

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

The Second Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday April 24, 2022

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome to this Divine Service in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord's Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" 470 vv. 1-3

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Ps. 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

- Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation
- **C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- **P** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
- **C** make known his deeds among the peoples!
- P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- C tell of all his wondrous works!
- **P** Glory in his holy name;
- let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- **P** Seek the Lord and his strength;
- **C** seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- **C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- **P** 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.
- P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you

may grow up into salvation

C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you. 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.

First Reading

Acts 5:12-20 ESV

¹² Now 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. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so 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. ¹⁶ The 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 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6 P Christ has risen from the dead.

© God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

- P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Gradual

Revelation 1:4-18 ESV

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and 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 ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, 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."

⁹ I, 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. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "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."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and 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. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In 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.

¹⁷ When 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, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. John 20:19–31 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ 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.

Nicene Creed 206

Sermon "Inspecting Jesus" St. John 20:19–31

Rite of Confirmation 272-274

Meila Noi Phaly Psalm 37:4 Gracie Corene Stoltenburg Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer of the Church

Mike Youngblood (Paula Hakes's brother-in-law), Theo Pietrowski, Marge Russenberger, Karen Temple, Lois Kilburn (Pastor's mother-in-law), Helen Mekosch, Sharon Henning, Jane Henning, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Gloriann Tuff (Dorene Polz's sister), the family of Delores Martens (Gen Rehnelt's sister-in-law), the family of Craig Glenn (Jason Benjamin's uncle), who recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition:

P We implore You, O Lord, to sanctify and keep the congregations, schools and organizations together with all our people in the truth. Your Word is truth. Preserve us from false teaching; bring us to repentance for every place where love or zeal has faltered; grant us and our children bold and steadfast hearts to remain faithful to this confession and church, suffering all rather than to fall away from it; and unite us with all Christians in a true confession of Jesus Christ. in whom the world has redemption: the forgiveness of sins. To You alone be all glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

208-212

Distribution Hymns

470 vv. 4-9, 953, 581

Closing Hymn "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

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Postlude

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