



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**



*The Risen Jesus Gives Peace*



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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



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April 11, 2021

## THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 148)

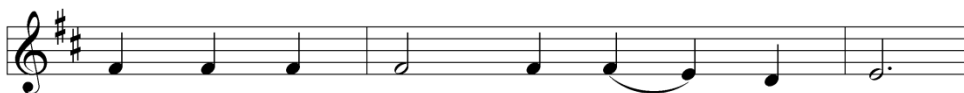
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
2 Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their worst;  
3 On the third morn he rose a - gain  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell;  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
And Je - sus has his foes dis - persed;  
Glo - rious in maj - es - ty to reign;  
The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
From death's sting free your ser - vants, too,



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of praise and joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Oh, let us swell the joy - ful strain! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let songs of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
That we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909, alt.  
Tune: VICTORY (888 4 with Alleluias) Giovanni P. da Palestrina, c. 1525–94, adapt.

STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



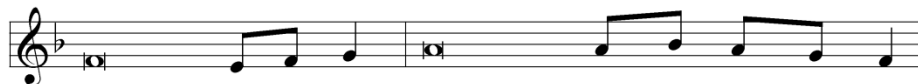
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### GLORY BE TO GOD



**C:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



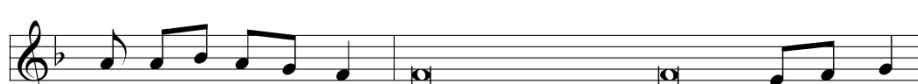
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

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 comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12–20

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.”

### SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is the one who 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 the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)

STAND

## GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>*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!"* <sup>20</sup>*After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*

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

<sup>24</sup>*But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.* <sup>25</sup>*So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"*

*But he said to them, "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."*

<sup>26</sup>*After 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.* <sup>27</sup>*Then 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."*

<sup>28</sup>*Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

<sup>29</sup>*Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

<sup>30</sup>*Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book.* <sup>31</sup>*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.*



## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN (CW 145)

## Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



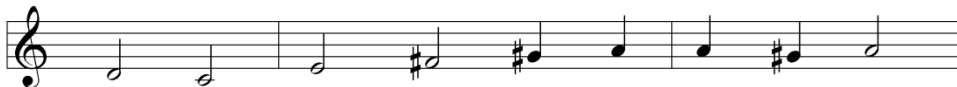
1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no  
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's  
 heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where  
 I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and  
 me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor  
 gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -  
 he is gone, Live and reign with him in  
 act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry  
 pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -  
 trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;  
 heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!  
 giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;  
 ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;  
 por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 "Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt.  
 Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

**Thomas' Little Easter Creed: "My Lord and My God!"**

STAND

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

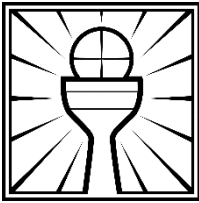
M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The recorded service for members at home concludes here.  
We continue with the sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

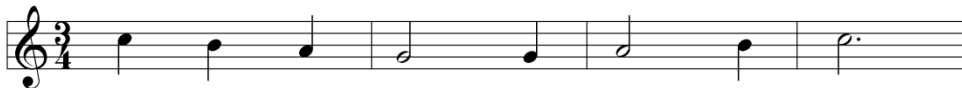


## DISTRIBUTION

*In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 165)

## O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 On that first morn - ing of the week,  
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,  
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;  
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
For thus he spoke un - to the three,  
A - mong them came their Lord most dear,  
That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.  
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
"My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me."  
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign.  
Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!



# THANKSGIVING

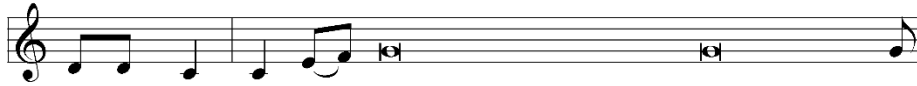
STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

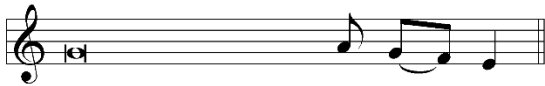


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** 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 (CW 166)**

**The Day of Resurrection**



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
 And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: LANCASHIRE (76 76 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.



## **Personal Prayers for Worship**

### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

## **Sunday April 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am** (*Please sign up prior.*)

**Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

**At-Home Sunday School #12: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Mike Wilson (9:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger (9:00 am) & Greg Zeman (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

**Wednesday April 14: There is no 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism Class and no evening Bible study this week.**

## **Sunday April 18: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am** (*Please sign up prior.*)

**Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

**At-Home Sunday School #1: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilmen: TBA (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers: Roger LaGrange (9:00 am) & Joshua Hodkiewicz (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Evie Sullivan (4/11), Kim Bradley (4/12), Kate Stewart (4/12), James Immel (4/16), Mark McKeel (4/16) and Jarad Roberts (4/16) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

## **Quarterly Congregational Meeting**

April 25 at 11:45 am in sanctuary

*Save the date*

