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# **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

RESURRECTION REALITY: THE LIVING LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE

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449 This Joyful Eastertide



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Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Confession

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

C: Amen.

# Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



M: 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.



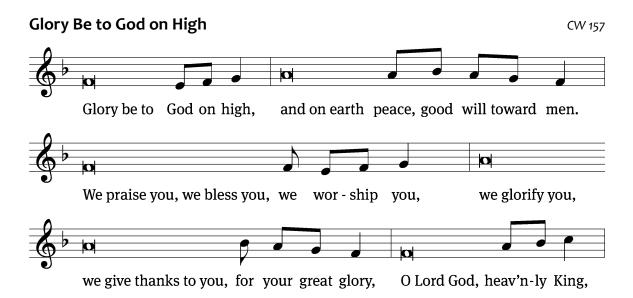
M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

#### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. 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: Amen.

Be seated

#### **First Reading**

Acts 18:1–11

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!" He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized. One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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#### **Second Reading**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

- M: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Stand



### Gospel

John 20:19-31

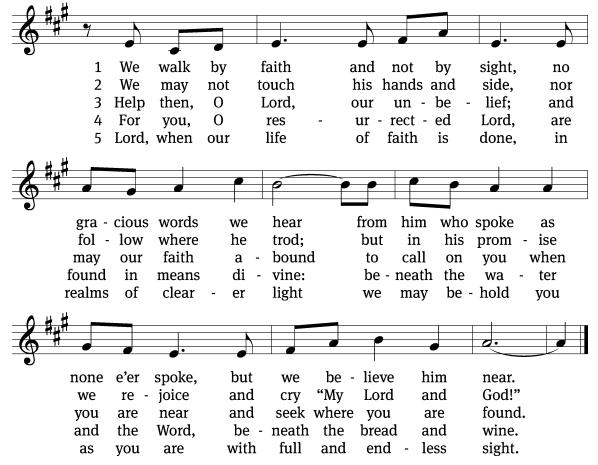
On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said

to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe." After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written 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.

- M: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated





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#### Sermon

#### John 20:19-31

#### "Christ's Peace Drives Away Doubt"

#### Stand

#### **Nicene Creed**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Church**

M: Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts, and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith. By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb, and ease their pain by reminding them their loved ones will one day rise again. Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and the feast of your sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

#### C: Amen.

Be seated

### Offering

During the offering, the organist/pianist will play offertory music and ushers will collect our offerings by passing an offering plate. Feel free to continue to offer your gifts to the LORD online if you prefer. Our members consider it a joy to support our ministry at Trinity so that we can offer the gospel here. If you are a guest with us this morning, please do not feel you have to give a gift.

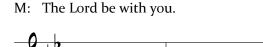
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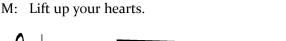
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### Preface

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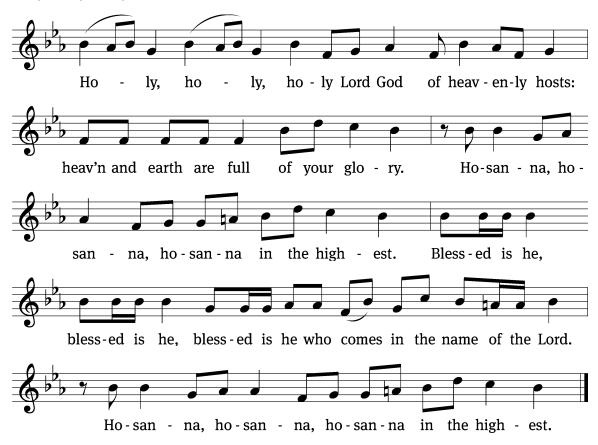
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



with you.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



CW 167

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

C: 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.]

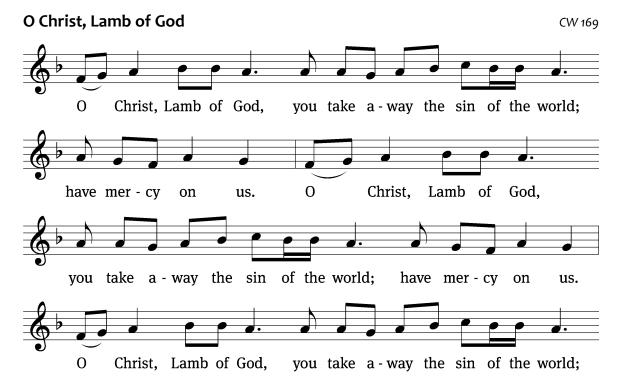
#### Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



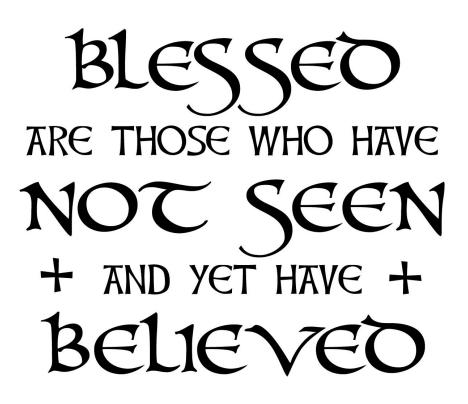


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#### Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a priceless medicine for the soul. We do everything we can to encourage its proper use. We also recognize from Scripture (1 Corinthians 11:23-32) that this medicine is a prescription item. Used at the wrong time or place for the wrong reasons by someone who does not understand it correctly, the Lord's Supper can cause immeasurable spiritual harm. For that reason we, like the pharmacist, do not dispense it over the counter.

