

## Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2020



**THEME:** Jesus' resurrection is attested to by the Scriptures and by eyewitnesses.

**HYMN 165:** *O Sons and Daughters of the King*"

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN** (spoken)

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (EHV)

*Filled with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, Peter boldly addresses the people of Jerusalem and proclaims the resurrection of Jesus. His death and resurrection were not chance history but occurred by God's set purpose and foreknowledge" in fulfillment of the Scriptures.*

2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. This man, who was handed over by God's set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip. "Indeed, David says concerning him: I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. My flesh also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon my life to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life. You will fill me with joy in your presence. "Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay. "This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 16 (p.68) (spoken/sung in unison)

The Church sings a psalm of resurrection joy. Psalm 16 was quoted by Peter to the crowd in Jerusalem in testimony of the Lord's resurrection.

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 (EHV) (sermon text)

*The resurrection of Christ gives us new birth into a living hope. Although Jesus is not visible to our physical eyesight, faith still fills us with joy and confidence in him. Our faith is precious, for by it God continues to lead us through this life, even through trials and suffering, to our heavenly goal.*

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 into an inheritance that is undying,

undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. 5 Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. 6 Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials 7 so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31 (EHV)

*Our risen Lord appears to his disciples in Jerusalem, bids them peace and confers on them the power of the keys, however, Thomas is absent. When told of the Lord's appearance, Thomas is skeptical and refuses to believe without proof. Graciously, as Jesus appears a week later, Thomas is admonished with the words, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe." After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other

miraculous signs that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**HYMN 166:** *The Day of Resurrection*

**SERMON THEME:** Our Savior Is Alive / Our Hope Is Alive

1. Hope of a rich inheritance
2. Hope of sure protection
3. Hope of our eternal goal

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**HYMN 153:** *Alleluia! Jesus Lives*

**PRAYER**

**AMEN** (spoken)

**BLESSING**

**AMEN** (spoken)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL**

**April 19, 2020**

The Easter flowers that adorned our altar for Easter morning were provided by:

**Pansies:**

*Nieman Family (4) in honor of Jesus' Resurrection*

*Karl & Barb Luft in memory of George and Lydia Luft*

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*Mary J. Troudt in memory of Don Troudt*

*Dave & Judy Zarter in memory of Julius and Lucille Seilen*

*Darlene Zepczyk in honor of our Immanuel Family*

*Nieman Family (4) in honor of their grandbabies, in memory of Grandma Esther Hamilton (Immanuel's*

*Candy Lady), Robert Yanke, Jean Priebe and Rev. Arnold & Hildegard Nieman*

Thank you to all that sponsored a plant for our "mini" Easter Worship Service.  
There is NOTHING mini about our Risen Lord!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Rec'd Maundy Thurs	\$530.00		
Budgeted Rec'd Good Friday	\$215.00		
Budgeted Rec'd Easter Sunday	\$7,347.00	19	Worship Attendance MT
Budgeted Need to date	\$46,800.00	18	Worship Attendance GF
Budgeted Rec'd to date	\$50,728.25	18	Worship Attendance Easter
		Tuesday 4/21	5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
		Sunday 4/26	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
		Sunday 4/26	10:00 a.m. Communion Service

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