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2nd Sunday of Easter

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Reactions to the Resurrection



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I Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! 2Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! 3Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! 4Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. 6And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. 7Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, 8fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! 9Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! 11Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12Young men and maidens together, old men and children! 13Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. 14He 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!

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #206 v.1-4

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Psalm 105:1-5

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.

C 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!

C 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!

C 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.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef. The melody is in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The music is in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The score includes a common time signature and a repeat sign at the end.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 6:9

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.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P 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 *♩* A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Acts 14a-22-32 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’ 29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30

Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, [d]according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

GOSPEL READING – John 20:19-31 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” 27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**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.

Hymn: TLH #208 v.1-8

“Ye Sons and Daughters of the King”

SERMON – Acts 2:14a,36-47 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them,... “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

REACTIONS TO THE RESURRECTION

- I. THE EARLY NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS’
 - II. OURS
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OFFERTORY

- ☩ ♪ 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.**

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

G ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 His peace.
- G** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 62 **Total**
Offering = \$2,275.00
 General = \$2100.00 | Prop. Imp. = \$125.00 |
 ILCSch. = \$50 |

May 1: Pastor Fossum will be conducting Bible Class next Sunday along with the communion service in Winter Haven at 10:15 a.m. The following week will be Orlando service at 8:00 a.m. and the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m.

- ✠ **Apr. 24:** Orlando Service 8am
WH 10:15am
- ✠ **May 1:** Bible Class 9:15am
- ✠ **May 1:** Communion service
WH 10:15 am
- ✠ **May 8:** Orlando Service 8am
WH 10:15am
- ✠ **May 15:** Orlando Service 8am
WH 10am Promotion Sunday

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has been called to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL * Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called to Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI * Allison Brown, a member of Faith, Markesan, WI, has been called to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. * Teacher Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ, has been called to teach K-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. * Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has accepted the call to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

Cleaner (4/30): Ream | **Acolyte (5/1):** Maxwell Kuehne

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; April 25-30 , '22

Mon Acts 5:12,17-32 In one of the porticoes/lanais of the Temple complex, perverse clergymen did their best to put a damper on the Spirit's work, but they were outgunned and outflanked by God (17-28), who also nudged Peter to lay out the facts—that God kept the wheels of salvation moving by raising Jesus from the dead, elevating Him to heavenly glory, and putting courage into His witnesses to speak up—loud and clear (29-32).

Tues John 20:19-29 The disciples were afraid of the Jews who had killed Jesus, and that was good reason for Jesus to show up: He was visible proof that killing Him didn't last (19-20). [Can you figure out how forgiveness fits into this spot of the narrative (23)?] We should thank Thomas for being backward, for Jesus is patient with all of us doubters, who crave the blessing of walking by faith, not by sight (27-29). Thank You, Jesus, for being so patient!

Wed Revelation 1:4-11 Who said God isn't interested in us and our church family? He authorized John to tell seven Turkistan congregations that Jesus, Lord of the Church, didn't want them to be clueless about His love and concerns. How wonderful that Jesus, CEO and Be-all-End-all of the Holy Christian Church (1-8), delegated Evangelist John to set them straight about their favored place in God's grand salvation enterprise!

Thurs Acts 7:51-60 Stephen's service as Helping Hands Coordinator took a turn here, for when he rehearsed God's grace and mercy, Satan stirred up a hornets' nest; the buzzing interrupted his sermon, pushing Stephen to a hasty Application (51-53), which infuriated the hornets (54). So God stepped in and rewarded Stephen with his charter trip to heaven.

Fri John 20:30-31 is both short and long; short in words, long in meaning. God takes into account that we humans depend on our five senses to figure out where we are in space/time; we perceive reality via our senses. That's why Jesus performed so many miracles and why the Holy Spirit put every-thing into a written record—so that down through the centuries people like us could be brought to entrust our souls/lives into Jesus' miraculous hands.

Sat Revelation 1:12-18 We may be so used to picturing Jesus as humble and lowly that we don't recognize Him as He IS in heaven. Take a deep breath now, for Jesus is so splendiferous that (viewing Him from head to foot) His face is like sunshine at high noon, His eyes like arc-welding, His hair like fresh snow, His feet like refined brass, His voice like Niagara Falls, etc. The Holy Spirit wants us to picture Jesus this way—along with the other mental images of His birth, visit to the Temple, baptism in the Jordan, visits with friends, etc. This vision impresses us with His heavenly life/activities (17-18). Amen.