

My Lord and my God

*The confession of Thomas & the confession of all the faithful at
the Elevation of the Body and Blood of Christ in the
Sacrament*

April 7th, Year of our Lord 2024

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3

Preludes- *Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession*

*Please rise, face the procession, and turn to the altar when the celebrant
has passed by.*

Procession Hymn – All Christians who have been baptized

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1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of
cep - tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with -
ev - er. The wa - ter of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a -
cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly



Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what - ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de - stroyed And
for us suf - fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
in - ward from the high - est good, You con - stant - ly de - nied Him.
all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac - cord - ing to our na - ture.
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this
gift And give God thanks
forever! It gives the power to
uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives
your soul, Your Baptism
stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes
you.

6 So use it well! You are made
new— In Christ a new
creation! As faithful
Christians, live and do Within
your own vocation, Until that
day when you possess His
glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

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.

Please Kneel/ Stand

P 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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit - (*Congregation chants the bold stanzas*)



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

P Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

C **In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
I Am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.**

P Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the Rock I would sat- | isfy you.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,***

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

¶ Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Collect of the Day – *Prayed by Pastor*

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.

Please be seated.

The Old Testament:

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The Hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I

prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Gradual - *Chanted by the cantor*



This is the day that the | LORD has made;*

let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Let | Israel say, *

“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

The Epistle:

1 John 5:4–10

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the One who testifies, because the Spirit is the Truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son.

Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst.

Alleluia



The Holy Gospel:

John 20:19–31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Nicene Creed

Please be seated.



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 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
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 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.”
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples’ word.



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!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas,
 see, And look upon My
 hands, My feet; Not faithless
 but believing be.”
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have
 not seen And yet whose faith
 has constant been, For they
 eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then
 denied; He saw the feet, the
 hands, the side; “You are my
 Lord and God!” he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and
 praise: To God your hearts
 and voices raise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Please rise.

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This Is the Feast


Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Please be seated

Distribution

What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently communicant members in good standing of Prince of Peace. If you have never received Holy Communion at Prince of Peace from Pastor Foy, please see him before you commune. Thank you

Distribution Hymns - *Please be seated.*

Baptismal Waters Cover Me

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1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

These things did Thomas count as real

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1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the
keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -
one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers
thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.
read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.
palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

Awake, my heart, with gladness

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1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages, care is free, No trouble
Its fury I disdain; Though troubles me. Misfortune now
bitter war it wages, Its work is is play, And night is bright as
all in vain. My heart from day.

6 Now I will cling forever To
Christ, my Savior true; My
Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and
pain; He shatters hell's grim
thrall; I follow Him through
all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has
shared Finds here a crown
prepared; Who there with Me
has died Shall here be
glorified."

Please rise.

Nunc Dimittis

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Please face the procession until the celebrant has passed and then face back towards the altar.

Closing Hymn – Come, you faithful, raise the strain

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1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and for His mercy.

Please Welcome our visiting Pastor: Rev. Roger Rohde graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne in 1977. From July 1977 through July 1981, he served as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Jackson, MO, and Christ Lutheran Church in Gordonville MO. He served St. Paul's Lutheran Church as Pastor from August 1981-November 2020, when he retired. In April 2021, he took on the responsibilities of being Visitation Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth. He presently also serves the Indiana District as Circuit Visitor of the South Bend Circuit.

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting: Please mark your calendars for our voters meeting/potluck Sunday June 2nd following our Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

SUNDAY - Bible Study: We are studying the Word of God, after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We will begin at 10:45 and go to 11:30 each Sunday morning. Thank you. Pastor Foy

Pastor on vacation In case of emergency please call Pastor Fickel 219-309-7635

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer **Elder:** Jeff, Josh, Carl

Altar Guild Servers: Shirley, Cheryl

Bible Study: No Bible Study this week

Bethesda Service: No service this week

Service: No services this week

Veterans PTSD Group: Tuesday 6:30 pm

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Chrismon Corner

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 20.19-31

Jerusalem Cross is an emblem of missionary work. The large center cross represents the original church in Jerusalem, The smaller crosses represent the Four Gospels in the Bible and the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth to which Christianity has spread. The five Crosses symbolize the five wounds of Christ.

[The image of God] was lost through the fall into sin. When Adam and Eve sought to be like God, they lost the image that God had breathed into them. Sin had corrupted them in every way. They were no longer holy, spotless, or pure. They were now sinners, and death had entered them. And just like Adam's holiness was transferred to Eve, so their sin and death is transferred to all of their descendents. Their sinful nature corrupts all people.

