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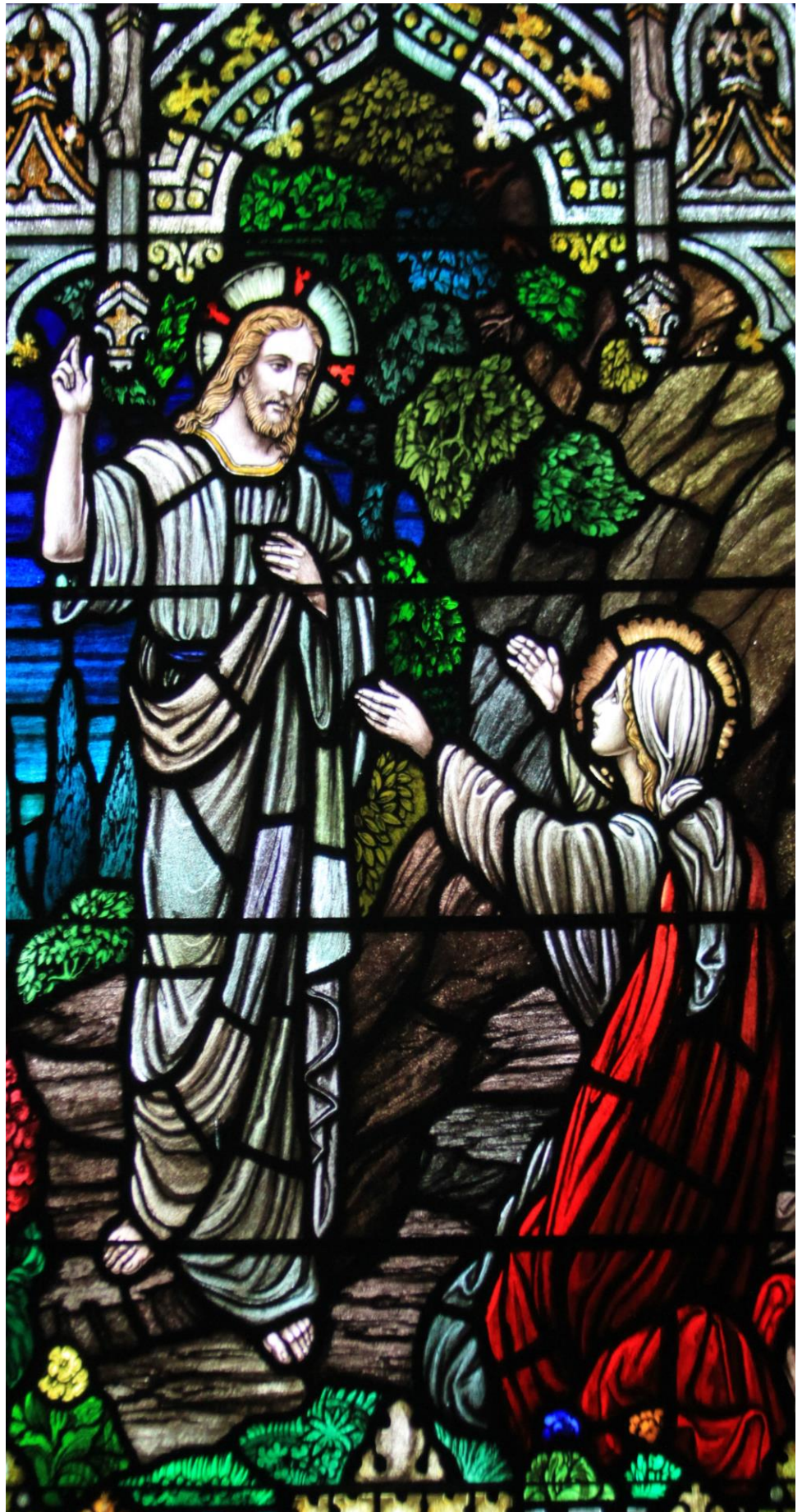
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome to Worship! Easter continues for Jesus' disciples as the Risen Lord appears in their midst, dispelling their fears, strengthening their faith, and sending them out with boldness to share the Good News of the Resurrection! Jesus comes into our midst through Word and Supper to conquer our fears, strengthen our trust in Him, and then sends us out to share His love and forgiveness with all we meet!

A **Nursery** is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

All **Sunday School** classes start and meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall, and the **Adult Information Class** meets downstairs in the Social Room. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the **9:00 & 7:00** services. Please wear face-coverings to and from the altar. The Common Cup will be available as in the past to those who desire it and will be cleansed and rotated between persons. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" - W. Held

THE HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia"

Hymn 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

THE INVOCATION:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake**

of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C
Amen.

THE KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together) Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 11:14-15

THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

+++ 11:15 & 7:00 THE ANTHEM: "The Strife is O'er"

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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 cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord

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 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." 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, "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." 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, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Hymn 470 v. 1-5

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SERMON: "Seeing, Hearing, Touching Jesus!"

THE HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Hymn 470 v. 6-9

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." 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 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+++ 11:15 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

9:00 Anthem: "The Strife is O'er";

Distribution Hymns: 606, 720, 467, 563, 643

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

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467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3 This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

- 4 Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
 Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
 Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;
 It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

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563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
 Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
 Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
 Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
 Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
 His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
 The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
 In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
 With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION, and BENEDICAMUS

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

P 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. C **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Hymn 475

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE: "Christ Ist Erstanden" -J.S. Bach

Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Pastor Blomenberg & Pastor Rodriguez

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