SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Still See Him!

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!
GATHERING SONGS

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations

CHORUS: Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in. Now I surrender. CHORUS

Shine your light, And let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, Shine your light, And let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. CHORUS

PREPARATION

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see his face,
There I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Pastor: Through Him we are risen to new life!
People: We are and will be risen indeed!
Pastor: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,
People: in Him we will live also!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Romans 6:4; Revelation 1:17–18

Pastor: 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

Pastor: We confess:
People: 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.

Pastor: 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.”

HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461 (Verses 6-7)

Pastor: 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, 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.

People: God grant it for Jesus’ sake. Amen.
First Reading: Acts 5:12-20
(God’s Word goes out to the people through the apostles.)

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Revelation 1:4–18
(John’s vision of Christ’s eternal glory)

John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and
send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

(Jesus appears to disciples hiding behind locked doors and brings peace by His resurrection.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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 it."

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!" 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor John Larson

SONG OF THE DAY O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (VERSES 1, 5-8)

LSB 470

SERMON “He Showed Them His Scars” Pastor John Larson
Text: John 20:19-31

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THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

OFFERING OUR GOD SAVES

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In the name of the Father in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come
We're gather'd together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace (REPEAT)

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

CHORUS: Our God saves our God saves There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise Our God saves our God saves

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that CHORUS (x2)
The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.                  2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you.                     [Colossians 3:1]
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.                    [Psalm 136]
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**


**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9–13

Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

**IN CHRIST ALONE**

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In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
’Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death.
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.
’Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

CHORUS:  O, the wonderful cross, O, the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
O, the wonderful cross, O, the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small?
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.  CHORUS
LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

CHORUS: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope (TWICE)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
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Jesus, Yours is the victory, (whoa!) CHORUS

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Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope
GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor:  Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,
People: in Him we will live also!
Pastor: 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.  Numbers 6:24–26
People:  Amen.

CLOSING SONG MY REDEEMER LIVES Morgan

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe, I believe.
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name I believe, I believe!
I'll raise a banner 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

CHORUS: My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives
     My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives

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'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

CHORUS  x2

You lift my burdens I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come

CHORUS x3

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