

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 3, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers *Beach Spring*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

1. **Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia.
2. **Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;**
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia.
3. **City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,**
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia.

GREEN PARK CHORISTERS (8:00)

Sing Allelu

Ruth Elaine Schram

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: But now is Christ risen and become the firstfruits of them that sleep the sleep of death.

C: **For as in Adam all die, even so, in Christ shall all be made alive.**

L: For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality;

C: **Then shall be brought to pass the saying: Death is swallowed up in victory.**

L: The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

C: **But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: Let us make confession before our Heavenly Father.

C: **We confess, O Lord, that we have not carried out Your commands. We have not loved You above all else and we have not shown love and respect to those around us. We admit that we have sinned against You, often without even realizing it. Because of the person and work of Christ forgive us for all of our disobedience, we pray. Renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit and strengthen us to live as You have declared us to be, Your children, by the resurrection of Your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the second Sunday of Easter is from Acts 5:12-20, page 913: (5:00, 8:00, & 10:30)

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING is from Revelation 1:4-7, page 1028:

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleuia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter, verses 19-31, page 906-907:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 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." 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of The King

LSB 470

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

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

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

No Longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blessed are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SERMON

"Doubt Overcome by Faith"

(John 20:25)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY 8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers

God's Own Child

*THE OFFERTORY (LSB pg 192)

♫ 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER (Found in the back cover of the hymnal.)

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♫ Amen.

*THE AGNUS DEI LSB page 198

♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

2. **Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried; Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

3. **Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 466, 490, 482, 468

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **♪ And His mercy endureth forever.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **♪ Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And with Thy Spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*THE CLOSING HYMN

Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb

TLH 203

1. **Morning breaks upon the tomb, Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph thro' the skies; See the glorious Savior rise.**

2. **Christian dry your flowing tears, Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on His deserted grave, Doubt no more His pow'r to save.**

*SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE

8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Sem. Edwards

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Directors: Burnell Hackman, DMM, Debbie Prange, Alexia Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

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CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman 7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Jerry Gleason in memory of his wife, Carol; and from Chuck and Cindy Neff in honor of Bonna Mayer's birthday on March 28th. LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio today is sponsored by Paul and Verna Beck in honor and memory of their Confirmations.

LUTHERAN DAY at BUSCH STADIUM, Sun., April 17, 2016, with the Cardinals vs. the Cincinnati Reds starting at 1:15 p.m. Call 833-2901 for tickets.

MONARCH JEWELRY SALE April 21, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m. At 7:00 there will be a presentation by Cathy Summers, a child survivor of human trafficking. All proceeds from the jewelry sale benefit the St. Louis safe house for girls rescued from human trafficking.

CRAFT PREPARATION FOR ALASKA MISSIONS—Help is needed to sort and prepare crafts for the children at VBS in Hooper Bay, AK. Join us Tuesday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. No special skills needed.

LADIES GUILD SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON will be Wed., May 4 at noon. Tickets available in the Commons *after* services starting April 3 through May 1. Advance tickets only \$10. For more info call Julia Petrovic.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth join us next Sunday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. as we head over to Ronnie's to watch God's Not Dead 2. Afterward we will come back to church for pizza and discussion. Cost is \$10.

GRADUATING? Names of those graduating from college, high school, elementary and other schools needed. A listing to appear in the next newsletter.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY If you purchased Lifetouch photos, stop by the Welcome Center, a free copy is available for you. If you did not have your photo taken, but would like a copy, they are available to purchase for \$10 each.

THE ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY CHORUS and instrumentalists will present a concert at Peace on Sunday, April 10, 7:30 pm. This is one of the few times the Symphony Chorus performs outside of Powell Hall. We are blessed to have them share world-class music with us! Plan to attend this once in a lifetime event!

LADIES GUILD meets April 21 at noon. Don't forget, we will be setting up for the Spring Salad Luncheon on May 3 at 10:00 a.m. Please come and help.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2016:

Today: 11:45 Life Ministry Team
3:30 Jr. Youth Retreat Returns
7:00 Peter Carciples - Hintons
Mon: 6:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting
6:30 Council
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
9:00 Alaska Crafts
6:30 Men's Volleyball

Wed: 4:50 Celebration Ringers
5:30 Glocken Ringers
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
5:30 ESL Sports
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Sat: 9:00 PLAA Basketball
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 6:00 Adult Inquiry
6:30 High School Small Groups
7:30 Symphony Where You Worship