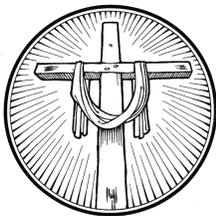


**A Prayer
Upon Enter-
ing Church**

My heart is glad, heavenly Father, and my whole being rejoices. In my flesh I shall dwell secure because You have not let Your Holy One see corruption (Psalm 16:9-10). Because my Savior lives forever, so too will I. Grant me faith in this promise today and everyday. Amen.



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

Saint Thomas was one who rarely held back. Ready to march with Jesus back to Jerusalem, a city that almost stoned him, Thomas says, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). Here too, after the resurrection, Thomas boldly says, "Unless I see...I will never believe" (20:25). Thomas, you see, had missed out the week before. Everyone was there to see Jesus except him. We don't know where Thomas was. He truly did miss out. Thanks be to God, Jesus, his friend and Savior, wouldn't have him miss out for too much longer.

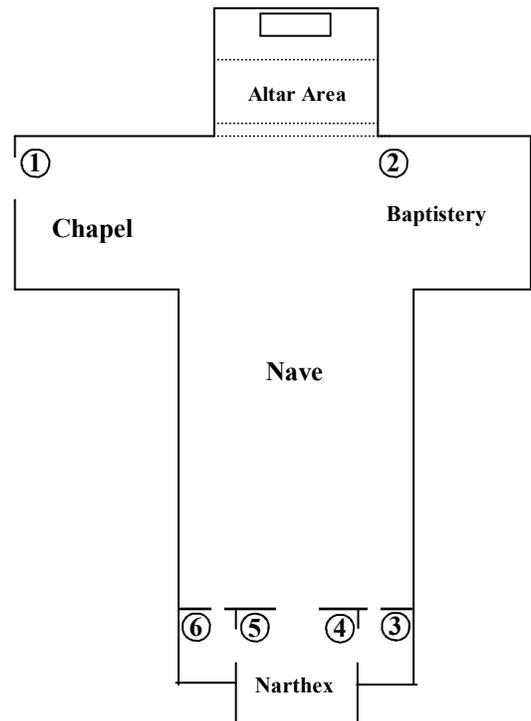
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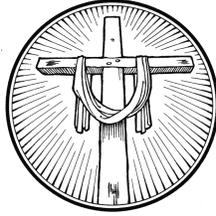
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Mrs. Carolyn B. Lange and family in loving memory of Margaret Tiller.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Phyllis Bliese in remembrance of Ralph and other loved ones.
- The sponsor charts for 2022 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

Partita on "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" ... Flor Peeters

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ... LSB #549

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
~ Titus 2:11-14*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Thomas missed seeing the risen Jesus when he first appeared, making Thomas an ideal spokesperson for people in later generations, who also missed out on the first resurrection appearances. At the same time, Thomas confessed that Jesus was Lord and God, thereby showing that skepticism could lead into true faith.

~ Craig Koester, Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel, 2003 A.D.

On the third day the friends of Christ coming at day-break to the place found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth...



SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so 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 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this

Life.”²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought.²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,²³ “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.²⁵ And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,²⁸ saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

L: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the | heavens;*

praise him | in the heights!

Praise him, all his | angels;*

praise him, | all his hosts!

*...and in a
semblance of
the gardener
God walked
again in the
garden, in the
cool not of the
evening but
the dawn.*

~ G.K. Chesterton, *The
Everlasting
Man*,
1925 A.D.

The 148th psalm is a psalm of thanks that excites and exhorts all creatures in heaven and earth to praise God – especially His saints, the children of Israel, who worship Him, that is, have His Word and worship. And note that this psalm confirms all the stations of life – kings, judges, old, young. All are created by God and are good and honorable... Rightfully, all of creation should be nothing but a tongue, always praising this great goodness of God.

~ Martin Luther,
Summaries of the Psalms,
 A.D. 1531

**C: Praise him, | sun and moon,*
 praise him, all you | shining stars!
 Praise him, you highest | heavens,*
 and you waters above the | heavens!**

L: Let them praise the name | of the LORD!*
 For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.
 And he established them forever and | ever;*
 he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

**C: Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
 you great sea creatures and | all deeps,
 fire and hail, | snow and mist,*
 stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!**

L: Mountains and | all hills,*
 fruit trees and all | cedars!
 Beasts and all | livestock,*
 creeping things and | flying birds!

**C: Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*
 princes and all rulers | of the earth!
 Young men and maidens to- | gether,*
 old men and | children!**

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 for his name alone is ex- | alted;*
 his majesty is above earth and | heaven.
 He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for | all his saints,*
 for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the
 LORD!

