

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

## Second Sunday of Easter

### April 24 2,2022

#### AS WE GATHER

Thomas had missed out. He wasn't there with the other disciples when the risen Jesus appeared that first Easter night to show them His hands and side. Thomas was absent when Jesus breathed on them with His Spirit and sent them out to proclaim His forgiveness. It's no wonder then that when Thomas heard about this encounter, he wanted to see Jesus for himself. "Unless I see, . . . I will never believe," he said (John 20:25). One week after Christ's resurrection, Thomas had his opportunity. He saw. He touched. He believed. He confessed: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). As we gather in His presence for worship today, may He fill us with great joy as we continue to celebrate His resurrection victory and confess Him as our Lord and God!



No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands,  
the side; "You are my Lord and  
God!" he cried.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
LSB 470:7

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN LSB #465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 91:1-2*

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
People: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Pastor: Taking refuge in the mercy of the Lord, let us come before Him in prayer.

*A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word and to examine our hearts before Him.*

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
People: **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us. Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hears our prayers and answers them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. By faith, we stand at His cross and empty tomb. We find our refuge and sing for joy in the shadow of His wings. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

✂ WORD ✂

**KYRIE**      **LSB #944 Kyrie – II**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      **LSB #633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (sts. 1, 7-8)**

**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:**      The Lord be with you.

**People:**      **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:**      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.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**      *Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)*      (The apostles testify publicly as witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection.)

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

**People:**      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalms 148; antiphon: v. 13*      (All things join in praising the Lord.)

**Pastor:**      Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

**People:**      **Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!**

**Pastor:**      Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

**People:**      **Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

**Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**Pastor:**      Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created.

**People:**      **And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

**Pastor:**      Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**People:**      **fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!**

**Pastor:**      Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**People:**      **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

**Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**Pastor:**      Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People:**      **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

**Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**Pastor:**      He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints,

**People:**      **for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

**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.**

**EPISTLE**      *Revelation 1:4–18*      (Jesus is alive forevermore.)

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

**People:**      **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN LSB #472 “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *John 20:19–31* (Thomas sees, touches, believes, and confesses the risen Jesus.)

Pastor:            The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People:           **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor:            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:           **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**            **LSB #470 “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (sts. 1-4)**

**SERMON**     Rev. Lowell Dennis, Emeritus

**HYMN LSB #470 (sts. 5-9)**

**OFFERING** (*The offerings previously collected are brought forward*)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor:            Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, You are exalted over all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy, You shower us with blessings of both body and soul as You care for Your creation. Enable us to see Your hands at work in our midst that, together with all those who share in the power of Your Son's resurrection, we always say of You:

People:           **You alone are Lord and God!**

Pastor:            Giver of life, You renew our souls through the power of Your Holy Spirit as we dwell in the shadow of Your wings. As we continue to celebrate the joy of our Savior's Easter victory, grant that Your Church on earth always speaks Your Word with boldness and confidence, that like the first eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, we share with all people:

People:           **You alone are Lord and God!**

Pastor:            You govern all nations with Your mighty and merciful hand, O Lord. Show forth Your favor to the land in which we live, raising up men and women who will serve as godly leaders among us; blessing those who make, administer, and judge our laws; protecting all those who serve in harm's way for the benefit of others; and helping us always to know and believe:

People:           **You alone are Lord and God!**

Pastor:            In Your Son's earthly ministry, people brought to Him all those who were sick and suffering that He might touch and heal them. This ministry of healing continued through His disciples in the earliest church. Even now, we know that Jesus heals, renews, and restores through the Means of Grace He has provided for our benefit. Place Your healing hand upon those in need, [*especially . . .*]. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:

People:           **You alone are Lord and God!**

Pastor:            Help us to cast aside all bitterness and pride, laying our burdens down at the foot of Christ's cross. Because He lives in triumph over death and the grave, may we experience His life-giving presence as we are gathered in His name. Grant us faith to trust in His forgiveness, life and salvation, and always say of Him:

People:           **You alone are Lord and God!**

Pastor:            We bring all these prayers before You, gracious Father, in the name of Him who is risen from the dead and reigns with You forever as our Lord and God: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People:           **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.  
People: **Amen.**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN** **LSB #482 “This Joyful Eastertide”**

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