

**SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**April 11, 2021**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHERING**

**Prelude/Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

P: Lord you are a present help in trouble. **C: Come revive, Redeem, Restore.**

P: In our darkness, come as light. **C: In our sadness, come as joy; In our troubles, come as peace.**

P: In our weakness, come as strength. Come Lord, to our aid. **C: Revive, Redeem, Restore us.**

*-Tides and Seasons by David Adam.*

**Opening Hymn: No. 384 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"**

**Confession of Sin:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all of our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C:**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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. Amen.**

**HEARING GOD'S 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.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

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## **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.

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **John 20:19-31**.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the **mark** of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day No. 367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

#### **Affirmation of Faith:**

**C: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion. He died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire; life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

*From Iona Community; Scotland*

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.**

#### **Mission Moment**

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**Offertory Prayer**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of love, you call us beloved children. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH**

**Benediction**

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father + and of the Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn No. 635 “We Walk by Faith”**

**Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in celebration of Gene Spicer’s birthday.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Dennis Hazelton, Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde, Sarah Meyer, Darrell & Carol Foss and Jeanine Olson as they deal with health issues; and for family of Ray Pierson on the passing of Ray.

This Week’s Schedule – April 11, 2021

Today 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed; “The Good Life” Book discussion following Worship service; 1:00pm Clark Private Baptism

Tuesday 8:30am Ministerial Assoc. meeting

Wednesday 8:00pm Council meeting

Sunday 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

Ministers Members of First Lutheran Church

Pastor Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp

Organist Paul Henriksen

Sound Neil Johnson

Reader Nancy Johnson

**April 2021 Offering**

<b>Monthly Income Needed to Operate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,800.00</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday - Apr 1</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>585.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Apr 4</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,838.38</b>

**Question of the Month for April 2021**

\_\_\_\_\_What’s your favorite Easter tradition? Please email your response to [henriksen7@mchsi.com](mailto:henriksen7@mchsi.com)

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