

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday in Easter—April 12th, 2015

Opening Hymn: CW 145 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: (sings) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sings) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you. **C: (sings) And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-20

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.¹⁷“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16 – page 68 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

SECOND LESSON: I John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

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 20:29b)

C: (sings) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Please stand for our Gospel lesson. **C: (sings) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: These are God's Words!! **C: (sings) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn of the Day: CW 165 v.4-9 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Sermon:

Please stand.

C: (sings) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Offering Hymn: CW 485 v.1,2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Prayer of the Church-----Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: CW 434 "Lord, You I Love With All My Heart"

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

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

C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 341 v.2,3 "Crown Him With Many Crowns "

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-Thanks to all who helped with setup and cleanup of our Easter Breakfast and all those who contributed to the bounty we enjoyed. We had a wonderful turnout. WELL DONE!!!!

-NELHS Musical "Bye, Bye, Birdie" will be performed this afternoon at 2pm.

-Following worship today we will gather for our Qtrly. Mtg. and with it we will have a potluck.

-LWMS Spring Rally will be held this Saturday at St. Paul-Broken Bow.

-St. Paul-Plymouth School will be performing the musical "Wizard of Oz" this Friday night at 7 pm all are invited. It will take place at the Plymout Community building. Admission is free.

-No Saturday worship next week.

-The Easter lilies have been kept in great shape thanks to certain individuals if you would like one in a week or two please let Mike or Janice or pastor know.

-Pastor will be traveling early Tuesday morning to Topeka, KS for Pastor's Institute and will return late Wed. afternoon. I you need to contact him, you may do so by calling his cell phone.

-Pastor Seth Scheuerlein will be will be our guest preacher on April 26th as Pastor Hillmann and family will be heading to Wisconsin for his nephew's confirmation.

B-days & Anniv. –Sandy Freese(4/13); Kristen Petet(4/13); Carl Siems(4/13); Libby Huwaldt(4/14) Karen Seger (4/16)

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (3/1)</i>		
Today	8:45am	BC & SS	Attendance: 8(Sat) (Sun)		Needed
	9:30 am	Worship	Home Fund:	\$646	1600
			Missions:	\$135	122
Mon.	6:30pm	Confirmation	NELHS Operating:	\$155	122
			NELHS Debt:	\$25	
Thurs.	7:00pm	Council Mtg.	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$961</i>	<i>1844</i>
Sat.	4:30PM	Worship	<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
Sun	8:45 am	BC & SS	Organist: Marlene Dorn		
	9:30 am	CommunionWorship	Ushers: Mike Schroeder (elder), Kevin Rehm & Spencer Corter		