

The Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We gather this day to receive God's gifts and to praise His holy name. If you are visiting us today, we encourage you to fill out a yellow card in the pew rack to inform us of your visit and to introduce yourself to one of the pastors. Please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex for more information about Bethany, and to receive a gift for you from our church family. Also, be sure to pick up our weekly *News & Notes*, located on the table in the back of the church.

Bethany is a singing parish and we hope that you will join us. A fine voice is not required – just a heart for worship. As you follow the order of service in this bulletin, please note:

- LSB refers to the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*
- Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.
- Front pew - hymnals are in a rack underneath your seat.

For your reference, worship participants are indicated as follows in the bulletin:

P: Presiding Minister (pastor's parts)

A: *Assisting Liturgist (pastor, choir or cantor)*

C: **Congregation (or all)**

AS WE GATHER

The family of God has a family attorney. He is Jesus Christ, our advocate before the Father, the judge of all creation. Today we hear that He is not only our defense attorney; He is also the price that is paid to get us off the hook.

GREETING

+We Stand in Easter Joy+

THE GLORIA PATRI (5PM)

LSB #229

THE GLORIA PATRI AND VENITE (9AM)

LSB #235

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66

Antiphon

Marty Haugen

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord!

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C: antiphon

A: Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth, sing to the praise of his name, proclaim him forever, tremendous his deeds for us.

C: antiphon

A: Leading his people safe through fire and water, bringing their souls to life, come sing of his glory, his love is eternal.

C: antiphon

A: Harken to me as I sing my love of the Lord, he answers the prayer of my heart, he leads me in safety, from death unto life.

C: antiphon

+We Sit to Meditate on God's Word+

THE OFFICE HYMN "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

LSB #487

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 96:2,7; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 148:14a

*A: Sing to the Lord and | bless his name,
proclaim his salvation from | day to day.*

**C: Give to the Lord all glo- | ry and strength,
give him the honor | due his name.**

*A: Christ has risen | from the dead.
God the Father has crowned Him with glory and | honor.*

**C: He has made Him ruler over the works | of His hands;
He has put everything un- | der His feet.**

*A: He has raised up a horn for his | people,
praise for | all his saints.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit.
As it was in the be - | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2 (ESV)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

+We Stand and Face the Gospel Procession+

VERSE *(the congregation repeats alleluias as sung by the cantor)*

*“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed”
- John 20:29b*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (ESV)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C: **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

+We Sit for the Proclamation of Law and Gospel+

THE HYMN OF THE DAY (5PM) "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LSB #461 st. 1,3,6,8

THE HYMN OF THE DAY (9AM)

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

stanza 1 - *choir*

stanzas 2 & 3 - **ALL:**

2. That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful
3. An an - gel clad in white they see, who sits and
wo - men went their way to seek the tomb where
speaks a - mong the three, "Your Lord will go to

Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - - ia!
Ga - li - lee." Al - le - lu - - ia!

stanzas 4,5,6,8 - *choir*
stanzas 7 & 9 - **ALL:**

7.No lon - ger Tho - mas then de - nied; he saw the
9.On this most ho - ly day of days be laud and

6
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and
ju - bi - lee and praise: to God your hearts and

11
God!" he cried. Al - le - lu - - ia!
voi - ces raise. Al - le - lu - - ia!

All: (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

+We Stand for the Canticle of Praise+

THE MAGNIFICAT (5PM) "Song of Mary"

LSB #231

THE TE DEUM (9AM) "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

LSB #941

+The Tithes and Offerings are Received+

VOLUNTARY

(All guests and members are requested to complete an attendance card.)

+We Stand for Praise and Prayer+

OFFERTORY "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

LSB #720 st. 1,2,3

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom
and the pow'r and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the mystery of 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYERS

C: hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR EASTERTIDE

All: O God, for our redemption You had Your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C:



Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C:



A - men.

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

LSB #741 st. 1,2,3,8

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

5PM

PRESIDING MINISTER:
ORGANIST:
ACOLYTES:
USHERS:

Pastor Timothy Rossow
Tom Mueller
Katie Lechowicz & Grant Groset
Tim Benecke, Craig Benecke, Tim Koopman, John Holecsek

9:00AM

PREACHING:
LITURGIST:
ORGANIST:
ACOLYTES:
CHOIR:
GREETERS:
WELCOME CENTER:
USHERS:

Pastor Timothy Rossow
Pastor Stephen Schumacher
Tom Mueller
Samuel Simpson & Daniel Dierking
BLS Jr. High Choir; Mike Vasilie & Phillip Magness, directors
Dwight & Cheryl Groth
Norma Dymacek
Drew McKissick, Tim Lieb, Bill Hahn, Eric Gundersen,
Brett Gundersen, Timmy Lieb

ALTAR GUILD:
BUILDING OPENER:

Elaine Gavin
Chuck Guebert