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Sunday, April 11th, 2021
The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude
 Tower Bells and Welcome
 Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

Opening Hymn

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

1 With high delight Let us unite
 In songs of great jubilation.
 Yet pure in heart, All bear your part,
 Sing to Jesus Christ, our salvation.
 To set us free forever, He
 Is ris’n and sends To all earth’s ends
 Good news to save every nation.

“And yours shall be Like victory
 O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who gave
 His life for us, life renewing.

2 True God, He first From death has burst
 Forth into life, all subduing.
 His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
 His death has been death’s undoing.

3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
 To Christ our Lord adoration.
 His honor speed By word and deed
 To ev’ry land, ev’ry nation.
 So shall His love Give us above,
 From misery And death set free,
 All joy and full consolation.

Invocation (*stands.*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 33

1 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

4 For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;

14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

15 he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

16 The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

19 that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

22 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

even as we hope in you.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

All: 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. Amen.

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

26 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." 27 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." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon "Peace Given, Faith Strengthened, Life In His Name" John 20:19-31

Apostles' Creed (*Stand*)

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.

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving to God, who has raised Christ from the dead, that He would bestow His Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins on us; for joyful life as Christians who, through Holy Baptism, have been crucified and raised up with Christ; and that we may be given boldness to testify of Him, His forgiveness and His peace to all who will hear, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that as Christ appeared alive to His disciples and sent them out to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins in His name, so He would continue to raise up faithful men for His holy ministry and bless their work among us who, with St. Thomas, confess Jesus as Lord and God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the household of faith, that faithful to His promises God would work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for His unending grace and steadfast love; and that they would return to the faith and delight in Christ, crucified and raised for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the authorities God has placed over us in federal, state and local governments, that He would give them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's daily gifts of family, friends and neighbors who assist and aid us in all circumstances. We remember firefighters, law-enforcement, emergency workers, military personnel, chaplains, medical persons, counselors, teachers, food producers, transportation and retail workers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and sorrowful, for those who mourn, and for all who stand in need of our prayers, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace and for the sake of Your Son You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.

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Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon "Peace Given, Faith Strengthened, Life In His Name" John 20:19-31

I. _____ equals forgiveness. _____ equals peace.

- Wholeness of _____

- What did the _____ sing about? Luke _____

II. Faith is "the assurance of things _____ for, the conviction of things not _____."
(Hebrews 11:1)

- "Blessed are those who have not _____ and yet have _____ ." John 20

III. Purpose of John's Gospel? (John 20:30-31)

- "...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that by believing you may
have _____ in his name."

- true _____ is in _____ 's name.