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THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome to Worship! Every day, your life is shaped by various stories. Some are loud and obvious, urging you to build, achieve, and define yourself. Others are quieter, surfacing in still moments and whispering that something is missing. Beneath it all is the question: which story will ultimately shape your life? John's Gospel answers that question directly: "These things are written so that you may believe... and that by believing you may have life in His name." In the Gospel accounts, we meet Jesus, who meets sin, fear, and death not with condemnation or revenge, but with forgiveness, peace, and resurrection. And baptized into Him, His story becomes yours.

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a small hospitality gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation and ministries, ask questions, get connected, and be welcomed in person. We hope you'll join us again soon!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Sunday School classes meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Information Class meets in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be at the 9:00 & 7:00 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

+ DIVINE SERVICE IV, Page 203 +

THE PRELUDE: 9:00 & 11:15 "Sheep May Safely Graze" -J.S. Bach
7:00 "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" -Wilbur Held

THE HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection"

Hymn 478

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

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+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of SOPHIE BROOKE VEGA, Page 268

Parents: Jorge & Makayla (Kieser) Vega; Sponsors: Megan McKinney & Luis Munoz

THE INVOCATION, page 203

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

THE 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 body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

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.**

THE KYRIE, page 204 C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:, page 204

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

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.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

THE FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they

had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 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!

THE CREED: 7:00 NICENE, Page 206; 11:15 APOSTLES', Page 207

THE HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Hymn 470 v. 1-5

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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THE SERMON: "These Things Are Written"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Hymn 470 v. 6-9

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION, page 208

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... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

Distribution Hymns: 467, 487, 490, 482, 474, 643

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;

Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.

My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made

When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;

But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.

For Christ again is free; In glorious victory

He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart!

Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.

No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take

The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;

Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.

Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;

It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;

Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.

My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.

Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

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487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,
 Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
 Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;
 All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,
 With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;
 Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection
 Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!
- 4 For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing
 His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.
 Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
 Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.
- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

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490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
 Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
 Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
 I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
 God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
 Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
 All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
 Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
 God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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482 This Joyful Eastertide

- 1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain
- ref Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
 But now has Christ arisen!
- 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
 Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: Refrain
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
 Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

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474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref 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. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
 Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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Nunc Dimittis

**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The
glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now,
shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you... **C** **Amen**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" Hymn 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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THE POSTLUDE: "Jesus Christ My Sure Defense" -Johann G. Walther

Preacher: Pastor Fredstrom **Liturgists:** Pastor Blomenberg & Pastor Bloch

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Sunday Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Monday Organist:** Mr. Ross Rieckers

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