

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 8, 2018

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
Announcements
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal
The Ten Commandments

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."Jesus Shall Reign".....#231
Liturgical Reading....."He Is Risen! Alleluia!.....#214
Hymn Response....."This Is the Day".....#590
Prayer of the DayBulletin
Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Scripture Readings
Special Music
The Gospel.John 20:19-31
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
The Sermon:Pastor Nate

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn:....."O Worship the King".....#10
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostles' CreedInside cover of hymnal
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Alleluia! Alleluia!".....#215
Benediction

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: April 8th thru April 15th

Today:	April 8 th	Worship Schedule
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Trinity
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Trinity
Wed:		No Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School at Lands
Thurs:	1:30 p.m.	Quilting Workshop at Lands
Sat:	9:30 a.m.	Romsdal Women meet
Sun:	April 15 th	Worship Schedule
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Romsdal
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Romsdal

Romsdal Ladies will meet at the Church this coming Saturday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m. We will be going to Sue Brue's home in Sioux Center, and then will go out for noon lunch.

Redeemer Free Lutheran is hosting a Pork Loin Dinner on Saturday, April 14th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in Canton. Cost is \$10/Adults, and \$5/Age 12 & under.

A Bridal Shower honoring Cayce Johnson will be held at Trinity on Saturday, April 21st, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

God is not *sometimes* sovereign.
He is not *occasionally* victorious.
He does not occupy the throne one day
and vacate it the next.

-Max Lucado

Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Dear Jesus, We again stand in awe of your sacrifice. We humbly acknowledge what You did for us on the cross. Thank-you for making it possible to have fellowship with the Father forever.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.
(Our Daily Bread)

First Reading: Acts 7:51-8:2

51 "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! **52** Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— **53** you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it." **54** When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. **55** But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **56** "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." **57** At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, **58** dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. **59** While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60** Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

8 And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. **2** Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete. **5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. **21** Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” **24** Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** 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.” **26** 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!” **27** 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.” **28** Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” **29** Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” **30** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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Next week's texts: Acts 8:3-25
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48