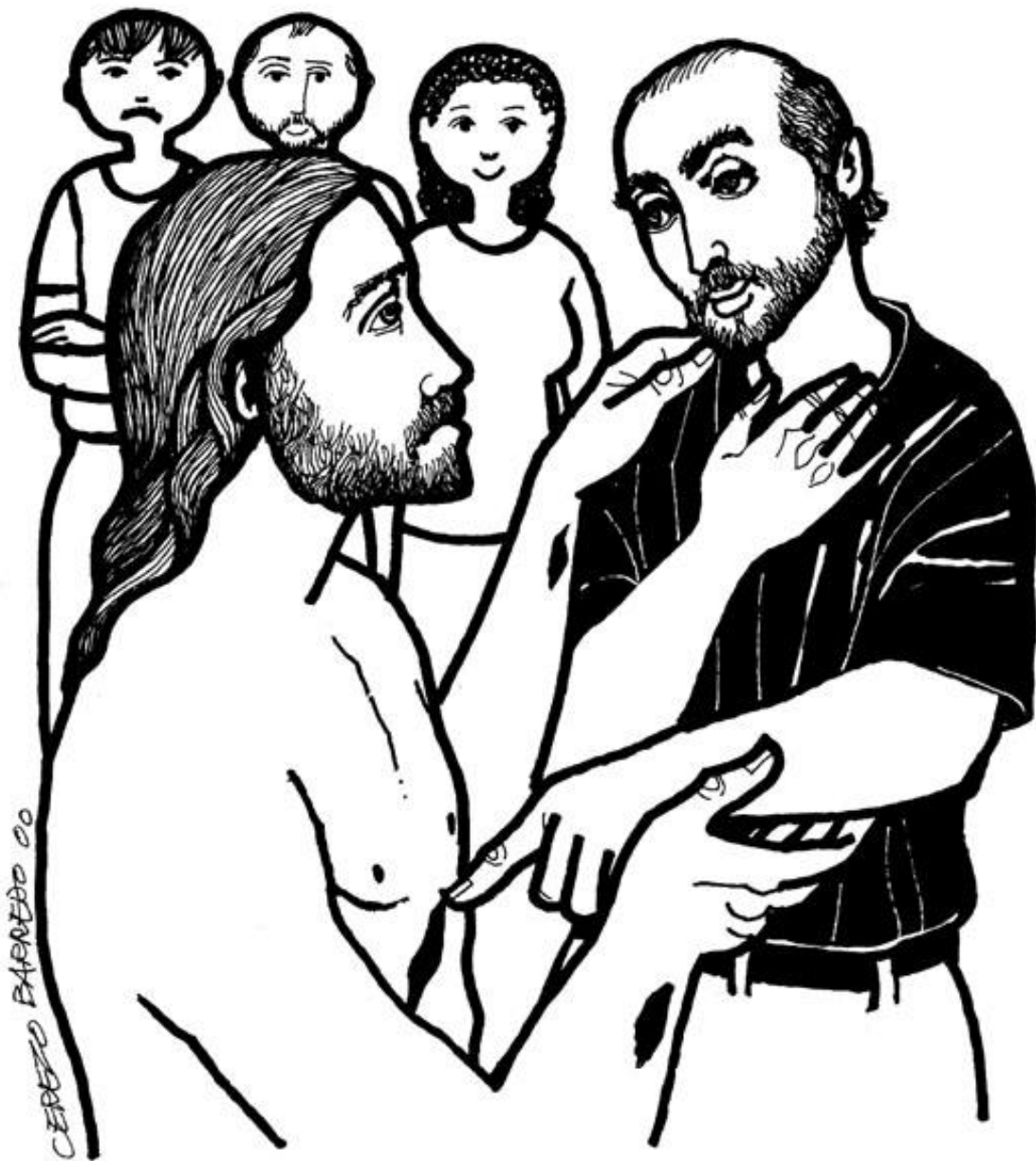


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The Second Sunday of Easter
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup

Readers: Lennox Debra

Organist: Doreen Leonard

The altar flowers are dedicated to the memory of Marjorie Butler, mother of Rande Spengler.

Stand

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 487:1,4-5

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
- 4 For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal hold Him as a mortal.
- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry to our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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[P] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] who made heaven and earth.

[P] I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

[C] and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[P] O almighty God, merciful Father,

[C] I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

[P] Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 105

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,



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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.

G Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–20

A The First Reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter five.

Now 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. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so 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. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148:1–8,10–14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

**And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

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

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

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

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

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4–18

A The Epistle is from the Revelation to St. John, chapter one.

John 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, and 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 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, 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.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

I, 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. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "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."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and 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. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In 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.

When 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, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

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John 20:19-31

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Sit

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470 :1, 4–8

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night th'apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard that they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, and look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

"Drop-Dead"

Stand

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549:1–5

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all. (2 times)
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all. (2 times)
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all. (2 times)
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all. (2 times)
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all. (2 times)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed, and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

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PAULINE BENEDICTION

(9AM only)



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Tuesday — 10AM	Bible Study
Tuesday — 6:30PM	Confirmation Class