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Sunday, April 16th, 2023
The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are welcome and 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.
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Opening Hymn

The Strife Is Over, the Battle Done
Order of Matins p 219 (*liturgy is sung*)

LSB 464

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. Alleluia!

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Venite LSB 220 (*sing*)

O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

the strength of the hills is His also.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Introit Psalm 148 (*spoken*)

1 Praise the LORD!

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

2 Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

3 Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

6 And he established them forever and ever;

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

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

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

9 Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Beasts and all livestock,

creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

14 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!

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42 (*Congregation sits*)

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were

counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 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, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 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. 8 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, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 (*Congregation Stands*)

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: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory LSB 222

(Sing) P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

Apostles' Creed *(Inside back cover of hymnal)*

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

Sermon

Hymn

How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds
Offering brought forward during last verse.

LSB 524

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For faith to believe the resurrection of Christ and to trust the forgiving words of His servants, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all enemies of the Church, that their hearts may be brought to repentance; and for all Christians, that they may be strengthened in faith and vocation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the households of our church, that begotten in Holy Baptism, we may grow in His grace and share together in His forgiveness and life, 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 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, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed 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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Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

ALL: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for the Week

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.

Morning Prayer

ALL: 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 (*spoken*)

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 487

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude

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