

Sunday, April 19, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Easter  
Risen with him in Victory

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## INTRODUCTION

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Thine is the Glory*

*arr. Hobby*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN Red hymnal #363

*Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

## KYRIE

*Music in Red hymnal on page 138*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, lets us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Music in Red hymnal on page 140 and 141*

C: **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, blessing, 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: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray . . .  
Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

#### **THE WORD**

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

R: <sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>22</sup>"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. <sup>29</sup>Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

R: <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Music on page 142

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **John 20:19-31**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe**

**HYMN Red hymnal #635**

*We Walk by Faith*

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**APOSTLE'S CREED Red hymnal page 105**

P: Let us confess our faith.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Response after each petition*)

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer . . .

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

**OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues**

**OFFERING SONG** Red hymnal #186 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**C:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**BLESSING**

**P:** May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN** Red hymnal #376

*Thine is the Glory*

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C:** The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:

**C:** “Serving Christ through serving others.”  
**P:** Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**C:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** *Two Interludes on Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Arr. Callahan

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted to the church office by calling 1 937-667-3110 or e-mail.*

**OFFERING 4/12**

Total Unified Giving: \$6,257.00  
Total Building Fund: \$ 280.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Month of February 2020 Finances**

Unified Giving: \$17,223.50	Expenses: \$18,089.21
Building Fund Giving: \$1,550.79	Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00
Building Fund Balance: \$33,741.02	

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of February 2020, on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

**Staff**

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

**Robert Hobby is the composer of the month for April.**

One neat fact about Hobby: he was organist at our church (Zion Lutheran) for a short time when he was a college student at Wittenberg. Robert Hobby received his Bachelor's Degree in church music from Wittenberg; he received a Master's Degree in organ performance from the University of Notre Dame. Bob had several private instructors and coaches: Donald Busarow, Richard Hillert, Paul Manz, and Andrew Carter. I include these because for those of you familiar with Lutheran music, these names will likely be familiar!

Robert Hobby lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana and serves as the music director for Trinity English Lutheran Church. He has composed numerous organ, choral, and instrumental pieces. One of my favorite organ pieces is his Partita on Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven. In addition to being a composer, Bob also performs regularly and serves as clinician for various groups across the United States. He presented an hour long organ improvisation session at a week long summer clinic I attended at Concordia Theological Seminary (LCMS) back in summer 2002. More recently, Susie Gray, Terri Darrah, and I all had the opportunity to see him as he was clinician at the Augsburg Music Clinic in Columbus during summer 2019.

On a personal note, Bob Hobby is married to wife Jennifer. The Hobbys (or is it Hobbies?) have 3 daughters: Hannah, Lydia, and Elizabeth.

The pieces I will play for April that are by Hobby:

April 5 (Palm Sunday) - Prelude - There in God's Garden

April 12 (Easter Sunday - Postlude – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

April 19 – Prelude – Thine is the Glory

April 26 – Selections from Partita on Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven