SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Though we don’t have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord’s Supper. Jesus still comes through the “locked doors” we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago!

PRESERVICE MUSIC “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME [Please fill out prayer request cards.]

†OPENING HYMN He’s Risen, He’s Risen LSB 480

1 He’s ris en, He’s ris en, Christ Je sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri um phant when on Cal va ry;
3 But short was their tri umph; the Sav ior a rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho san nas and raise your glad voice;

He o pened death’s pris on, the in car nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre a tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa tan He van quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o pen is fair E den’s door.
Pro claim the blest tid ings that all may re joice.

(continued)
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:

And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will never more die.
Re-deemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
With Father and Spirit it He ever shall reign.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P This is the day the Lord has made!
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
P Through Him we are risen to new life!
C We are and will be risen indeed!
P Because Jesus is alive forevermore,
C in Him we will live also!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Reflect upon and confess your sins before God.

[Silence for reflection and confession]

P We confess:
C Most merciful God, we are unworthy of Your love because we have sinned by what we have done and left undone. We have at times abandoned the new life given to us through our Savior's work by sinning against You and others in thought, word, and deed. We lock up in ourselves feelings of guilt, shame, and doubt. We often seek peace for ourselves in ways outside of the peace for our souls that Christ has come to bring. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P Jesus says, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." Upon your confession I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the victory Christ has won for us, 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. God keep you in His grace by the Holy
Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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 to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: 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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1  Al-le-lu-ia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resound in glorious light!
   Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

2  Walking the way, Christ in the center tells the story to open our eyes;
   Breaking our bread, Giving us light.

3  Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the sun, and Easter is bright.
   Cherubim sing: "O grave, be rend-er, Gold-en Je-

4  Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put an end to ru-
   Riva-ler of life, Saints and arch-

5  City of God, Easter forever, Gold-en Je-

(continued)
Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
All: 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. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: “Peace be with you. And also with you.”)

FIRST LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Rom. 6:9; John 20:29b
All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY  

O Sons and Daughters of the King  

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All: 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’n-ly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting!
Women: 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Men: 3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three, “Your Lord will go to Galilee.”
All: 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”
Men: 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples’ word.

All: 6. “My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Women: 7. No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; “You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All: 8. How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All: 9. On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON  

“THIS LIFE—YOUR LIFE”  

John 20:19–31  

Pastor David Vanderhyde, U-Hills
**APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits 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.

**OFFERING**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" by Jeffrey Blersch

**OFFERTORY**

Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

[Tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing]

5. "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
   Is the Easter hymn we sing!
   Take our life, our joy, our worship
   As the gift of love we bring.
   You have formed us all one people
   Called from ev'ry land and race.
   Make the Church Your servant body,
   Sent to share Your healing grace!


**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, in this season of Easter keep before us the vision of our risen and eternal Lord, through whom we also will rise and have life forevermore. Thank You for breaking through our locked doors of fear and doubt, and for offering us Your peace. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Ever-sustaining Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Quiet our doubts and nurture the faith that holds us together that we encounter the troubles and trials of our times with confidence. Since Jesus is alive forevermore, grant us peace that our praise and joy remain in You. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Ever-giving Lord, the greatest blessing You gave to this world was Your own Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who knew the struggles of the flesh and took them and all our sins to His cross to win the Easter victory over sin, eternal death, and the work of the devil. Grant Your continued peace for those who struggle in affliction and despair as they face trials of body and spirit, [especially ...]. Strengthen them with Your Spirit and keep them firm in their faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Increase the generosity and sincerity of forgiveness among Your people as we have first been forgiven, that we enjoy an enriched fellowship marked not by dissension but by the righteousness and resurrection of Christ.

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.
Benediction

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P Because Jesus is alive for evermore,
C in Him we will live also!
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. C Amen.

Closing Hymn

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

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1. We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3. Help, then, O Lord, our unbelief; And
4. For You, O resurrected Lord, Are
5. Lord, when our life of faith is done, In

graceful words we hear From Him who spoke as
follow where He trod; But in His promise
may our faith abound To call on You when
found in means divine: Beneath the water
realms of clearer light We may behold You

none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.
we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and endless sight.

Announcements

[Birthdays: Dave Adam, David Moulden; Beth Holle (U-Hills)]

Postlude

"Fanfare and Statement on Llanfair" by Edward Broughton

The Lutheran Hour Message

May 5: "The Good Fisherman"; Ryan Tinetti, Guest Speaker
Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd; He's the Good Fisherman, who draws the fish and fills the nets. (John 21:1-14)