

Holy Cross Lutheran
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021 – 9 AM



AS WE GATHER We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. We too were held captive once to fear, to the guilt of our sin, and to the power of death until Christ entered our locked rooms, showed Himself to us, and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, rejoiced and continue to do so in our Lord and God. We have the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness for our sins, there is also life and salvation. Forgiveness is the main emphasis in His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood we behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God!"

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" *LSB 470 vs. 1-6*



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 "My piercè side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."

Alleluia!

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:6–10

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: we lie and do not practice the truth.

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: If we say we have not sinned,

C: we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 470 vs. 7-9

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia!

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

9. On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together; **Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of our sins, we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

(The believers were of one heart and soul.)

L: ³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1–2:2

(If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.)

L: ¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.)

P: 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. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, 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." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

LSB 472 TUNE LSB 385

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1. These things did Thomas count as real:

**The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.**

3. His reasoned certainties denied

**That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille
The markings of the spear and nail.**

2. The vision of his skeptic mind

**Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.**

4. May we, O God, by grace believe

**And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**

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SERMON

"Locked in and Afraid?"

"Do not Disbelieve but Believe!" John 20:27

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")*
(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)*

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 PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together: **Almighty God, heavenly Father, by Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your only Son, that believing in Him, we may have everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit, give to us, Your comfort in trouble and guard us against all doubt, that we remain steadfast in the faith and come, at last, to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: **Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.**

C: **Amen.**

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.**

SONG OF SENDING

In Christ Alone/Solid Rock

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend/
Arr. Dan Galbraith

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

POST SERVICE MUSIC

reprisal

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† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

April 11 – April 18, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY "LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM" Starts today April 11. Please join us for an in-depth study of Luther's Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism. We plan to use the 2017 newer Catechism that has new updates in teaching about the cultural context we now have in our country and world. The updates in the Catechism can help benefit our young people learn to understand the Spiritual battle going on in our world and how the Word of God in Christ keeps them in the one true faith in Jesus and how to apologetically help others come to know the truth of the true Savior of the world. We have a few extra copies of the Small Catechism if you need one. Please speak with Pastor Jim. The cost is \$16.00. We hope to offset the costs with a Thrivent grant.

HANGING BASKETS ARE STILL ON SALE TODAY - Hanging baskets from Gene Stark's Glacial Ridge Growers, Glenwood, are still available for purchase. Plants will cost \$25 and payment is requested at the time of your order. There will be a limited number available so members should plan accordingly. The sale will continue until April 18 or until all available baskets have been purchased. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross the Friday before Mother's Day. The fund-raiser will support food for Haiti.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Jon Dobberstein
Lector: Paige Westrum
Ushers: Dave Albrecht
Acolyte: Morgan Schulze
AV: Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Brit Weimer
Lector: Carol Albrecht
Ushers: Dinah Gilberts
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Counters: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50 Contributions received in March \$18,777.57.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2021 9:00 am ATTENDANCE

Worship: 63 Drive-up Communion: 2
Communion: 60
Zoom: 12

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2021 11:00 am ATTENDANCE

Worship: 46
Communion: 21

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun.	April 11	Second SUNDAY of Easter
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:15-10:45 am	Drive-Up Communion
Mon.	April 12	
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tue.	April 13	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	April 14	
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	7:00 pm	Informal Prayer in Sanctuary
Thurs.	April 15	
Fri.	April 16	
	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
Sat.	April 17	
Sun.	April 18	
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00	Bible Study and Sunday School
	11:15 am	Drive-Up Communion



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