



## First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### *Resurrection Certainty*

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

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- To practice **social distancing**, you may sit where sheets of paper are positioned in each row.
  - **First-time visitors**—please fill out the yellow card in the seat in front of you and return this card to the offering plate or the pastor.
  - You can follow the **order of service** printed out in the **bulletin**.
  - **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal in front of you.
  - A printed copy of today's **sermon** is located on the table in the narthex.
  - Please reserve the back pews for parents with **small children**. If you have a fussy child, feel free to use the parents' room in the back of the sanctuary.
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### **EASTER ACCLAMATION** (Revelation 7)

**M:** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: These in white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?

**C: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

**C: And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

**OPENING HYMN:**                    *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

CW #149

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

M: O holy and righteous God, you alone can make us clean. We have rebelled against you and are worthy to receive only your punishment and condemnation. But your mercies never end; they are new every day. At your command and promise, therefore, we come to you and confess our sins.

**C: O holy and merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But at your gracious word I come to you, and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ I plead: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Having heard your confession, I as a called minister of God’s Word assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

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

THIS JOYFUL EASTER TIDE: .....CW #160:1

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
Has sprung to life this mor - row.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day  
pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But  
now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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

**C:** Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-20**

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

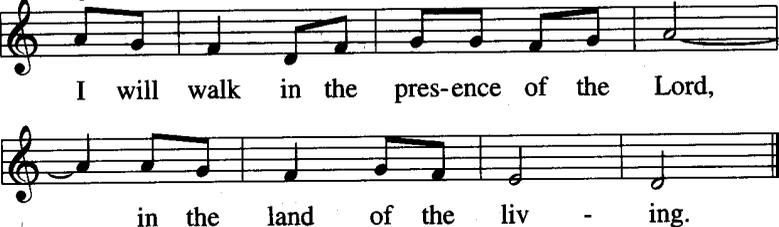
You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

## PSALM 16:

*Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*



Keep me safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;\*  
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.\*  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

### *Refrain*

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*  
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;\*  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

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.

### *Refrain*

## THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**The Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.



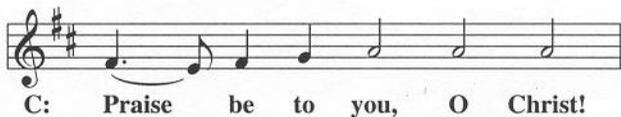
## **Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But 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.

M: This is the gospel of the Lord.



## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.

Hymn of the Day:           *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”*       CW #165:1-5

Sermon:.....John 20:19-31  
**Faith in the Resurrection Is from the Hand of God**

Offering

Prayer of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer:

C: 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.

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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn:           *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”*       CW #165:6-9

**THE PARTICIPANTS**

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