

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2107 Three Oaks Rd, Cary, IL

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The Second Sunday of Easter

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

Order of Service from Setting I, page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book

OPENING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

LSB 475

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:8; Isaiah 25:7-9; Romans 6:9

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen. *Matt 28:19*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 Jn 1:8-9*

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. *Jn 1:12; Phil. 1:6*

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of

those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

CANTICLE *Rev. 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim 4:22*

C: ♪ And also with you.

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32–35

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. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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 and 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 LESSON: 1 John 1:1—2:2

That 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— the 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— that 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. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But 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. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My 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. He 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.

Please stand

THE ALLELUIA

C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,¹ 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence 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!

Please be seated

**We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.**

**We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.**

**For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.**

**Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.**

Hebrews 12:2; John 20:29

SERMON: "That You May Believe" Text: John 20:19-31

Please stand

Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdelene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses to the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *Jn. 20:19*

C: ♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution today is by station communion. Ushers will invite people to the front by family or individual. Pastor will drop the wafer into your cupped hands and you may take the individual cup yourself and dispose of it into the basket provided.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, in thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

**Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy.**

**May God bestow on us His grace and favor to please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; grant that heavenly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Peter 2:24

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

**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!**

Exodus 12:22-27; Psalm 105:43; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Revelation 7:9-12