



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024**

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

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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.



## **Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” **470 vv. 1-3**

**Confession and Absolution** **151**

**Introit** **Ps 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Pet 2:2-3**

**[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.**

**[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;

**[C]** **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,

**[C]** **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**

**152-3**

**Hymn of Praise** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” **477**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** **156**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** (*sung*) **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** (*sung*) **Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:32–35 ESV**

<sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**Gradual**

**adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6**

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **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**

**1 John 1:1—2:2 ESV**

<sup>1</sup>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— <sup>2</sup>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— <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**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** (*sung*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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** (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** **158**

**Sermon**      “Fellowship in the Risen Christ”      **1 John 1:1—2:2**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Richard Polz, Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife), Teresa Schuetz (Pastor’s niece), Ron Sinn, Gail Lanning, Brent Baumann (Steve Milbrath’s brother-in-law and Lori Milbrath’s cousin), Gen Rehnelt, Kristi Ledin, Carol Kolander, Kathy Miller (Neil’s, Susan’s, and Patti’s sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Kenneth Hample (Richard Hample’s son), who recently passed away. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who has been deployed overseas in our nation’s armed forces.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,      **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Final petition concludes:*

**P** . . . one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

**Offering and Offertory** **159-160**

**Service of the Sacrament** **160-166**

**Distribution Hymns** **470 vv. 4-9, 618, 619**

**Post-Communion Canticle**      “Thank the Lord”      **164**

**Closing Hymn**      “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”      **488**

**Postlude**



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