

PRAYERS FOR:

Persecuted Christians around the world
The Unborn – Pray for an end to Abortion
Those who care for those who cannot care for themselves

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Recovering
Paula Rukavina- Bone Cancer
Jim Miller- Cancer
Jim McGown – Tumor
Dale Prasco-Skin Cancer
William Devries -Health issues
Sharron Mullins-Breast Cancer
Jim Brown- Medial Concerns
Sue Hallberg- concerns
Rose Miracle- Dr. Care

Joy Steingass –failing health
Shiela Tiemens – Cancer
Roger Hare – Parkinson’s
Tyler Oswald- Concerns
Marilyn Lembke- Recovering
Dan Bowlby- Hospice
Buzz Berdine-Recovering
Patti Peterson- cancer
Shirley Huseman- Concerns

FOR THOSE WITH CHILD:

Sarah McCall April 2021
Ashleigh Hora July 19th, 2021
Emily (Brown) Mohlke July 2021

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Lembke 4/14

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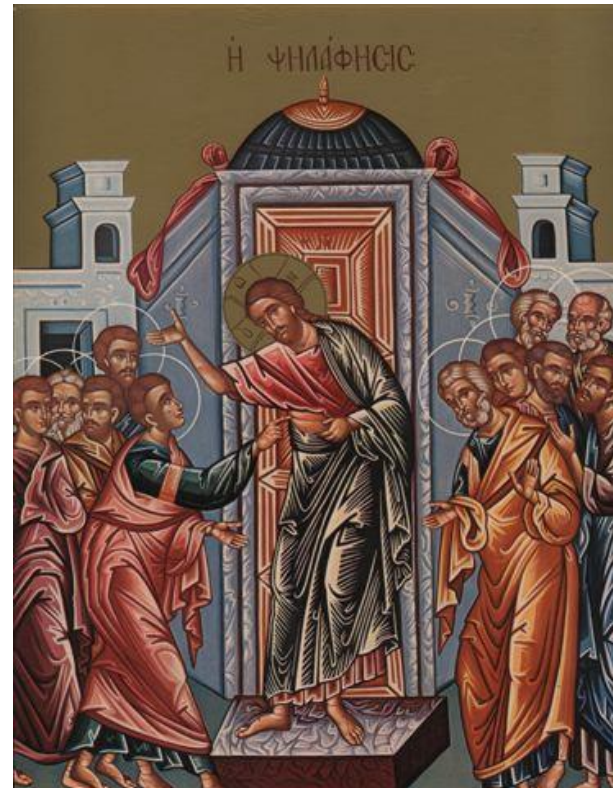
Jeff Graystone 4/12 Amy Horvath 4/15 Julie Wandasiewicz 4/17

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Sara McCall 4/12

THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together." - St. John Chrysostom, Homily 20 on Eph. 5



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 11th, Year of our Lord 2021

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3

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

Procession Hymn – All Christians who have been baptized **596**
Please rise, face the procession, and turn to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.

Invocation **184**

Please Kneel with Pastor and Rise after Absolution

Confession and Absolution - **184**

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.
- P** Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

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

Kyrie **186**
Gloria in Excelsis **187-8**
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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**

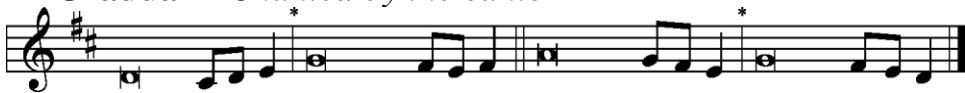
The Hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” Then He said to me, “Prophesy 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 prophecy, 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.

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This Is the Feast

Refrain

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.

Distribution

Visitors & Guests: *We subscribe to the Historic Practice of the Christian Church of “Closed Communion.” If you are a member of an*

LC-MS congregation, you may come forward and receive the Sacrament. If you are not, please speak with Pastor Foy before approaching the Altar. Thank you.

Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:

Before receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

After receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

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

“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.

Masks for Sale: The SMS Guild has masks for sale ~ \$2.00 each. Sue Hallberg has been working for months on masks to send to

Haiti. Currently the borders are closed due to unrest, so the deaconess team is not able to travel to Haiti. All proceeds will be used to help provide food for the residents of Haiti.

Please mark your calendars for our monthly potluck Sunday May 2nd following our Worship service. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Greeting cards available: The SMS Guild has a selection of greeting cards in the Fellowship Hall on sale for 50 cents each. Please stop by to see our selection.

Immanuel food pantry is in need of peanut butter, muffin mix, Jell-o, pudding, hamburger helper, regular hot dogs, turkey dogs, bologna, and salami. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the closet off the Narthex.

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Tylor Smith; Nancy Peterson, Vicky Lopez, Roger Hare, Kathy Hegenow, Dee McDonald, Alvera Reuss, Joy & Bob Steingass, Patti Peterson.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Juan Esqueda; Alex Sibert, Erich Sibert; Seneca Newkirk

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer **Elder:** Bob Scheub

Altar Guild Servers: Joann Schultz, Pam Hardesty, Shirley Huseman, Penny Robinson

Bible Study: Tuesday 2pm

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4pm

Service: Monday- Thursday 11am

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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. "*Quasimodo 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.