We ask that if you are not a member of another WELS or ELS church or if you have not received the Lord's Supper here before, to please wait until you have had an opportunity to talk about Holy Communion with a pastor. We follow this practice as an act of love; love for you and your soul.



456 O Sons and Daughters of the King

CW 456 (p.16-17 in bulletin)



- 5 When Thomas afterwards had heard that Jesus had fulfilled his word, he doubted that it was the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he, "my hands, my feet, my body see; and doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 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!

- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been; in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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- M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- C: his mercy endures forever.
- M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

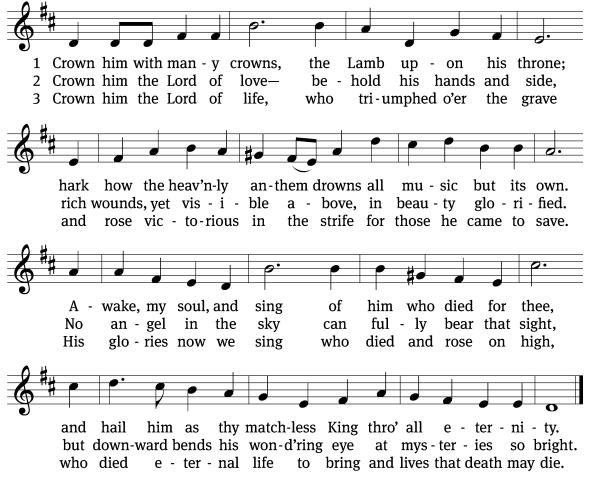
M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Blessing

- M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns



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#### Announcements

Ushers this week: Gary Hansen, Steve Umphrey, Jason Kruschel

Ushers next week: Brett Lyzenga, Garry Hargrove, Jr., Larry Kurth

**Worship Preview:** Next week we will continue our Easter celebration as we continue in the worship series, "Resurrection Reality". Many people ask what is real in this life and we can even question it from time to time. Throughout the Easter season we will see that the Resurrection is real and we will see the huge difference it makes in our lives. Next Sunday we will focus on "We Have a Meaningful Message to Share." Next Sunday St. Paul Lutheran School will be here to sing during the service.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will resume next Sunday at 9:00 am. The Sunday School will look at the Huge Catch of Fish.

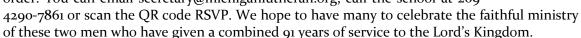
Adult Bible Study: Adult Bible Study will resume on April 14 as we continue to look at Paul's letter to the Colossians.

**LWMS Spring Rally:** All are invited as we gather at Peace Lutheran Church in Granger, IN for the LWMS Spring Rally! The event will be held Saturday, April 27 beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Our special speakers will be talking more about the 100 missions in 10 years campaign. Please RSVP to Robin Mock if you plan to attend., and also if you wish to carpool. All mission money needs to be turned in by April 7. Please deliver to Robin or put in her church mailbox.

**Meditations:** It is that time of the year again to renew or have the opportunity to subscribe to the daily devotional book Meditations or the monthly magazine Forward in Christ. Both of these publications are produced by our church body with the devotions being written by various pastors all over our church body and the magazine articles being written by pastors, teachers, and members of the church body. The price for the subscriptions will depend on how many sign up. If you are interested in renewing or subscribing, please talk with Pastor Reis.

ML Retirement Celebration: Two long-time teachers at Michigan Lutheran High School, Mr.

John Eggert and Mr. Ron Briney, will be retiring at the end of this school year. MLHS is planning a celebration of ministry on May 11 beginning at 6:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stevensville. We will hold a short worship service followed by a meal and a program. Please RSVP by April 11 if you woul like to attend the meal. There is no cost, but we do need to know how many meals to order. You can email secretary@michiganlutheran.org, call the school at 269-



**Invitation:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus would like to invite you to help celebrate the retirement of Pastor Robert Duehlmeyer. He has been a faithful servant for 40 years (36 of which were in Sodus). There will be a special service at 10:00 am on Sunday June 16. They realize this is Father's Day, but figured it was a great day to celebrate this milestone. There will be catered meal following worship. Please RSVP by Sunday June 2. There is no cost for anyone who would like to join the celebration. If you wish to RSVP for this, it is requested that you tell Pastor Reis and he will forward the numbers to St. Paul's Sodus at the appropriate time.

**Area Call Update:** Pastor Jason Jobs has returned the call to St. Paul's, Sodus. Pastor Brian Krueger returned his call to St. Paul's Stevensville. Mr. Garret Buch from St. Paul's, Stevensville has returned his call to Westland, MI and will remain in the area. Peace in Granger, IN has called Pastor Scott Bergemann. Mr. Mark Renner returned the call to teach at St. Paul's, Stevensville. Nicole Barabas, teacher at Grace in St. Joseph, received a call to be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Bethel in Bay City, MI. Ms. Jennifer Shaw returned the call to Grace, St. Joseph. Grace, St. Joseph has a vacancy at pastor. St. John's, Dowagiac will be vacant at pastor in June. St. Paul's, Stevensivlle will also be vacant next year at the preschool director/teacher position. Please keep all of these called workers and all their ministries in your prayers.

