

Readings, Prayers, Sermon Notes, Psalms, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024  
**CONCORDIA**

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**Through the  
apostolic ministry,  
Jesus calls us to  
believe that He is the  
Christ,  
the Son of  
God,  
so that by such faith  
we may have life in  
his name.**

Hymn of Invocation **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** 457

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism +

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS AND ABSOLUTION

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

INTROIT PSALM 105

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. **Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!** Seek the LORD and his strength; **seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**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**

PSALM 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his Armies!** Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!** Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. **And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.** Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, **fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!** **Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.** Let them praise the name of the LORD!

APPOINTED READINGS 7 APRIL 2024

Acts 4:32–35      1 John 1:1–2:2      John 20:19–31

**The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution**

- The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “came and stood among them,” and with His Word and the wounds in “his hands and his side,” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31).
- The apostles “have seen and heard” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “too may have fellowship” with the risen Christ, with the apostles and “with one another” (1 John 1:1–7).
- The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,” and all who believe this Word are “of one heart and soul,” because in Him they truly have “everything in common” (Acts 4:32–33).

CONFESSION OF COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day **O Sons and Daughters of the King** 470

*SERMON NOTES*

**As the Father sent Me, I also send you** John 20:21-23

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

*So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

To demonstrate that with God all things are possible, Jesus sends us into the world as He was sent, with divine peace, with the Holy Spirit and with the forgiveness of sins.

- 1. We are sent into the world with divine peace**
  1. Not a false peace that "heals the wound of My people lightly"
  2. The Prince of Peace makes us peacemakers in a strife-torn world
- 2. We are sent into the world with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter**
  1. By saturating in the means of grace, not of ourselves
  2. By appreciating the fruits and gifts of the Spirit
- 3. We are sent into the world with the forgiveness of sins**
  1. Daily in the Lord's Prayer / Luther's evening prayer
  2. For our enemies and persecutors, bless those who curse

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 7 APRIL 2024**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to those ordained for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to faithfully fulfill their holy calling where You have placed them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have instituted authorities to carry out Your justice. Bless all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land. Give them wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to Your good will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_].  
Comfort also those who weep [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]  
with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, You give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good and continually grow up unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**