SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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Services: Thursday, $6:30~pm \sim Sunday$, 8:00 & 10:30~am Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERVICE THEME

He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | **154-170**

OPENING HYMN

Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful | 448

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON The Lord Appeared to Many Eyewitnesses | Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them... ²²"Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. ²³This man, who was handed over by God's set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross.

²⁴"He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip. ²⁵Indeed, David says concerning him: I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

²⁶"Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. My flesh also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon my life to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life. You will fill me with joy in your presence.

²⁹"Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay. ³²This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE

"Did I Hear You Say?" by Don Schlosser

Did I hear you say that the stone was rolled away, and Jesus is alive again? Did I hear you say that an angel spoke to you, and Jesus is alive again?

Refrain: The night is over and the sun is shining, and the world is singing it's a brand new day!

A day of victory for all eternity, Jesus is alive again!

Did I hear you say that the tomb is empty now, and Jesus is alive again? Refrain

SECOND LESSON

The Lord's Rising Is the Proof of Our Hope | 1 Peter 1:3-9

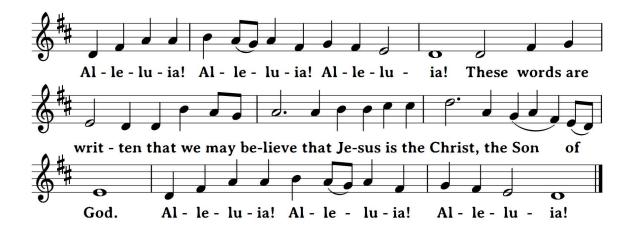
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

⁶Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials ⁷so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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GOSPEL

Jesus Is Thomas' Lord and God | John 20:19-31

On 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. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²²After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 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,

ALL: "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." ³⁰Jesus, in the presence of his

disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King | **456**

Jean Tisserand in these nine stanzas beautifully tells the story of Christ, Thomas, and us.

"Jesus Lives to Answer Thomas' Prayer"

Pastor Boehringer

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING: ADULT BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE

"Tell the Story" by Karissa Dennis

THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Crown Him with Many Crowns | 511

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness | 443

THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word | 461

Please note that this newer setting will be quicker than the version we have sung in the past.



ORGANIST: Brent Nolte

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Marv & Vicki Mortensen 10:30 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz