



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

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Opening Hymn *“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”* (v. 1-4) **p. 467**

Invocation, Confession and Absolution **p. 151**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as**

ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

+ **INTROIT** +

Psalm 81: 1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2: 2a

Pastor: Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

Cong.: long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia

Pastor: Sing aloud to God our strength;

Cong.: shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Pastor: In distress you called, and I delivered you;

Cong.: I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

Pastor: I am the LORD your God,

Cong.: who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Pastor: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;

Cong.: and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

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.

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE** +

“Gloria in Excelsis”

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Cong: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.
Cong.: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Almighty God grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may be
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.
Cong.: **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “*Son of man, can these bones live?*” And I answered, “*O Lord GOD, you know.*” ⁴ Then he said to me, “*Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.*” ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: *Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.* ⁶ *And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.*” ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone

to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “*Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.*” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then he said to me, “*Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’*” ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, *Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.* ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5: 4-10

⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

John 20: 19-31

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

Cong.: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹ 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.”* 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. This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON HYMN: “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (v. 1-4) p. 470

SERMON

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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.

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

Prayer of the Church

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

LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

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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.**

Collect

- P** Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; 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

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- 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**

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Rev. Patrick Poock
Organist: Bill Vlasak

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES at FAITH:

Sunday, April 11

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Pastor's Bible Class

10:30 am Divine Service

Monday, April 12

9:15 Elder's Meeting

Tuesday, April 13

6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 am Women of Faith

3:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study

5:00 pm Divine Service

6:15 pm Catechism Class

Thursday, April 15

10:00 am Sewing for Christ

2:00 pm Adult Bible Study with Don Lannon, Jr.

Friday, April 16

7:00 pm Lifelight Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, April 17

9:00 am LWML Spring Rally at Beautiful Savior