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**The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace**

# Easter 2

April 6/7, 2024

**Theme of the Day:** *The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace*

In most world religions, the alleged foundational event was experienced by only one person. A self-proclaimed prophet would claim that he alone had some special encounter with God. “*No really! Just trust me. It really happened.*” The resurrection reality is so very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (*1 Corinthians 15*), St. Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. It is like St. Paul is telling skeptics, “*You don’t need to take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead.*”

The proof of Jesus’ resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

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**Series Theme:** *Resurrection Reality*

St. Paul writes, “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of the Jesus’ resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus’ resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter “a joyful week of weeks”—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

Our worship follows this pattern.

March 31	Without the Resurrection Faith is Futile	Easter Sunday
<b>April 6/7</b>	<b>The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>
April 13/14	We Have a Meaningful Message to Share	Easter 3
April 20/21	The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding	Easter 4
April 27/28	The Living Lord Produces Active Faith	Easter 5
May 4/5	Jesus’ Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours	Easter 6
May 11/12	Christ’s Ascension Means He Is Closer Than Ever	Ascension
May 18/19	Christ Has Not Left Us Alone	Pentecost

**Pre-service Music:** #423 "The Power of the Cross"  
Piano/vocalist - Jude Kalchbrenner; Guitar - Julian Kalchbrenner

*5:30 pm and 10:30 am*



### **A Note to All Our Guests**

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us his body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (*Matthew 26:26-28*).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (*1 Corinthians 10:17*).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (*1 Corinthians 11:27,29*).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Wisconsin Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible-or if you would like information about how to join our congregation-please feel free to speak to our pastor.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## Musical Introduction

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## Opening Hymn: 449 This Joyful Eastertide

*sts. 1-2*



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill



has sprung to life this mor - row.  
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

### *Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

## Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ †, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the well-being of your Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.


**Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:


**Amen.**

**Hymn: 449 This Joyful Eastertide**


*st. 3*



3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son




slum - ber till trump from east to west



shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934    Tune: Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684  
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# We Listen

## First Reading

*Acts 18:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.



# Hymn: 822 Pass Me Not

sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-4 Ref.



1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my  
2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a  
3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I  
4 Thou the spring of all my com - fort, more than



hum - ble cry; while on oth - ers thou art  
sweet re - lief; kneel - ing there in deep con -  
seek thy face; heal my wound - ed, bro - ken  
life to me, whom have I on earth be -



call - ing, do not pass me by. v. 2  
tri - tion, help my un - be - lief. Refrain  
spir - it, save me by thy grace. v. 4  
side thee, whom in heav'n but thee. Refrain



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;



while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
Tune: William Doane, 1832-1915  
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## Second Reading

*1 John 1:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.

## 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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

<sup>19</sup>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!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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!”

<sup>27</sup>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.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

**Children's Message**

# Hymn of the Day: 456 O Sons and Daughters of the King

sts. 1-7



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful  
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he  
 4 That night th'a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard  
 that Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
 he doubted that it was the Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
 "my hands, my feet, my body see;  
 and doubt not, but believe in me."  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.  
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## Sermon

# We Respond

Hymn: 456 O Sons and Daughters of the King

sts. 8-9



8 Bless - ed are they that have not seen and yet whose  
9 On this most ho - ly day of days to God your



faith has con - stant been; in life e - ter - nal they shall reign.  
hearts and voic - es raise in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Offering

*If you would like to give an offering, there is an offering plate by the back door of church.*

*If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.*

*You enrich us simply by being here.*

## Prayer of the Church

## 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.**

## The Sacrament

### Preface

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our communion practice on page 3 in this service folder. If you have any questions about this or any other Bible teaching, please feel free to speak to the pastor after the service. We thank you for your help.*

*Gluten-free wafers and grape juice available upon request.*



## Song of Simeon: 951 Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev.  
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Tune: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. James E. Engel, 1925–1989

### Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

### Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: 511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

sts. 1-3



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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## Closing Musical Interlude

*This is an opportunity to sign the red Friendship Register at the end of your pew.*

**Join us for Bible Class**

**Sundays 9:15 am - 10:15 am Sanctuary and online**



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**Grow in the Word**

**and to**

**Go with the Word**



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All children aged PreK-6th grade are welcome to join us to learn about God's word through stories, music and activities. We will meet in the school library, at the end of the school hallway, on Sundays from 9:10-10:20a. Email [BLAST@gsdg.org](mailto:BLAST@gsdg.org)



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