

# Sunday, April 7, 2024 The Second Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m.



"Believe?"
Pastor Steve Albertin

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* (indicates please stand)

**Prelude** Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands Georg Bohm

Call to Worship Rock of Ages

**Announcements** 

\* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

**Song** At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

please be seated

**Lesson** 1 John 1:1 - 2:2 Pew Bible pg 1110

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 20:19-31 Pew Bible pg 989

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message Pastor Steve Albertin

**Sermon** "Believe?" Pastor Steve Albertin

- We have celebrated Easter but the doubts persist.
- We have company! All the witnesses to the first Easter had their doubts too.
- Especially . . . "DOUBTING Thomas." But John wants us to know about Thomas not so much because of his doubt but because of his great confession of faith.
- This story of Thomas enables us to look over the shoulders of the late first century Christians who had their doubts just like us.
- It is to such doubters that Jesus speaks risen from the dead declaring that not even such doubt can separate us from the love of God.
- "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe!" . . . Even doubters like us can believe.

\* Song

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW 391

please be seated

## The Offering

\* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

\* Nicene Creed

ELW pg 104

**Prayers of the Church**: (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Lee & Wes, Wayne & Ruth, Kay, Carole, Vickie, John

Family & Friends Ann, Mark, Bob, Jan, Carol, Chris, Susan, Gene & Sylvia, Tracy, Ken, Linda, David, Jeannie, Joyce, Jackie, Randall & Mary, Ross

#### Communion

# The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

## Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

## Benediction

\* **Sending Song** The Lord is My Light

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

J. S. Bach



### EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOU

What a wonderful Easter breakfast we enjoyed last Sunday. Thank you to all who helped make this possible from the set ups on Thursday & Saturday, the wonderful foods that were provided, the kitchen helpers, the great fellowshipping all the way to the quick efficient clean-up...and let's not forget the laundered tablecloths!! All your many hands & hearts are blessing to us. A special shout-out of thanks goes to Max Ellis who provided us with individual servings of juices and milk cartons!!!

Your Fellowship Team