Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'

Rev. Thomas A. Rhodes, Pastor

PO Box 5 • 600 East Aldrich Road • Bolivar, MO 65613

Phone: 417-326-5506 • www.zionlutheranbolivar.org

zionbolivar@windstream.net

Administrative Assistant - Sonya Gorman



You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

* Please turn off cellphones*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Service – Setting Two April 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

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

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

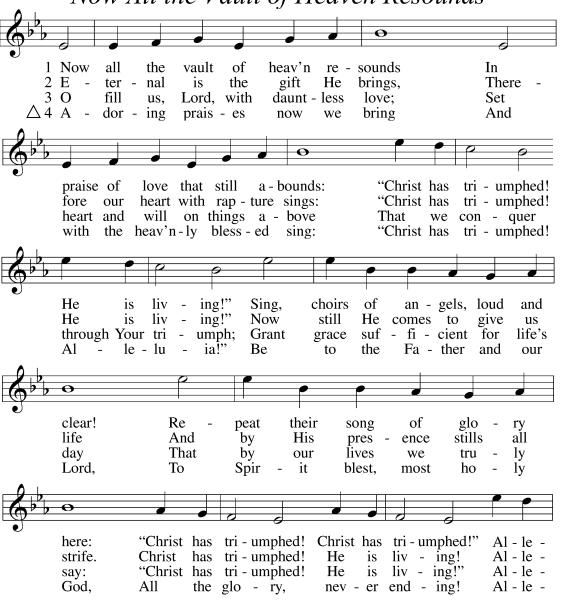
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

Opening Hymn

LSB 465 sts. 1-4

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"





© 1958 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011462. Public domain

- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

 LSB 292
- C Amen.
- **P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
- C Yes. LSB 293
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.
- P Almighty God in His LSB 167 mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

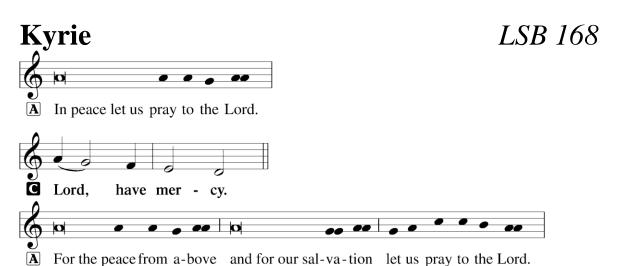
C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 168

 Introit Ps. 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

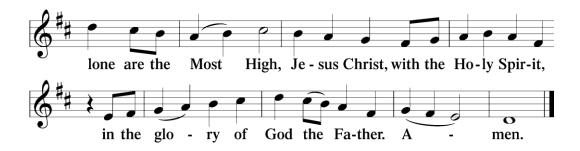
 P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- P Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
- Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- P 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.
- **P** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- P C 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.
- P 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.









Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

A 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.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,

which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But 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, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us

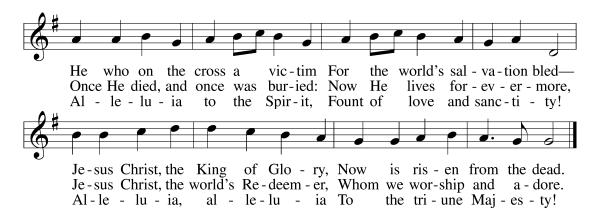
our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.
- 2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
 - **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
 - **C** Thanks be to God.

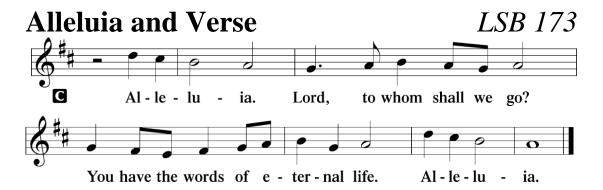
Hymn LSB 477 sts. 1-3

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"





Public domain; admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011462.; © 1982 The Jubilate Group



Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



- 19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
- 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "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." 26 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!" 27 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."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 470 sts. 1, 4-7

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"



- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

Public domain

Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

"No Doubt – Peace!"

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

P C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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 of the Church

LSB 175

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

P Heavenly Father, by the resurrection of Your Son, revealed to us through Thomas on this week after Easter, You have made clear Your triumph over death and Satan and called all who trust in Jesus name to declare Your glorious victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have made peace between God and man in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that the ministers of Your Church would faithfully carry out their office and pronounce Your free forgiveness of sins upon all repentant sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Merciful Father, 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,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials, civilians and military personnel, for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority and responsibility in our federal, state, and local governments. Guide them to serve with integrity and honor for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, we praise Your Son's resurrection from the dead and draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Grant Your healing power, according to Your gracious will, for those we bring before You on our prayer list and cards.

Graciously receive our prayers of intercession and hear them for Jesus' sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

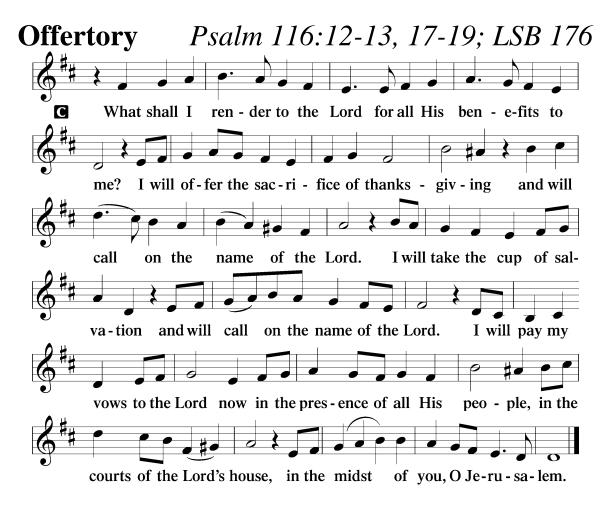
C hear our prayer.

P O God, heavenly Father, we thank You that in Your marvelous mercy and for the sake of Your Son You have given us the Holy Gospel and the means of grace, that through them we may have comfort and the assurance of the forgiveness of all our sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word, and trust that through the Holy Sacraments You establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain Your promised 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.

C Amen.

Offering LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)



Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C 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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ▶ give you peace.

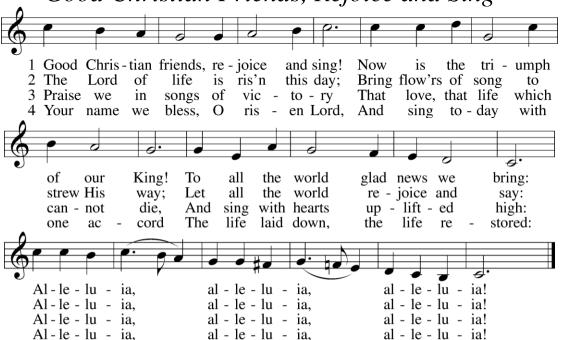
C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 475 sts. 1-4

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"



^{© 1958,} renewed 1986 Hymns Ancient and Modern Ltd.; admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011462.