



# DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting Two*

*Standing in the Shadow of the Cross*

Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday April 12, 2026



Processional Hymn: LSB # 466 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Refrain:** Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed. He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show. **Refrain**

3. The angel said to them, “Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there.” **Refrain**

4. “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won.” **Refrain**

5. Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. **Refrain**

Greeting/Announcements:

## Confession and Absolution

**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, imploring 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 to the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 83 “Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

1. Oh, how He loves you and me, (2x)

He gave His life, what more could He give; Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh, how He loves you and me.

2. Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me.

***The Sunday school students are released to their teachers.***

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Ps. 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1Peter 2:2-3*

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**C** Make known his deeds among the peoples!

**P** Sing to him; sing praises to Him

**C** tell of all his wondrous works!


**P** Glory in his holy name,

**C** let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!


- P** Seek the Lord and his strength;
- C** **seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- C** **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered**
- P** Remember his covenant forever,
- C** **the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations**
- C** **Holy is he! 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.**
- P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation
- C** **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

This is the Feast


*Refrain*




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### ***Please be seated***

### **First Reading**

*Acts 5:29-42*

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!

<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." <sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup> Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. <sup>36</sup> Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. <sup>37</sup> After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. <sup>39</sup> But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." <sup>40</sup> His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

**A** **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. *From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**☩ Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.**

Epistle

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**☩ This is the Word of the Lord.**

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

***Please Stand***

Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-31*

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

**☩ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 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." <sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <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 believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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.

**G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### ***Please be Seated***

#### **Hymn: LSB # 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

1. Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abound,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
Repeat their song of glory here, Christ has triumphed, Christ has triumphed!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living! Now still He comes to give us life,  
And by His presence stills all strife Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph, Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say, Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavenly blessed sing,  
Christ has triumphed, Alleluia! Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon: “So That You May Believe”

Sermon Text: John 20:19-31

***Please stand***

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

***Please be seated.***

Offering

***Please stand.***

Offertory

*LSB 192*

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

Prayer of the Church

**☩ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray  
(The congregation sings the following before and after the prayers:)**

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**☩ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**P** You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers.