

# Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 23, 2017



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ..... LSB 465 Δ

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### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

*P: 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.*

**C: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!**

*P: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!*

**C: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

*P: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!*

**C: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.**

*P: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.*

**C: 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.**

*P: 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.*

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### **FIRST READING**

*Acts 5:29-42*

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered the high priest, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom You killed by hanging Him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is

the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.<sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.<sup>36</sup> For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.<sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.<sup>38</sup> So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail;<sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice,<sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.<sup>41</sup> Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.<sup>42</sup> And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "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." <sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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** "The Day of Resurrection" .....LSB 478 Δ

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” ..... *LSB* 471

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** “Thank the Lord” ..... page 164

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### **THIS WEEK— (April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; Blood Drive, 3:30-6:30pm,  
Confirmation Class (2<sup>nd</sup> year), 5:00pm; Confirmation Class (1<sup>st</sup> year),  
6:00pm; Youth Group, 6:00-8:00pm

**Thursday:** Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Saturday:** LWML Zone Rally, St. John’s – Easton

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Voters’ Assembly, 10:30am; Sunday  
School, 10:30am

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 4/16/17)**

General & Building Funds: \$6079.49; Lent: \$1826.00; Blessings:  
\$51.49; Sunday School: \$2.38; Memorial: \$125.00

## ATTENDANCE

**Maundy Thursday** – 79

**Good Friday total** – 135 (1:00 service – 58; 6:30 service – 77)

**Easter Sunday total** – 217 (6:30 service – 43; 9:00 service – 174)

## CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE SPRING CLEANUP ON SATURDAY!

**CREATION MUSEUM ATTENDEES:** Please hand in your paperwork as soon as possible! Also, any money due needs to be in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks!

**SPRING VOTERS' MEETING** will be held next Sunday, April 30 at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. Meeting packets are in your mailboxes.

**CLC BLOOD DRIVE** is taking place this Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

**LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING** for April is for Little Lambs Daycare. Items needed are: bibs, burp cloths, wash cloths, dish cloths

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

## “LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“The human race was ‘hand-made’ by the most creative designer possible: God. We were made in HIS IMAGE, with HIS very BREATH within us! We truly are ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life* – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))