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✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠  
ORDER OF WORSHIP • APRIL 7, 2024 • 9:00 AM  
✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO BAPTISM

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

WL: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WL: Beloved church, Christ has died! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ will come again!**

WL: In the waters of baptism we, too, die and rise in Christ. Let us gather at the font to celebrate in this Easter season.

**All: We gather with joy and gladness.**

WL: Let this place be filled with song! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED  
LBW #189, stanzas 1 & 2

HOLY BAPTISM

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✠ SHARING GOD'S PEACE

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED  
LBW #189, stanzas 3 & 4

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:32-35

R: The First lesson for this Second Sunday of Easter is from the fourth chapter of Acts.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 1:1 – 2:2

R: The Second lesson is from First John, chapters 1 and 2.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But 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, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got the whole wide world in his hands.**

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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."

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!" 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."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN      WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT  
LSB #720, STANZAS 1, 2, 3 & 5  
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We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice  
And cry "My Lord and God!"

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.

Lord, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
With full and endless sight.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

**All: 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.**

## ✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN

TASTE AND SEE

*REFRAIN:* **Taste and see. Taste and see**  
**the goodness of the Lord.**

**Oh, taste and see. Taste and see**  
**the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

*The cantor will sing the verses.*

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

## ✠ CHARGE & BLESSING

*based on Psalm 121:5-8*

WL: Go out now in faith and with courage, trusting in God's promises.  
Remember how much God loves this world and loves you. Live and  
serve with love and joy, following in the footsteps of Christ.

May the Lord watch over you. May the Lord keep you from all harm  
and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and  
going now and forevermore.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING SONG

BE NOT AFRAID

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**  
**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

## ✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

# TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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