

CELEBRATE! WORSHIP

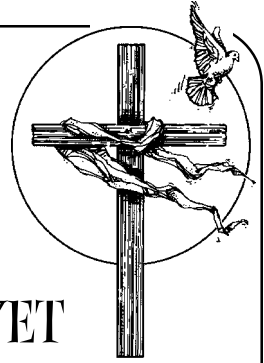
9:30 a.m., Sunday, April 18, 2004
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JESUS SAID,
“...BLESSED ARE
THOSE
WHO HAVE
NOT SEEN
AND YET
HAVE COME TO BELIEVE.”



-John 20:29-

GATHERING SONG - “The Lord is Risen,” Dennis Gale

**Chor: He is risen! Jesus is risen! The stone is rolled away.
He is risen! Messiah is risen from where his body lay.
Go spread the news, the joyous news. He is risen! Jesus is risen! The Lord's alive today!
He is risen! Jesus is risen! Our pain has turned to joy.
He is risen! Messiah is risen! Your songs of praise employ.
He paid the price, the sacrifice. He is risen! Jesus is risen! The Lord's alive today!**

- 1) **The angels spread the word, “The Lord is risen!”
Then Mary saw Him dressed in white. Despair has turned to hope: The Lord is risen!
He brings the promise, the promise of new life.**

**Chor: He is risen! Jesus is risen! The stone is rolled away.
He is risen! Messiah is risen from where his body lay.
Go spread the news, the joyous news. He is risen, Jesus is risen! The Lord's alive today.**

- 2) **Let's share the glorious news: The Lord is risen!
Break down the wall of sin and shame.
Our savior, brother, friend, the Lord is risen! He brings salvation, salvation is His name.**

**Chor: He is risen! Jesus is risen! The stone is rolled away.
He is risen! Messiah is risen from where his body lay.
Go spread the news, the joyous news. He is risen, Jesus is risen! The Lord's alive today.
He is risen, Jesus is risen! The Lord's alive today.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Let us approach our God in all truth, confessing the deeds and distractions that have kept us from honoring God and have divided us from other human beings. We cannot undo all the wrong we have done, but we can be cleansed from an evil conscience to live a more wholesome and joyous life.
- C** **Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and that we have put our hope in things we could see and touch. We have forgotten your presence in our lives and doubted**

your will and ways. We have been afraid to follow you and doubted your direction for our lives. We have doubted and become discouraged about our lives, the world, and the church. Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with your words so that we may overcome our doubt and endure as your faithful people in the end. Amen.

P The Holy Spirit renews in us the covenant God made, offering us forgiveness and assuring us that our sinful deeds will be remembered no more. God has planted his word in our hearts and written it on our minds so love and good deeds may become second nature to us. We are free to express gladness and to encourage each other.

C Thank you, God, for this gift!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P The realities in the world are frightening and can easily overwhelm us. The things that we encounter everyday can make us stronger and better prepared for the facing of life's more difficult tasks.

C Sometimes I really doubt that!

P Most of the people and places we encounter make us both stronger and more trusting, while at the same time there are others we run across which make us more fearful and doubtful.

C Now, I don't doubt that!

P We live in a world where we're called to trust. It is hard to trust people we do not know. It's hard to believe in the request of a homeless family working their way from California to Chicago to work. We just aren't sure if we should believe their story.

C Absolutely, I would often doubt that one!

P There has to come a time when our trust and faith override our doubts.

C Yes, I don't doubt that! We all need to doubt less sometimes.

P We sometimes will say, "I doubt it," and need to have that suspicion. But so often we need to believe!

C O God, help us in our unbelief. Gracious Lord, help us to believe! Amen and Amen.

Stand

SONG OF PRAISE - "Cry of My Heart," Terry Butler

**Chorus: It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.**

**Vs. 1: Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you. (Chorus)**

**Vs. 2: Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more, and make it wholly devoted to you. (Chorus)
(Solo, repeat vs. 1 and Chorus)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say or do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be seated

THE READING - Revelation 1:4-8 (*pages 994 - 995 of the pew Bible*)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG - "Illumine Me," Trish Bruxvoort-Colligan

Illumine me, oh Spirit Divine. Open my eyes and my life wide.

Illumine me, oh Spirit Divine. Cast over me your light. Illumine me.

