

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 2015**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Welcome  
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #484, "Make Songs of Joy"

An Act of Adoration

P: Almighty God, before Whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

An Act of Confession

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

Introit, prayed responsively .....worship insert

Hymn of Praise: #949, "Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading .....Acts 4:32-35

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively .....worship insert

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

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel .....John 20:19-31

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Children's Message: "The Floating Paperclip"

Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #466, "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Sermon: "Why Do You Believe in Easter?"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #469, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 19, 2015**

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

**"It's Not Over 'til Jesus Says It's Over"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Our risen Savior enables us to hold on when troubled times tempt us to bail out. (Luke 24:36-49)