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

In regards this cry of Thomas, first, as a devout expression of that holy wonder which came upon him when his heart made the great discovery that Jesus was assuredly his Lord and God. It had flashed upon the mind of Thomas that this august person whom he had regarded as the Messiah was also God. He saw that the man at whose feet he had sat was more than man, and was assuredly God, and this amazed him so that he used broken speech...

VERSE

...David M. Cherwien

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will die no more;
death has no more dominion over him.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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



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: The Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: 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.**

...He is amazed at the discovery which he has made, and probably also at the fact that he has not see it long before.

~ C. H.

*Spurgeon,
"My Lord
and My
God," 1884
A.D.*

When Thomas confessed the deity of Christ, there was no hint of rebuke from the lips of Jesus. Jesus did not say, like Paul did [Acts 14:15], "Stop that, I'm just a creature." Not only did Jesus receive worship from Thomas, He pronounced His benediction on him [John 20:29] ...With these words, Jesus puts His benediction on all who receive Him as Lord and as God, and He even gave an added benediction to those who believe without the benefit of being eyewitnesses.
~ R.C.
Sproul,
John,
2009 A.D.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic 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.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"
(The choir will sing Stanza 5)*

... LSB #467

SERMON

"A Fear of Missing Out"

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY *(sung by the choir)*

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

... Jeffrey Blersch

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

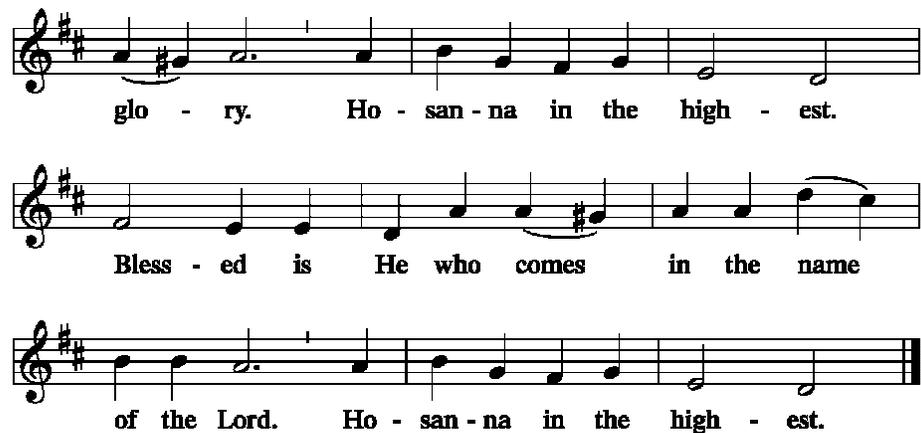
SANCTUS ("Holy")



At the feet of the manifested Savior, Thomas cries, "My Lord and my God." It sounds like a rehearsal of the eternal song which ascends before the throne where cherubim and seraphim continually cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth." It sounds like a stray note from those choral symphonies, which day without night circle the throne of the Eternal.

~ C. H. Spurgeon, "My Lord and My God," 1884 A.D.

John's purpose is not academic. He writes in order that men and women may believe certain propositional truth, the truth that the Christ, the Son of God, is Jesus, the Jesus whose portrait is drawn in this Gospel. But such faith is not an end in itself...



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the 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 he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



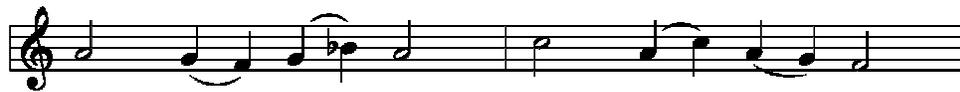
2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

...It is directed toward the goal of personal, eschatological salvation: that by believing you may have life in his name. That is still the purpose of this book today, and at the heart of the Christian mission.

*~ D.A. Carson,
The Gospel According to John,
1991 A.D.*

**A Prayer
Before You
Go**

Help me,
gracious
Lord, to
always be
prepared to
receive the
gifts You
wish to be-
stow. The
greatest
gift You
give is the
gift of faith.
By your
Spirit, help
me to
know and
cherish that
I am
blessed by
the very
faith You
have
worked in
me.
"Blessed
are those
who have
not seen
and yet
have be-
lieved!"
Amen.



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. Please take a cup of the holy Blood as directed. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Our Pascal Lamb, That Sets Us Free" ... LSB #473
(sung by the choir)

"Come You Faithful" (sung by all) ... LSB #487

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-taste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our

days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

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.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

... LSB #482

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"This Joyful Eastertide"

... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Preaching: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson

(Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Flute: Jacob Roseman

Choir: Ivan Beethe, Rick Hovda, Steve Kroening,

Jim Speckhard, Steve Zeinemann

Radio Announcer: Jon Oestreich

Lector: Jewell Holdorf

Acolytes: Sarah Gjerde; Brennan Hochberger; Ethan Hochberger

Elder: Scott Schubring

Altar Guild: Cheryl Plautz; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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