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!
PRELUDE  “O Sons and Daughters of the King”  M. Burkhardt

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

HYMN  “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”  LSB 474

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 forevormore,
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.
KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☿ Lord, have mercy.

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

翟 Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

翟 Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. ☿ Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. ☿ Amen
HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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—

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 Alleluia verse and the Holy Gospel.*

**VERSE** Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

Pastor: Alleluia.
People: 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.

**HYMN** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” *LSB 470* (Verses 1-3)

*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.

Pastor: 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.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, even so I am sending you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

**HYMN** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” *LSB 470* (Verse 4)

Pastor: Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them,
People: “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.”

Pastor: 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.” 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.” Thomas answered Him,

People: “My Lord and my God!”

Pastor: Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

HYMN “O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB 470 (Verses 5-7)

Pastor: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

HYMN “O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB 470 (Verse 8)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB 470 (Verse 9)

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

NICENE CREED Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,
People: hear our prayer.
Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.
Pastor: [Additional intersessions may be added here…]. Strengthen them with Your Spirit and keep them firm in their faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.
Pastor: 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. In fellowship at this altar, prepare our hearts and minds to receive what has been given and shed for us in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

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

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Because He Lives!” arr. Michael Zehnder
HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

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.

* SACRAMENT *

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
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.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“We Christ the Lord is Risen Today” LSB 469
“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” LSB 720
“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” LSB 487

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.

HYMN “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” LSB 490
CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE  “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”  Paul Manz

Serving in Worship

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LECTOR  8:00  Dana Thom
       10:30  Jeanette Nelson
ACOLYTE  8:00  Ann Ranisate
       10:30  Holly Schmitt
USHERS  8:00  Art Gordon, Members of the Congregation
       10:30  Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation
SERVER  10:30  Margo Pasha
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