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CHURCH
(LC-MS)

“Sharing the
Love of
Jesus”

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Divine Worship
8:00 a.m.
Family Worship
10:30 a.m.

Sunday School &
Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

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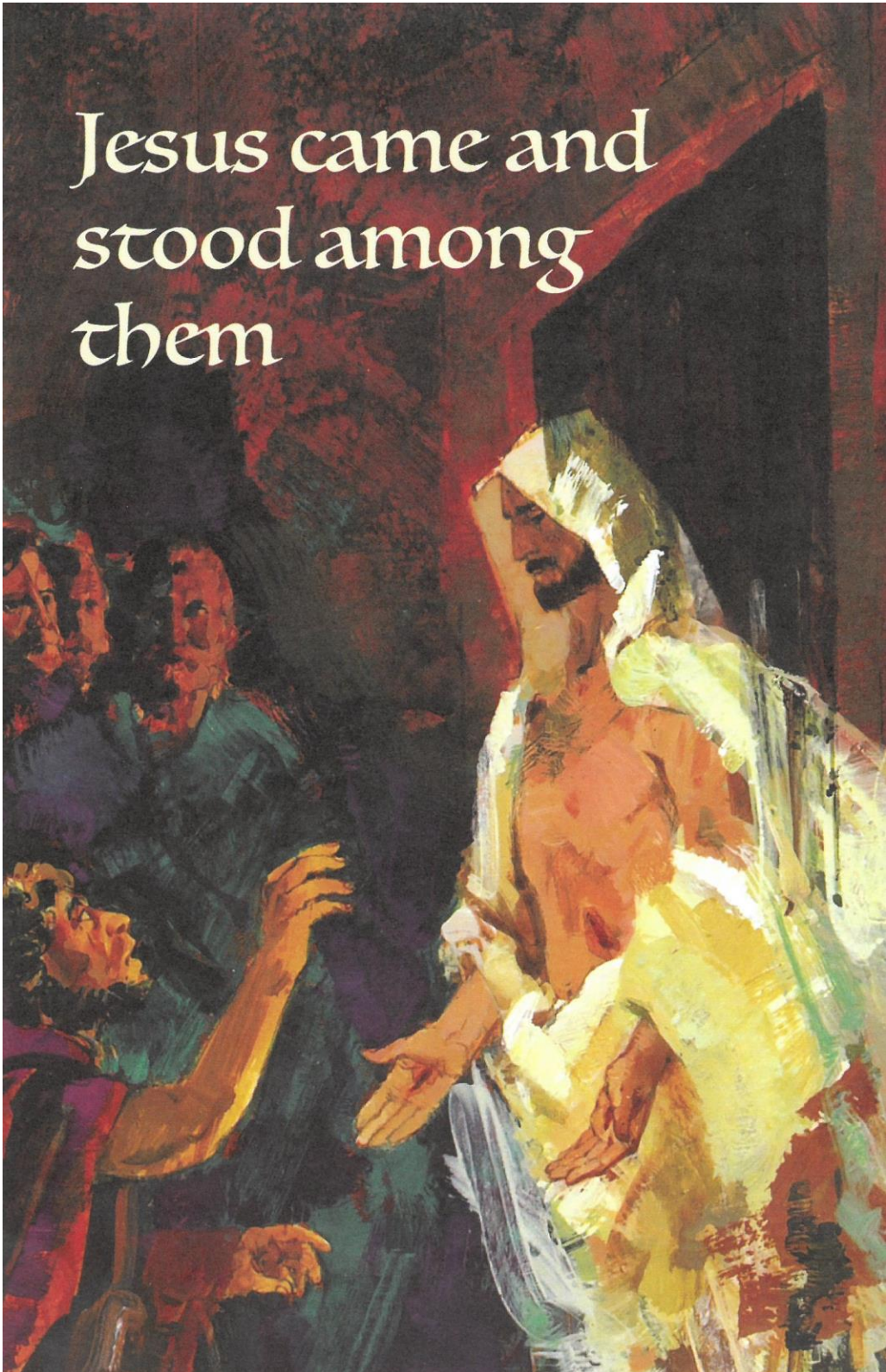
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Jesus came and stood among them



April 19, 2020

Second Sunday Of Easter

Five minutes before the service, the Pastor and Elder are praying for you.

Family Service

OPENING HYMN: PRAISE SONG 1 "I WILL RISE"

INVOCATION:

In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We exalt You, Father, with joy and thanksgiving for Your great love.

Glorify the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise You, Jesus, for the living hope that comes through Your resurrection.

Open wide Your hearts to the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Counselor.

Fill us with Your glory and inexpressible joy and peace in believing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

How grateful we should all be that God gives us opportunities to come before Him to confess our sins so they do not stand between us. Come to Him now in Jesus' name.

Father, forgive me for I do not always know what I am doing. There is a fine line between words which build up and words which tear down. I confess that I cross that line far too easily. The same goes for thoughts that lead me away from Your will and the actions which betray my love and desire to follow You. Forgive me for all my sins and fill me with the peace of knowing that by faith in Jesus I am completely forgiven.

As the Risen Jesus breathed on His disciples and assured them of peace, I announce to you God's peace in knowing and receiving His pardon through Jesus' blood.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:20–42

²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went

and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19:31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On 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.” 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*Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”* ²⁴*Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.* ²⁵*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.”* ²⁶*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.”* ²⁷*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.”* ²⁸*Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”* ²⁹*Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”* ³⁰*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;* ³¹*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.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

SERMON HYMN: 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

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| 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia! | 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia! |
| 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia! | 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia! |

SERMON: “What’s The Outcome?”

Pastor William Zeige

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE LORDS PRAYER

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you (†) peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: PRAISE SONG 22 “MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER”

