

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Resurrection Nickname

April 11, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel recalls the issue of the absence of the apostle Thomas at the Lord's first appearance and His special appearance to Thomas "eight days later." Because of that we have given him the nickname "doubting Thomas." "Doubting" is actually a kind word for the apostle's refusal to believe! The apostles gave a disciple named Joseph the nickname Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement." The testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus gave Barnabas the grace and power to be an encourager by his generosity. That same fact of Easter gives us the grace and power to become encouragers of one other.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" *LSB* 409

**Hail O Source of ev'ry blessing
Father of our human race
Gentiles now Your grace possessing
In Your courts obtain a place
Grateful now we fall before You**

**In Your Church rejoice to live
See Your glory and adore You
Thankful for the grace You give**

**Once far off but now invited
We approach Your sacred throne
In Your covenant united
Reconciled redeemed made one
Now revealed to eastern sages
See the Star of Mercy shine
Myst'ry hid in former ages
Myst'ry great of love divine**

**Hail O all inviting Savior
Gentiles now their off'rings bring
In Your temples seek Your favor
Jesus Christ our Lord and King
May we body soul and spirit
Live devoted to Your praise
Glorious realms of bliss inherit
Grateful anthems ever raise.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 John 1:5b–7*

Pastor: God is light,

People: and in Him is no darkness at all.

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

People: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

(Everyone is invited to kneel or to be seated for the confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Lord God, our heavenly Father,

People: we confess to You that our sins have brought shame to us and to Your name. By those sins we have done and those works of love we have failed to do, we deserve Your judgment and condemnation. Yet, O God, You sent Your Son to take away our sin. By His resurrection victory grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. By the command of the risen Lord, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please remain seated)

INTROIT *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

Pastor: 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. Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His | wondrous works! Glory in His | holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered. He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast” LSB 155 vs 1, 2 & 3

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength
and honor, blessings, and glory are His**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by the joy of our Lord's resurrection
You filled the heart of Thomas with saving faith.
Give to us this same faith and joy that we may
reflect Your heart of love to those around us;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST LESSON *Acts 4:32–35*

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving 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 were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 John 1:1–2:2*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And 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 is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in

darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say 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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b* [See Music Index]

Lector: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lector: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (Sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the

remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” *LSB* 563

**Jesus Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are my glorious dress
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day
Cleansed and redeemed no debt to pay
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear from guilt and shame**

**Lord I believe Thy precious blood
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty
Was also shed in love for me**

**Lord I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore
Thou hast for all a ransom paid
For all a full atonement made**

**When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies
This then shall be my only plea
Jesus hath lived and died for me**

**Jesus be endless praise to Thee
Whose boundless mercy hath for me
For me and all Thy hands have made
An everlasting ransom paid**

+ SERMON +

“A RESURRECTION NICKNAME”

Text: Acts 4:32–35 (The First Lesson)

Sermon Theme: Jesus’ resurrection gives grace and power to change lives into “Barnabases,” encouragers with words and generosity.

Goal: That each and every one of us become more like Barnabas in encouraging others in the Church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

Great God, we thank You for the victory over sin and death won for us by the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus. We, though many, praise You as with one heart and soul with the whole creation. Strengthen our faith and love that we may bring Your light and joy to everyone around us.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As You gave the apostles to be witnesses to the world of our Lord’s resurrection, so grant boldness to all pastors and preachers in Your Church to confidently proclaim the forgiveness of sins and eternal life by faith in the risen Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May the witness of Your Holy Church throughout the world inspire the leaders of nations to serve all people, protecting us from harm and leading us in the paths of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May the Gospel of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus bind us together in faith to be of one heart and soul. Enable us to be encouragers of others with our words of encouragement and our generosity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As the whole creation gives You praise for Your gift of release from sin and death, so count as praise every word of hope and prayer uttered by those who suffer any adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Bring Your loving, healing touch to all in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We join our voices with the whole company of heaven giving You praise especially for Thomas and the other apostles, and all Your saints who give us the example of faith. For all those who have died with the sign of faith, we give You thanks and bless You for the gift of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, Barnabas, and Thomas, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He
Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna,
Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your

ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: **Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)* LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
 the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE DISTRIBUTION

(See Communion policy on the front “Welcome” page of the bulletin)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *LSB* 649

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above**

**Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares**

**We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear**

**When here our pathways part
We suffer bitter pain
Yet one in Christ and one in heart
We hope to meet again
From sorrow toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sing) LSB 199-200

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

THE THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) And His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that on this day of resurrection You give us the true body and blood of our living Savior, who is no longer in the tomb. Having been forgiven, strengthen us to share our living Savior with our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us go forth rejoicing, in the name of the Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB 461 vs 5-8*

He lives to silence all my fears;

He lives to wipe away my tears;

He lives to calm my troubled heart;

He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives my kind wise heav'nly friend

He lives and loves me to the end

He lives and while He lives I'll sing

He lives my Prophet Priest and King

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare;

He lives to bring me safely there.

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives my Jesus still the same
Oh the sweet joy this sentence gives
I know that my Redeemer lives**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lots of Thank Yous

- Marie Brown & the Choir for enhancing our Lenten, Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Services.
- Jim Bumgarner for playing trumpet on Easter Sunday.
- All who helped stripping the alter and setting it back up for Easter Sunday
- April for getting the flowers and for everyone who got a Lilly to make the alter look beautiful.
- Everyone who helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt. We had 25 kids and about 600 eggs.

Cement Work

We are getting work done at the stained glass door.

They should be doing it this week.

Please go to the red door to be let in.

We will be able to walk on it for next Sunday.

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Attendance

Sunday April 4th

9:30 am 56

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Nancy Rogers, Friend of Pam Benford, Hip surgery
March 23rd.

Phyllis Witte, Thanksgiving for good test results.

Crystal, Joe Pollock's Daughter, Recuperating from
surgery.

Amanda Mardegian, Friend of Pignanelli's, uncontrolled
pain

Rose Lopez, Frank Pignanelli's Aunt, Recuperating from surgery.

Pat Bates, We pray for wisdom for the doctors in their treatment.

Bill Fults, Preschool Jackie Fults' Husband, Tests for possible mini strokes.

Family of Tyler Combs, Josh Haney's Friend, Who was called to his eternal rest.

Frances Ladach, Fractured leg

The Birth of Josephine Rose Brown, parents are Brian and Julianne, grandparents Marie and Dave Brown.

Lynn Cuckovich, Niece of Gayle French, surgery on April 5th for returning breast cancer.