Stand

GOSPEL - John 20:19-31 (*page 883 of the pew Bible*)

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Be seated

SERMON - "I Doubt It," Pastor Don Lehmann

SONG OF THE DAY - "Blessed Are Those," Hans Peterson

As the last chorus begins, children are invited to the front.

Chorus: **Blessed are those who do believe; Blessed are those who do believe.**

Though they have not seen they trust God faithfully (repeat)

Vs. 1: **Some people doubt what they have not seen; They will not blindly follow what is said.**

Others view this as a weakness, but it can authenticate instead.

See my nail pierced hands, come touch my wounded side.

I give what you need for faith, and as you give your trust completely.

My Spirit will guide. (Chorus)

Vs. 2: **As I've been given so I give you; To the world forgive the sins of all.**

Bringing hope to doubting faces; Tearing down where hatred builds a wall.

And as you bring life to places near and far; Always keep in mind

You are not loved for what you do, but for whose you are (Chorus)

Ending: **Blessed are those who do believe.**

KID TALK

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

P We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Kids The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Greet each other with Christ's words, "Peace be with you."

As the peace is being shared, children grades 1-6 will go to Sunday School.

Be seated

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND TIME AND TALENT SURVEY

OFFERING - "It Is You," Peter Furler

**Verse: As we lift up our hands, will you meet us here?
As we call on your name, will you meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship you, God of mercy and grace.
It is you we adore. It is you praises are for. Only you the heavens declare.
It is you. It is you.**

**Chorus: And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone,
And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone.
It is you we adore. It is you, only you.**

**Verse: As we lift up our hands, will you meet us here?
As we call on your name, will you meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship you, God of mercy and grace.
It is you we adore. It is you praises are for. Only you the heavens declare.
It is you. It is you.**

**Chorus: And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone,
And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone.**

Bridge: As we lift up our hands, as we call on your name,

**will you meet us in this place by your mercy and grace?
As we lift up our hands, as we call on your name,
will you meet us in this place by your mercy and grace?
It is you we adore. It is you. It is you.**

**Chorus: And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone,
And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone.
It is you we adore. It is you praises are for. Only you the heavens declare.
It is you. It is you.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION - *Communion will be received standing. Come forward via the center aisle as the ushers direct and return by the side aisles. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All the baptized are welcome to the Lord's Table.*

SONGS - "Hungry," Kathryn Scott

- 1) Hungry, I come to You. For I know You satisfy.
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.
And so I wait for You. So I wait for You.**

**Chorus: I'm falling on my knees. Offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.**

- 2) Broken, I run to You. For your arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.
And so I wait for You. So I wait for You (Chorus)**

"Communion Response," Hans Peterson

**Vs: Lord make me like your bread, your body, break and bless my life for you.
From this cup of love and suffering, make our lives poured out for you.**

Chorus: Take not your presence, oh, Lord and restore your salvation. (2X)

Ending: Lord make me like your bread, your body, break and bless my life for you.

“Come to Me Today,” Handt Hanson and Steve Swanson

Vs. 1: **My body’s broken, my blood is given for you, my children, as we share this day.
Your sins forgiven, your strength renewed as you come to me today.**

Vs 2: **I know your sinning, I feel your hurting, I want to make you new again.
Your search is over, I’m your creator, I will change your life today.** (Chorus)

Chorus: **As you come to me today, I will change your life today,
As you come to me today, I will change your life today.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of Almighty God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - direct you in your days and deeds in his peace.
C Amen.

Stand

SENDING SONG - “My Redeemer Lives,” Reuben Morgan

Verse: **I know he rescued my soul; His blood has covered my sins.
I believe. I believe. My shame he’s taken away; My pain is healed in his name.
I believe. I believe.
I’ll raise the banner ‘cause my Lord has conquered the grave.**

Chorus: **My Redeemer lives. My Redeemer lives.
My Redeemer lives. My Redeemer lives.** (Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus)

Bridge: **You lift my burdens. I’ll rise with you.
I’m dancing on this mountain top to see your kingdom come.** (Chorus twice)

DISMISSAL

P In the midst of doubt—trust God! In the midst of turmoil—trust God!
In the midst of grace—thank God! Have faith in the Lord! Believe!
Go in peace and serve the Lord! Amen.

C Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Don Lehmann **Presider:** Pastor Les Svendsen **Reader:** Linda Driscoll

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