If man were to be made holy again, it would be necessary for the Son of God to be sent as the Mediator, as true man. It would be necessary for the lost blessings to be won again for the whole human race through the suffering, death, and resurrection of God as man. The image of God would once more have to be renewed in us. This is the great, overwhelming grace and mercy of God. He is born of the Virgin Mary and restores to us again what He first gave Adam in creation— His very image. And He re-creates us in a very similar manner as the first creation, through means, through mysteries, through breathing. That is what happened on that night in the locked upper room. The glorified Jesus is re-creating His scared disciples and breathing into them the image of God.

Just as the sacraments are tied to the death and resurrection of Jesus, so is the Office of the Holy Ministry. He consecrates His disciples to preach, teach, and administer forgiveness on that Easter evening. It is through the Office of the Ministry that God restores and renews the lost image of God in His people. And this is accomplished through the Holy Spirit that was breathed and proceeds from the

Father and the Son. He did not give them the Holy Spirit for their sakes alone, that evening. He gave them the Spirit so that they could go forth, convert people to God, make children of God and heirs of eternal life through faith, recreating us in His image. St. Paul says in 1st Cor. 15, that just as we bear the image of the man of dust—sinful Adam, so we too, will bear the image of the Second Adam—Jesus (v. 45)

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

The first Sunday after Easter has several names. The **Octave of Easter** or the **Octave Day of Easter** may refer to the eight-day period (Octave) from Easter Sunday. The name **Low Sunday** is said to be derived from its relative unimportance after the solemnities of Passion Week *also known as* Holy Week, which culminates on The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord *or* Easter.

In reference to the Easter Season, Low Sunday is also known as the **Second Sunday of Easter**, and among Eastern Christians as **St. Thomas Sunday** because of the Gospel Reading where Christ appears to Thomas the Apostle on the eighth day after the Resurrection.

Traditionally, those who had received their baptismal gowns, after being baptized on Easter, would wear them until this day. The official Latin name is “*Dominica in albis [depositis]*,” which is “*Sunday in [Setting Aside the] White Garment.*”

Antipascha, (Pascha means Easter), and **Renewal Sunday** are other names by which this Sunday is known. Among Eastern Christians, Thomas is not so much remembered as “doubting Thomas,” but is rather remembered for his confession of faith, “My Lord and my God,” thus being the first to publicly proclaim the two natures of Christ: human and divine. The latter name indicates the celebration of the Resurrection is repeated and renewed.

“Quasimodo Sunday” comes from the first two words of the Introit, 1 Peter 2:2, which speak especially to those baptized at Easter. “*Quasi modo geniti infantes,*” “*As newborn babes, alleluia, desire the rational milk without guile.*” As mentioned earlier, it is the day the newly baptized officially put away their white robes.

The entire week from Pascha (Easter) to Thomas Sunday is known as Bright Week and is considered to be one continuous day. On a literary note, Quasimodo, the protagonist of the 1831 French novel, *Notre Dame de Paris*, by Victor Hugo was found abandoned on the doorsteps of the Notre Dame Cathedral on the Sunday after Easter.

PRAVERS FOR:

- Persecuted Christians everywhere and families of the martyred
- All human life – from conception unto natural death
- All humans who are trafficked or enslaved -

PRAVER FOR SHUT-INS: Kathy Hegenow, Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald, Penny Robinson

PRAVER FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Seneca Newkirk

PRAVER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care

Jim Brown- Cancer

Penny Robinson – Dr Care

Susan Snow – Burns

Bill Lomas – Cancer

Jo Thompson – Cancer

Carlie Lawal - 5yr old Leukemia

Shannon Callahan - Dr Care

Jackie Covault – Dr Care

Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor

Pat Maile – Dr Care

Dave McCall – Drs Care

Jim DeSmith – Brain Cancer

Bobbie Nobles – Cancer

Lil Johnston – Dr Care

Mary Cruz – ALS

Dale Porter – Rehab from fall

Kathy Strominski – Pancreatic Cancer

Alice Timm – Dr Care

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Becky Wilburn 4/9 Tara Pierce 4/10

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Graystone 4/12

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Christina Foy & Joey Moser June 8, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Rachel Wilburn & Alex Rodriguez

All Prince of Peace members are invited to all weddings ceremonies in the Church.