

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD  
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,  
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 3, 2005 - 11:00 AM**

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*In today's gospel reading, the risen Christ appears to the disciples who have locked themselves into a house. In the midst of their fear he offers his peace so that they might go forth to proclaim God's victory over death. In this Sunday liturgy, Christ offers us his peace anew as we prepare to come to the table where he gives us his body and blood. As we receive the bread and cup he says, Do not doubt but believe that I am with you. He sends us forth to be his peacemakers in a community and a world locked in by fear and injustice.*

**April 3, 2005**

**11:00 am Worship**

### **Whose Resurrection Is It?**

It is not just Jesus who gets his life back on Easter. On Easter evening, the frightened, grief-stricken, locked away disciples get Jesus back, and through his presence and his words to them, they get their own lives back as well. "Peace be with you," he says.

Thomas misses all this. The others say to him, "We have seen the Lord." Yet Thomas can only visualize something else: all those puncture wounds.

The horrible has a way of pushing everything else out of our consciousness. When we are going through something dreadful, it is nearly always the only thing we can think about. It is all we can picture.

Thomas knows what happened to Jesus on Good Friday. It is easy to imagine that when Thomas closes his eyes, he sees Jesus as he last saw him. Thomas sees the cross, the nails, the body writhing there for hours and then horribly still. Thomas sees this, knows it, believes it in his bones. Whether he wants to believe something else is beside the point. He knows what he saw.

Yet, in spite of what Thomas has seen and regardless of what Thomas believes, Jesus is alive. He is alive, which means he is able to get to Thomas—and to us—no matter what horrors of the past rise up behind our eyelids. Just as Jesus found a way through those locked doors on Easter evening, so one week later, he finds a way to pry open the grip that Good Friday has on his friend, Thomas.

What's more, when Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe," he is promising that Thomas is not the last to get his life back as a result of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus is still alive, and still finding ways to welcome his own into a future that our past had given us no reason to expect.

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# DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

by David Haas

**PRELUDE** *Easter Hymn* (arr. by Paul Manz)

**GATHERING SONGS**  
90 (purple songbook) *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*  
Bulletin page 6 *All Heaven Declares*

**WELCOME / SHARING THE PEACE** Pastor Prochaska

## GATHERING

\*\* **SONG** 139 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 4-8) *O Sons and Daughters*

### \*\* GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING OF PRAYERS** / Collecting of Green / Gold Cards Pastor Prochaska

## WORD

**FIRST READING** **Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

**SECOND READING** **I Peter 1:3-9**

\*\* **HOLY GOSPEL** **John 20:19-31**

**SERMON** *My Lord and My God* Pastor Prochaska

\*\* **SONG** 675 WOV (blue hymnal) *We Walk By Faith*

\*\* **THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

## MEAL

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

### OFFERTORY

*Easter Song*

(Herring)

### \*\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### \*\* PROPER PREFACE (spoken by the Pastor)

It is indeed right and good... join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

**\*\* COMMUNION PRAYER** Holy God, holy and living One... we sing the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ  
is risen. Christ will come,  
Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit... now and forever.

A - men, A - men,  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men,  
\*A - men.  
A - men!

**\*\* LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion.*

**8:30 am** -- Communion Shared Around the Altar.

**11:00 am** -- Communion Shared in Front of the Communion Rail.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

129 (purple songbook)

106 (purple songbook)

21 (purple songbook)

*Spirit of the Living God  
Now We Remain  
Blessing, Honor, Glory*

**\*\* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of Word and Sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*\* BLESSING** (spoken)

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, + restore, support, and strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*\* SONG 73** (purple songbook)

*I Will Sing, I Will Sing*

**DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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# All Heaven Declares

Words and Music by  
Noel Richards and Tricia Richards

A C#m7 D E D/A A

1. All heav'n de - clares the glo - ry of \_\_\_ the ris - en Lord.  
2. I will pro - claim the glo - ry of \_\_\_ the ris - en Lord.

5 C#m7 D E D/A A

Who can com - pare with the beau - ty of the Lord?  
Who once was slain to rec - on - cile \_\_\_ man to God.

9 A A/C# D D/E E A E/G#

For - ev - er He \_\_\_ will be the Lamb up - on \_\_\_ the throne, \_\_\_  
For - ev - er You \_\_\_ will be the Lamb up - on \_\_\_ the throne, \_\_\_

13 F#m A/C# D D/E E7 A D/A A

I glad - ly bow \_\_\_ the knee and wor - ship Him \_\_\_ a - lone.  
I glad - ly bow \_\_\_ the knee and wor - ship You \_\_\_ a - lone.

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**O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For  
The people and friends of Good Shepherd  
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania  
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago  
Bishop Callon W. Hallaway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus  
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa  
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

Milan Filcik	Jay, who has cancer
Hazel Reel	Remember in prayer the family of Dick Caton who died
Ruth Lackey	Sunday, March 20, funeral was held March 29
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	John O'Neal
Darren	Randy Wright
Lygia Harrison	Jerry, who has cancer
Naomi Oehrtman, at Bethany Rehab	Monica Benbow & her family
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Randy Wright & his family
Sharon, who has cancer	Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer
Mary Campbell, co-worker of Paula Bennett, on her daughter's hospitalization	Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized with pneumonia and a heart attack
Alistair Jacques, colleague of Rob Blackburn, whose is hospitalized	

**April 3, 2005 – The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers Received March 27, 2005 – Easter Sunday / The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer  
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at [prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)