



Believe!

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*Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.* 

Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia ..... CW<sub>93</sub> 150 (CW<sub>21</sub> 442) Stz 1–4



# April 16, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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# **Confession and Absolution**

L: The Grace of our Lord **†** Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

# C: And also, with you.

- L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

# C: AMEN

# **Prayer and Praise**

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

# C: Lord have mercy

L: 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 pray, O Christ.

#### C: Christ have mercy

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

# C: Lord have mercy

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

C: Amen.

# Prayer of the Day

L: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and Sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C: Amen.

#### First Lesson:

<sup>23</sup> Jesus of Nazareth was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup>God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

This is the Word of the Lord.



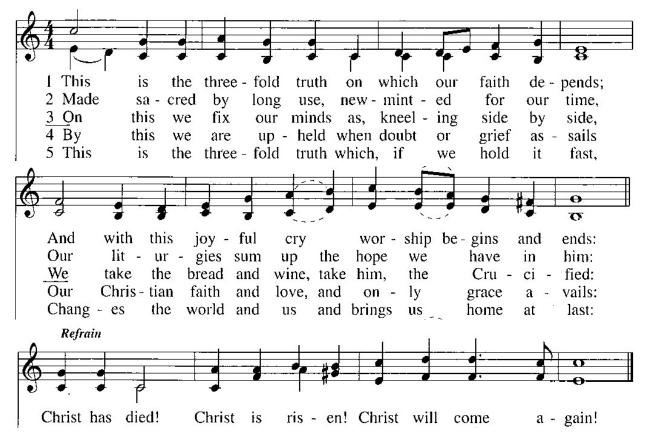


<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. The Word of the Lord





# Gospel:

L: <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 Jews, 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>24</sup> Now Thomas (called 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 Thomas said to them,

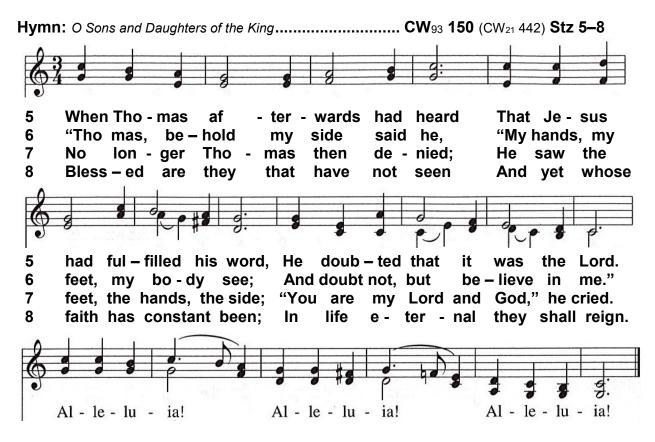
# C: "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

L: <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,

# C: "My Lord and my God!"

- L: <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 did many other miraculous 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 Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

# C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



Sermon:

Select Verses

# *Believe!* + + + + + + + + +

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen Indeed!

Apostles' Creed: (together we confess)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, after your resurrection from the dead, you strengthened the faith of Thomas, and he acknowledged you as Lord and God. We pray that you would also keep us steadfast in this true and saving faith and by your Word and Sacrament banish all our doubts and fears. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

#### Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

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!

L: 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.

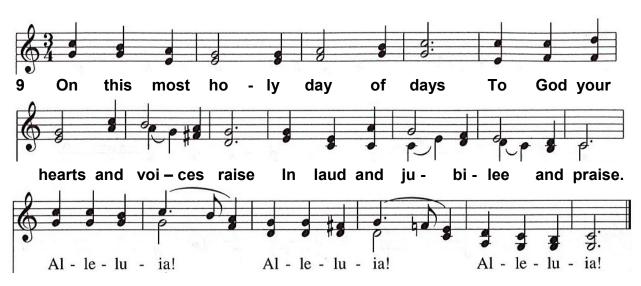
#### C: Amen

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

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We thank **Matthew Wolf** for leading us in worship while Pastor Trimmer is recovering from surgery.

# Looking Ahead

Month	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
April						
Sun Easter 2	<mark>16</mark>	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Gil	
Sun Easter 3	<mark>23</mark>	9:30 AM	Mark	Jessica	Cole	Scott
Sun Easter 4	<mark>30</mark>	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Scott	

# April 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 6 Renae Schweitzer
- 11 Daniel Freeman
- 23 Jacob Stephen Backes

2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

April	15	K. Kellner, P. Taylor, C. Rogers
May	6	Pieper Family and Schweitzer Family
May	20	Kassebaum Family