



Second Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's power, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia! Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia! Amen.

SERVICE THEME Let us boldly share the gospel light of Christ's resurrection with all people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King | CW 165 v 1, 2, 3

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

On that first morning of the week, Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel bade their sorrow flee, For thus he spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **(spoken) And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

O Sons and Daughters of the King | CW 165 v 4

That night th' apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord most dear
And said, "Peace be unto you here." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 26:19-29

The apostle Paul boldly proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection before kings.

¹⁹"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰Rather, I first told those in Damascus and Jerusalem about it, and then throughout the entire country of Judea and also the Gentiles. I told them that they should repent and turn to God, while also doing works that are consistent with repentance. ²¹These are the reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

²²"But I have had help from God right up to this day, and so I stand testifying to both small and great. I am saying nothing other than what the prophets and Moses said would happen, ²³that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles."

²⁴While Paul was saying these things in his defense, Festus shouted, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you insane."

²⁵But Paul replied, "I am not insane, most excellent Festus, but I am clearly speaking words that are true and sensible. ²⁶Certainly the king to whom I am freely speaking knows about these things. Indeed, I cannot believe that any of these things has escaped his notice, because this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." ²⁸Then Agrippa said to Paul, "In such a short time are you going to persuade me to become a Christian?"

²⁹Paul replied, "I pray God, that whether in a short time or a long time, not only you, but also all those who are listening to me today would become what I am, except for these chains."

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Our entire faith hinges on the miracle of Christ's physical resurrection from the dead.

¹²Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. ¹⁵Then we are even guilty of giving false testimony about God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise, if it were true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. ¹⁹If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King | **CW 165 v 5-8**

When Thomas afterwards had heard That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Thomas, behold my side,” said he, “My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me.” 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!

Blessèd are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

GOSPEL

John 20:19-20, 24-29

Christ's resurrection from the dead chases away our fears and doubts.

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **(spoken) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

“It's the Same Peace!”

Pastor Haugly

Stand

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.

Be Seated

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Be Seated

HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won | CW 145 v 1, 4, 5

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate to 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!"

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb | CW 159

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

You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.

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



ORGANIST
David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz

10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum