

Bethany Lutheran Church

Long Beach, California

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER + + + APRIL 19, 2020

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: On this most holy day of days be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Gracious Father and Lord of Life, You reach out to us amid our fears

People: **with the wounded hands of Your Risen Son.**

Leader: You enter into our minds filled with doubts and hearts filled with anxieties

People: **as You breathe out upon us Your Spirit.**

Leader: You come to us who believe, but have not seen

People: **and again open the eyes of faith
 to receive the fullness of Christ's blessings,**

ALL: **Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
 + one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 st. 2, 3 & 4



2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED: *(and its meaning according to Luther's Small Catechism)*

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood
and His innocent suffering and death;
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness,
innocence and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm 100*

Shout happily to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD cheerfully.
Come into His presence with a joyful song.
Realize that the LORD alone is God.
He made us, and we are His.
We are His people and the sheep in His care.
Enter His gates with a song of thanksgiving.
Come into His courtyards with a song of praise.
Give thanks to Him; praise His name.

The LORD is good.
His mercy endures forever.
His faithfulness endures throughout every generation. – GW ®

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 20:19-31*

That Sunday evening, the disciples were together behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jews. Jesus stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you!” When He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were glad to see the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” After He had said this, He breathed on the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you don’t forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, who was called Didymus, wasn’t with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We’ve seen the Lord.”

Thomas told them, “I refuse to believe this unless I see the nail marks in His hands, put my fingers into them, and put my hand into His side.”

A week later Jesus’ disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Take your hand, and put it into My side. Stop doubting, and believe.”

Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

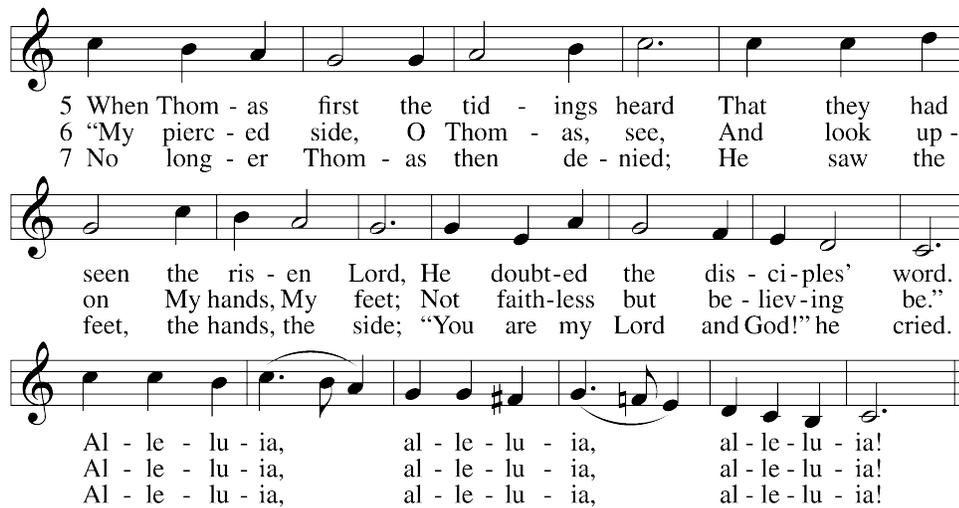
Jesus said to Thomas, “You believe because you’ve seen Me. Blessed are those who haven’t seen Me but believe.”

Jesus performed many other miracles that His disciples saw. Those miracles are not written in this book. But these miracles have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so that you will have life by believing in Him.

– GW ®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 st. 5, 6 & 7



5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS:

Leader: Dear Lord, You are the Friend of Sinners... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Dear Lord, You are the Good Shepherd... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Dear Lord, You are the Great Physician... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Dear Lord, You are the True Vine... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Dear Lord, You are God's own Son who has taught us to pray:

People: **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.**

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

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MESSAGE: *"A Word of 'Peace' Please!"*

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and
Service* +

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