



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.

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

Alleluia!

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 fellowshiping 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