

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28 & 29, 2019

Welcome to Worship! Our celebration of Easter continues as we see Jesus make clear even to the doubting that He is alive! Our students also today confess faith in Him. In the 9 and 11:15 services, they will be providing the “sermon” as they confess with us what they believe. May the Lord strengthen us also as we hear them.

First time guests: Please visit the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

A Staffed Nursery is available at 9:00 A.M. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Sunday School begins in the Social Room at 10:15 A.M. **Adult Bible classes** meet in alternative locations (see Informer) and **Adult Instruction** meets in 202.

Holy Communion will be offered at 9:00 A.M. & 7:00 p.m. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. Gluten free wafers are available. The Common Cup is served to those who have not taken an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in tray center.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

+ THE ORDER OF SERVICE +

THE PRELUDE: “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” -Donald Busarow

THE OPENING HYMN: “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

Hymn 480

THE PREPARATION

L: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOW GOD FORGIVES

L: What is the Office of the Keys?

C: **The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

L: Where is this written?

C: **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: “The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone His sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven’” (John 20:22-23).**

L: What do you believe according to these words?

C: **I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

L: Let us confess our sins to God.

C: **Merciful God, we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Not only have we done what is wrong, but we have failed to do what is right. We have neglected the means of grace, and have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us and renew us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to live for Your glory and to serve others.**

L: God is merciful! He sent His Son into this world to be made sin for us. In His death and glorious resurrection, He provided forgiveness for us and by the power of the Holy Spirit He restores us to His family. By Christ’s command, it is my privilege, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, to forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14**

THE READINGS: (see insert)

THE HYMN: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Hymn 475

+++ 9:00 & 11:15 **THE MESSAGE BY OUR STUDENTS** (See Insert)

+++ 7:00 **THE SERMON**

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion in the booklets)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: “We Walk By Faith” -Kenneth Kosche

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT PRAYER

L: What privilege and command does God give to those who believe in Jesus?

C: **God commands and invites believers in Jesus Christ to pray.**

L: What is prayer?

C: **Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.**

- L: To whom should we pray?
- C: We should pray to the true God only, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, not to idols, saints, or anything God has created.**
- L: What should be the content of our prayers?
- C: In our prayers we should ask for everything that tends to the glory of God and to our own and our neighbor's welfare, both spiritual and bodily blessings. We should also praise and thank God for who He is and what He has done.**
- L: How should we pray?
- C: We should pray in the Name of Jesus, that is, with faith in Him as our Redeemer; with confidence, that is with firm trust that for Jesus' sake our prayers will be answered; and according to God's revealed will.**
- L: Who helps us pray?
- C: God the Holy Spirit prays with and for us.**
- L: How does God answer prayer?
- C: God hears the prayers of all Christians and answers in His own way and at His own time.**

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 COMMUNION LITURGY: 208-212; Hymns: 470, 645, 534, 487, 643

+++ 11:15 THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" **Hymn 474**

After the hymn, please greet those around you and introduce yourself to those you don't know.

THE POSTLUDE: "Church of God Elect and Glorious" -Wilbur Held

A pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: (7:00) Pastor Rodriguez Lector: Vicar Werner

Liturgists: Pastor Bloch & Pastor Blomenberg

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer Special Music: (9:00) Woodwinds Ensemble

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THE SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4–18 (page 1028)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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