

## **EASTER 2**

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### **WELCOME!**

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If you need to take your child out during the service, you can hear and see the church service in our cry room area located between our worship space and the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP: Worship Folder**

**ORGANIST: Sandi Lietzau**

**HYMNS: 160, 152, 153, 141, 166**

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**2515 W. Grand River Ave**  
**Pastor Mark Franck**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **OPENING HYMN 160: This joyful Eastertide**

**1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has spring to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen,  
Arisen; But now is Christ arisen.**

**2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen,  
Arisen; But now is Christ arisen.**

**3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen,  
Arisen; But now is Christ arisen.**

### **PRAYER**

**Pastor: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your word and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Congregation: Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Pastor:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Congregation:** Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

### Congregation Sings (Hymn 152)

- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives:  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head!**
- 3. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me  
above. He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**

## ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### Congregation Sings (Hymn 152)

**5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

**8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer  
lives!"**

### THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-20

12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. 17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins

may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus.

**THE PSALM: Psalm 16**

We trust God for our protection. Not even death can overcome us.

**Pastor:** Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD,

**Congregation:** “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**Pastor:** As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

**Congregation:** I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

**Pastor:** LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have Made my lot secure.

**Congregation:** The boundary lines have fallen for me in Pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

**Pastor:** I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**Congregation:** I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**Pastor:** Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

**Congregation:** You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31**

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house

again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **HYMN 153: Alleluia! Jesus Lives**

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;  
From the gloomy house of death Forth the conqueror has gone,  
Bright forerunner to the skies Of his people, yet to rise.**
- 2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; Praise him, ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.**
- 3 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our brother here Lives our brother still on high,  
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on his Church below.**
- 4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours eternally;  
Joined to him, your living head, Where he is, you too shall be;  
You with him at his right hand Victor over death shall stand.**

### **THE MESSAGE: 1 John 5:1-6**

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

### **We Are The Born Of God!**

#### **1 What does it mean to be born of God?**

**Verses 1 and 4-6**

**Verses 4-6**

#### **2 How do we, the born of God, show that we are overcoming the world?**

**Verse 1-2**

**Verses 2-4**

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **HYMN 141: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side.  
Alleluia!**

**2 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.  
You have conquered in the fight; You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!**

**3 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And your saints in you shall rise.  
Alleluia!**

**4 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!**

**5 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we  
praise.  
Alleluia!**

## **OFFERING**

**The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed. The offering plate is located next to the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.**

## **PRAYER/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.

## **BLESSING**

## **HYMN 166: The Day of Resurrection**

**1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,**

**The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful; let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is there-in.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.**

### **Announcements**

1. Bible Hour meets after worship this morning.  
In adult Bible hour we continue our study of Proverbs and renew our focus on outreach as we begin the Bible Study "One By One" Part 1 – Every Soul Is Unique. Join us!

2. Confirmation meets this Wednesday, April 14th, 3:30-5:00 pm.

3. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays.  
You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email.

This week, we continue our study of John's epistles.

4. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are continuing our study of Deuteronomy. Join us!

5. Council meets this Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.