drive  
6:00 pm Board of Early Education

6-9 pm Fastpitch

### **Wed: Apr. 19**

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism  
6:00 pm Hebrews Bible Study

6:00 pm Ecclesiastes Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: Apr. 20**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

1:30-3:00 pm Little Dresses

6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

6-9 pm Zonta Grant Awards in gym

7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study

### **Sat: Apr. 22 CAMPUS CLEAN-UP**

7:30 am Breakfast for Workers

8:00 am-12:00 pm Campus Clean-up

### **Sun: Apr. 23**

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endowment

2-6 pm Fastpitch

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study

