

Second Sunday of Easter

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Thomas Sunday

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### + HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "Praeludium in C" D. Buxtehude

**GATHERING**

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**P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**C** His mercy endures for ever.

**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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Baptismal Anniversaries this Month: Dave Wong, Judith Nagel, Walter Anderson Jr., Ken McTavish, Kaitlyn Craig, Zachary Craig, Emily Craig, Mark Strand, Shane Strand, Sandi Whitehead, Norma Gummo, Ashton Rasmuson, Shelby Rasmuson, Trevor Rasmuson, Helen Sandau, Christine Wenzlawe, Ivy Cress.

**GATHERING HYMN** Christ is Risen! Alleluia! **No. 382**

**GREETING AND KYRIE** **Pg. 98**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** This is the Feast **Pg. 101**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** We pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Lesson** **Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Behold, How Pleasant **No. 649**

**SECOND LESSON** **1 John 1:1--2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia

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*Please stand as you are able.*

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

When it was evening on that day, ... you may have life in his name.

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** The Risen Christ

**No. 390**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Please stand as you are able.*

A On this day we praise our God for the dying which destroyed our death, and we pray for our world in need of life, saying: Lord, have mercy.

A The Lord calls us to examine the wounded hands and feet of the risen one and to know the depth of his love for us. Let us

approach Christ in faith and share the good news with all we meet. For this let us pray to the Lord:

**C hear our prayer.**

A The apostles received the Holy Spirit and the grace to lighten the burdens of one another's sin. May the church be faithful to this gift. May all the baptized live with abundant compassion for all, especially for those shut out from the society. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**C hear our prayer.**

A Christ calls us blest who not having seen, yet believe. May more and more of God's people and all the created order become a sign of the resurrection in the world, and may our faith give courage to the doubting. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**C hear our prayer.**

A We are strengthened by Christ's resurrection to share the power of the Spirit with all the suffering. We pray for all in any need especially Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, June Chadwick, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, Katherine Wellman, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**C hear our prayer.**

A May the power of Christ's resurrection give life to all who have little reason to hope. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**C hear our prayer.**

A May that morning star which never sets, Christ our light, find us burning with charity until the world is enlightened with love. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**C hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered)*

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Synod of Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, for synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Jason Zinko
- for the Northern Area, Leadership Team, pastors, and people and Rev. Anna Thede, Dean

- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- for retired bishops, pastors, deacons, and other retired church leaders
- for New Life Chinese Lutheran, Edmonton, and Holy Spirit Lutheran, Edmonton
- for the students, faculty, and staff of Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
- for San Marcos Congregation, Bucaramanga, Colombia
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina
- for the ministers and people of the United Church of Canada
- for the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For peace among nations and forbearance among all people. For Ukraine and all areas experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Eternally creative God, give us the faith and courage to recreate the world in your image. We ask this in the name of the risen one, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *Setting of the table.*

**CHORAL OFFERTORY** "Now We Remain

**No. 500**

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as you are able.*

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A We pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to

new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Pg. 107

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER XI**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Version I) Pg. 112

**THE FRACTION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD** Pg. 112

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **No. 815**

With High Delight Let Us Unite **No. 368**

**TABLE BLESSING** *Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Pg. 65

**A** We pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 115

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING HYMN** Thine is the Glory **No. 376**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Fugue in A minor" J.S. Bach

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WELCOME to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor. We will continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person.

WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS

Ushers: Darcy Anderson
 Lector: Helga Weissenberger
 Assistant Minister: Cam Schneider
 Altar Guild: Volunteer
 Refreshments: Diane and Darcy Anderson
 Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

	Wed, Thur, Fri.	31 March	Budget 2024
Current	\$ 295	\$ 1,550	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$10	\$ 20	
Building Fund	\$0	\$ 10	
Other	\$ 60	\$ 260	
Attendance	W. 12, Th. 17, F. 34	57	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today 7 Apr 11:45 PM Fellowship and Refreshments
 2:00 PM CFMA Worship
 Monday 8 Apr 7:00 PM 12 Step Program
 Tuesday 9 Apr 1:00 PM HLW Bible Study
 6:30 PM Never Alone Peer Support
 Wednesday 10 Apr 9:30 AM 12 Step Program
 Thursday 11 Apr 1:00 PM K.S.G.
 5:00 PM Elders
 Friday 12 Apr 7:00 PM 12 Step Program
 Saturday 13 Apr 9:00 AM House of Hope Worship
 10:00 AM Men’s Breakfast
 1:00 PM K.S.G.
 8:00 PM 12 Step Program
 Sunday 14 Apr 9:30 AM Choir practice
 10:30 AM Third Sunday of Easter

HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS – the April edition and Activity Calendar is available in the narthex.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY – Reminder that the booklets have arrived, and everyone is welcome to take a copy from the table in the narthex. Donations are gratefully accepted towards the subscription cost which is only \$13.25.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - All ladies are welcome to join us in our bible study on Tuesday 9 April at 1:00 PM downstairs. Rides can be arranged with Pat, Clarice, or Helga. Bring a friend if you like, as we all learn from each other.

LAUDATE COMMUNITY SINGERS – present “Sound the Trumpet, Sing His Praise”, Saturday 13 April at 7:00 PM. Calgary First Church of the Nazarene (65 Richard Way SW Calgary). More info on posters.

HOSPICE CALGARY – Dying to Know Webinar “Ambiguous Loss & Grief in Dementia” 16 April 2024, 6:00 PM. Poster is downstairs.

AHSGR – Black Sea Germans from Russia and Genealogy – 20 April 2024, Potluck Luncheon at Noon and Presentation at 1:15 pm. Ascension Lutheran Church. See poster downstairs

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES - Walk Run or Roll Fundraiser is Saturday 27 April 2024 starting at Faith Lutheran Church. You may add your donation to your offering envelope and mark it Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Poster and forms are downstairs.

POSTERS! POSTERS! POSTERS! So Many Posters! There are so many upcoming events. See bulletin boards downstairs.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36b-48