

Second Sunday of Easter

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PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

Psalm 133

How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 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 there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself 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 that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that 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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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| 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here." | 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your 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 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight. | |

(Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.; Music: English traditional; Text © GIA Publications, Inc.)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
 Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376 (st. 1, 3)

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

- 3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. **Refrain**

(Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939: Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759)

Announcements

Worship plans continuing in the spring will be announced depending upon circumstances, weather, and Covid 19 virus status.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the Glory of God.

We are taking altar flower dedications. The dates available are: April 18th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.



We will again be offering the Prayer Partner Program. If you wish to participate in this program or for details, please take a flyer from the counter in the Narthex or call the church office to get a copy of the flyer.

St. John's Lutheran Church Labyrinth Ministry Team invites you to walk our labyrinth on World Labyrinth Day, Saturday, May 1st from 1 pm – 4 pm. Come and experience walking in prayer for world peace as others around the world walk their respective labyrinths. Masks must be worn and all distancing protocols will be in place.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, John Kraft, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Lee Krieger, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Bett Murphy and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: JoAnn Struble, Jay Snyder, John Snyder, Elizabeth Brooks, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, Jean Bartenfelter, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal