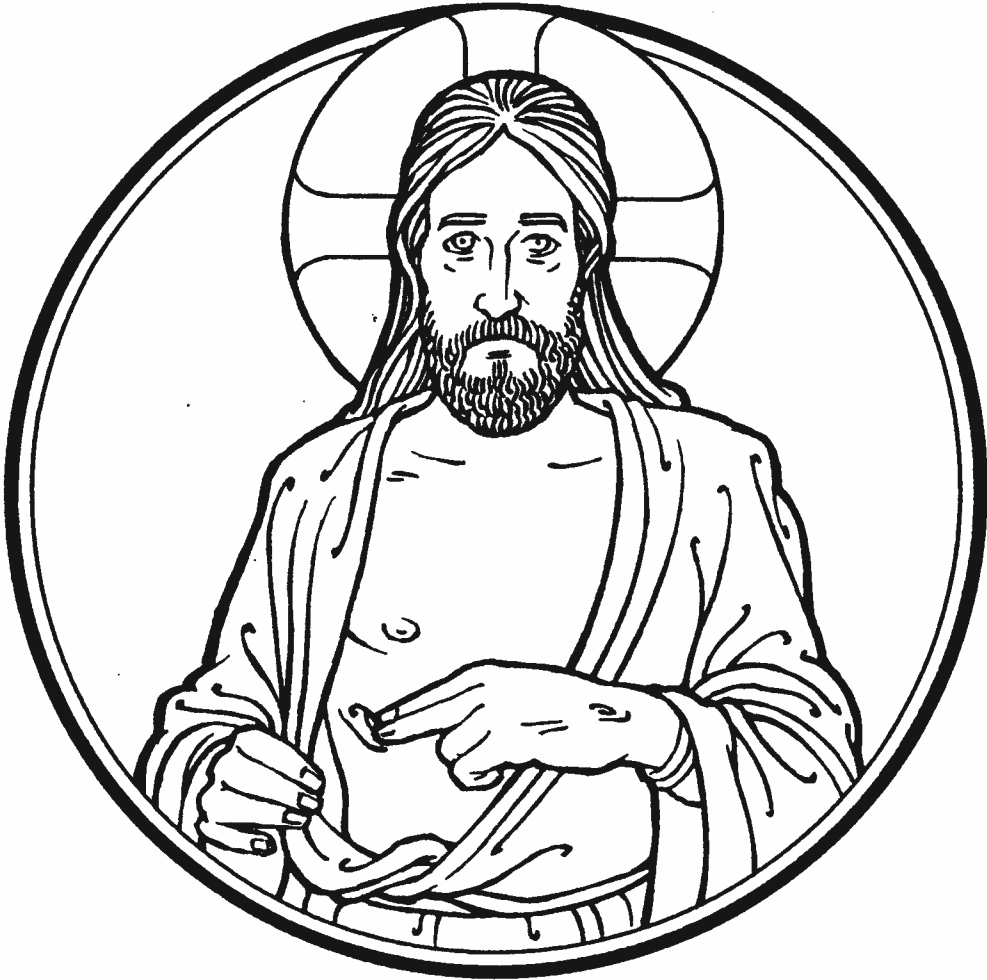


# Second Sunday of Easter

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He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace



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## Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

## Prepare for Worship

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord’s Supper, read through the “Christian Questions” on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

## Today’s Focus for Worship – He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have to wonder whether anything he said was true. Thomas Had been taught and trained by Christ himself. He heard Jesus predict his death and resurrection. Even after hearing the eyewitness testimony of friends, Thomas still had doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. But Jesus lives, and it makes a difference. Today I have great comfort as someone with doubts about Christ’s promises in my life. Jesus engages me with continuing assurances in Word and sacrament. I have proof. I have peace.

## Serving at Worship

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Accompanist: Allison Sorensen

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# Service of Word and Prayer



## Opening Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide | 449  
*Please stand to sing the final stanza.*

## Responsory

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
**“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

*Psalm 122:1*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!  
**Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.**

*Psalm 84:1, 4*

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
**to all who call on him in truth**

*Psalm 145:18*

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us  
**so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins  
**and was raised to life for our justification.**

*Romans 4:25*

Death has been swallowed up in victory!  
**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 15:54, 57*

## Doxology

Glory Be to the Father | 273 (CW 1993)



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and  
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-32

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>22</sup>“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup>This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup>David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, <sup>27</sup>because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup>But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup>God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm of the Day**

My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad | 16-A

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia!



## Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel is written in St. John chapter twenty.



<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples 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 the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

O Sons and Daughters of the King | 456:1-7

**Sermon**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Too Good AND True!

*Stand*

**Hymn Response**

Create in Me a Clean Heart | 942

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.

## Apostles' Creed *Credo*

*Matthew 16:15; Luke 12:8; 2 Corinthians 4:13*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Offering

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.*

## Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story | 746:1, 6, 3

## Prayer of the Church

*Psalm 143:1; Timothy 2:1-4*

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;  
**in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.**

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Almighty God, by the death of your Son you conquered sin, and by his resurrection you restored our innocence and gave us everlasting life. Fill our hearts with steadfast faith that we may daily serve you in your kingdom and praise and thank you always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer *Pater Noster*

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

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.

**Prayer of the Day**

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by 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.

## Blessing

Numbers 6:24

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.



## Closing Hymn

O Sons and Daughters of the King | 456: 8-9



8 Bless - ed are they that have not seen and yet whose  
9 On this most ho - ly day of days to God your



faith has con - stant been; in life e - ter - nal they shall reign.  
hearts and voic - es raise in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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