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“Stop doubting
and
BELIEVE.”



JOHN 20:27, NIV

6 p.m. Sat., April 10, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., April 11, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

(6 p.m. Sat., April 10 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., April 11, 2021)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Ushers: Dallas Schulz Team

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat. Marlis Hilden; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Doug Lehr

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Though Easter is a season and not merely a Sunday, it can be hard to sustain the enthusiasm when attendance drops on "low Sunday." That said, the source of our joy is not in the size of the crowd but the greatness of the gift that Christ has given us. We have the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness for our sins, there is also life and salvation. We are held captive to fear, to the guilt of our sin, and to the power of death until Christ enters our locked rooms, shows Himself to us, and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, rejoice in our Lord and God.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation "He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (*Sung*) *Mark 10:47*

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis- "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Sung*)

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P: Glory be to God on high,

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of our sins, we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading Acts 4:32–35 (The believers were of one heart and soul.)

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle Lesson 1 John 1:1—2:1

(If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But 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 cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<p>⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</p> <p>¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.</p> <p>¹My little children, I am writing these</p>	<p>things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.</p> <p>²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.</p>
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Verse Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

C: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

(Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*Sung*)

<p>¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”</p> <p>²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.</p> <p>²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”</p> <p>²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger</p>	<p>into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”</p> <p>²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”</p> <p>³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.</p>
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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (*Sung*)

The Apostles' Creed

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 vs. 1,4,5,6

Sermon " _____ is _____ " (*Fill in the blank with these words — Believing, Seeing*)

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 24:1-2—The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Offertory Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 vs. 7,8,9

(stand as you are able)

The Offertory (*Sung*) *Psalm 51:10-12*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

P: Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom our prayers have been requested.

Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy justice before the law, equality of opportunity in the marketplace, and peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need, *especially Dustin Biddle and Mary Kay Holiday*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including: Rodney Feller, Ryder Huff, Jessica Rasmussen, Richard Dodds, Cooper Ferris, Trish Gill, Dennis Hageman Sr., Kelsey Zinn, Sophia Huff, and Glendale Larsen, Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen. (*Sung*)

The Closing Hymn "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

LSB 720

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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“ _____ is _____ ”

(Fill in the blank with these words)

Believing, Seeing

Text: John 20:19–31

Date: 04/11/21

Verse to Remember:

Jesus said,

“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

Points to Ponder:

1. Who was Thomas? Why did he doubt?
2. Who am I? Do I doubt?
3. Seeing is Believing vs. Believing is Seeing
4. Who is God?
5. Who am I now?