



Second Sunday of Easter
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 7, 2024



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“Quasimodogeniti (Like newborn babies) Sunday”

Delivered from our Lenten solemnities, Easter is a season-long 49 days celebrating the crucified Lord, now raised and living in our midst us. Confession and Absolution is omitted so our hearts and minds focus on Jesus' risen presence as the trustworthy covenant and hope-filling testament our gracious and merciful heavenly Father watches out and watches over us.

The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

Welcome to Concordia!

Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

(Please stand as you are able)

Invocation and Easter Verses

P: In the name of the unbegotten Father and Creator of all life; and the only begotten Son who redeems our lives from sin and death; and the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and Son to sanctify us with faith, love, and hope.

C: **Amen.**

P: Glory in His holy Name and seek His face always, because the Lord is risen.

C: **He is risen Indeed.**

P: The chains of unfaith and evil have been broken because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: God has given us the new birth as His holy people, who fear, love and trust Him above all things, because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen!

Sharing the Peace

Introit

P: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation;

C: We have tasted the goodness of the Risen Lord.

(sung)

1. **O render thanks, and bless the Lord;
Invoke His sacred Name;
Acquaint the nations with His deeds,
His matchless deeds proclaim.
Sing to His praise, in lofty hymns
His wondrous works rehearse;
Make them the theme of your discourse,
And subject of your verse.**

2. **Rejoice in His Almighty Name,
Alone to be adored;
And let their hearts o'erflow with joy
Who humbly seek the Lord.
Seek You the Lord, His saving strength
Devoutly still implore;
And, where He's ever present, see
His face for evermore.**

3. The wonders that His hands have wrought
Keep thankfully in mind;
The righteous statutes of His mouth,
And laws to us assigned.
His cov'nant He has kept in mind
For num'rous ages past;
Which yet for thousand ages more
In equal force shall last.
4. If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need
In Christ we are forgiven.

(spoken)

P: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation;

C: **We have tasted the goodness of the Risen Lord.**

Easter Gloria

"He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

Maroon Hymnal # 488

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

C: **Almighty God and Father, grant that we who continue celebrating the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our lives and conversations, that Jesus is our Lord and our God.**

P: Grant this O heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

C: **He is our King, now risen and forever reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from the fourth chapter of Acts.

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Acts 4:32–35

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER GRADUAL

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

Maroon Hymnal # 470

verses 1-5

The Epistle Reading is from the first chapter of First John.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 1:1—2:2

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Maroon Hymnal # 470

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

verses 6-9

(Please stand as you are able to sing vs. 8 & 9)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O risen Redeemer**

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. John 20:19–31

P: This is the Gospel of the risen Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O resurrected Savior.**

The 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)

Sermon Hymn “*We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight*” **Maroon Hymnal # 720**

Sermon

Offering

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

Maroon Hymnal pgs. 192 - 193

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion

Maroon Hymnal pg 194-198

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, for It is truly good, right and healthy to body and soul that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You Holy Lord, Almighty Father and Everlasting God. But most of all we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored to us everlasting life. So now in the joy of Your feast of victory, we join with all the angelic hosts and heavenly saints, praising You, and singing:

This is the Feast

Maroon Hymnal pg. 171-172

Words of Institution

P: United as Your dear children in every time and every place, chosen as loyal citizens of Your holy Kingdom, and elected as royal ambassadors of Your priesthood of believers, we pray the petitions Jesus taught us to pray....

The Lord's Prayer

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Easter Nunc Dimittis

1. Thanks to You, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to You, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because You did arise
And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.

2. For the joy Your Advent gave me,
For Your holy, precious Word;
For Your Baptism, which does save me,
For Your blest Communion board;
For Your death, the bitter scorn,
For Your resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank You and extol You,
And in heav'n I shall behold You.

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout all our days of pilgrimage on this earth so that, on the day of His coming again in glory, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son

C: Who is our Lord and our God, now risen and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Let us go out to the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Let us take up our crosses to lovingly obey our God and sacrificially
serve one another, because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give
you peace.

C: Amen

Recessional Hymn

Maroon Hymnal # 464

"The Strife is O'er, The Battle Won"