



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Series C)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Thomas is forever marked with the qualifying adjective “doubting.” How Thomas is known is due to one episode in a career marked more by faith and faithful discipleship. Could it be that the doubts that plague us are less marks of our unfaithfulness than they are challenges we must daily face in order to be Christ’s own disciples? What defines you are not the doubts but what you do with them. Thomas brought his doubts to Jesus. We, too, are called to bring our doubts to the Lord and to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in a life of following our Savior.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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. *John 20:19–20*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – JuBellation Handbell Choir
“Road to Jerusalem”
by William Gross

Stand

The sign of the cross ✙ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 105:4, 8

- P** Seek the LORD and His strength;
C seek His presence continually!
- P** He remembers His covenant forever,
C the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.
- P** Bidden by the Lord and confident of His steadfast love and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- P** Merciful Lord, almighty Father,
C we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

C Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, who once delivered Thomas from his fears and strengthened his faith, grant us by Your grace the same Spirit to confront our doubts and so be made steadfast and bold in faith and in the confession of Christ's saving name before the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,
C 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.

Sit

OPENING SONG - "Who Am I"

- 1 Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
 Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt
 Who am I, that the bright and morning star
 Would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart
- 2, 5, 7 Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done
 Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are
- 3, 6, 8 I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow
 A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind
 Still You hear me when I'm calling
 Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
 And You've told me who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours
- 4 Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
 Would look on me with love and watch me rise again
 Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
 Would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me
- 9, 10 Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear, I am Yours
 (Mark Hall & Casting Crowns ©2003 Club Zoo Music)

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-32

("Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.")

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;

C his majesty is above earth and heaven.

L ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C praise him in the heights!

L ²Praise him, all his angels;

C praise him, all his hosts!

L ³Praise him, sun and moon,

C praise him, all you shining stars!

L ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,

C and you waters above the heavens!

L ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!

C For he commanded and they were created.

L ⁶And he established them forever and ever;

C he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

L ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,

C you great sea creatures and all deeps,

L ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
C **stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

L ⁹Mountains and all hills,
C **fruit trees and all cedars!**

L ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
C **creeping things and flying birds!**

L ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

L ¹²Young men and maidens together,
C **old men and children!**

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

L ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
C **for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

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

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-18

(To Him who loves us be glory forever.)

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"* says the Lord God, *"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, *"Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."*

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, *"Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Blessed are those who have not seen

C and yet have believed. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

(Thomas confronts Jesus with his doubts and Jesus confronts him with His wounds to show that the news of the resurrection is true.)

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

C 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."* ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."* ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."*

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶Eight 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."*

²⁷Then 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.”*

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, *“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB’S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 20:19 – “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.’ ” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

OFFERTORY - “Beautiful”

1, 2 Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is beautiful
And Jesus makes beautiful things of my life
Carefully touching me, causing my eyes to see
Jesus makes beautiful things of my life

3 Jesus makes beautiful things of my life
(Dennis Cleveland ©1982, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI #288089)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant us grace, O Lord, that we may not give in to temptation and doubt but with confidence confess the death of our Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection and bless those who hear us make the good confession.
Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us courage, O Lord, that we may not fear along the way but daily become bolder by the power of the Spirit to speak the name of Jesus and to live as His own in His kingdom here and in heaven forevermore.
Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us peace, O Lord, that having full confidence in Your loving care, we may neither be distracted by cares or struggles of this life nor succumb to a suspicious heart, but daily grow closer to You through Your Word and live according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us healing, O Lord, that those who suffer may rest all things into Your almighty arms, and, as You have promised, be kept to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. [Hear us particularly for *names*, and those who grieve . . .], that they may abide in Christ by faith until we all behold You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us wisdom, O Lord, that we may elect and be served by faithful leaders who acknowledge the voice of Your Word and be faithful in their stewardship of the public trust, providing equal justice and opportunity to all citizens. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us life, O Lord, that we may be kept by Your grace and Spirit that through the days of our trouble and by the merits of Christ alone we receive Your salvation, dwelling among the saints on high even as we rest from all our labors. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Petitions appropriate to local needs may be added here.

P Grant us, O Lord, all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and prevent from us all things harmful and enable us by faith to trust without fear in Your judgment and provision. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG - "Lead Me to the Rock" Psalm 61:2

1 When I go through the valley and my heart's overwhelmed
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher
 When I cross o'er the river and it floods o'er my soul
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
 Why do you live your life in bondage and fear
 Letting this world get you down?
 Put your trust in the Savior who will always be near
 And He'll set your feet on higher ground

2, 4, Singin' lead me to the Rock, lead me to the Rock
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher
 Won't you lead me to the Rock, lead me to the Rock
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I

3 When the night seems forever and the darkness surrounds
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher
 When my spirit is troubled and my friends can't be found
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
 Once my life was built on nothing but sand
 And I saw my life come tumbling down
 'Til I found that the Master had a better plan
 And He set me on that higher ground

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