

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
Order of Service: Divine Service One

AS WE GATHER

We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all. Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

Opening Hymn: LSB #465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

Hymn: LSB #469 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

+Service of the Word+

Kyrie

LSB 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter Reading

Hymn: LSB #486 “If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death” (Sung to tune #366)

New Testament Reading

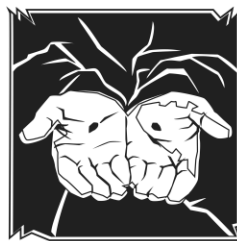
1 Peter 1:3–9

Hymn: LSB #470 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

sts. 1, 5–8

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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.”
John 20:26–29

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

Hymn of the Day: LSB #478” The Day of Resurrection”
(Sunday School children are dismissed)

Sermon: Rev. John Kreutwieser

Nicene Creed
Prayer of the Church
Lord’s Prayer

Offering *(Offerings previously gathered are brought forward)*

+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface	<i>LSB 160</i>
This Is the Feast	<i>LSB 155</i>
Eucharistic Prayer	
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 163</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 163</i>

Distribution Hymns: LSB #487, 547 & 475

Post Communion Cantic: “Thank the Lord”	<i>LSB 164</i>
Post-Communion Collect	
Benediction	<i>LSB 166</i>

Closing Hymn: LSB #472 “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real” *(use tune LSB #399)*

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