

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT WORSHIP  
April 19, 2020 8:15 AM**

**PRELUDE** Judy Eckard

**WELCOME AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SONG** "Glorious Day"

**One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,  
One day when sin was as black as could be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,  
Dwelt among men. My example is He.  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us,  
His glory revealed.**

***Refrain:* Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising, He justified freely forever.  
One day He's coming; oh, glorious day,  
oh, glorious day.**

**One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.  
The hands that healed nations  
stretched out on a tree  
and took the nails for me. *Refrain***

**One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.  
One day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then He arose; over death He had conquered.  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.  
Death could not hold Him,  
The grave could not keep Him from rising again. *Refrain*  
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.  
One day the skies with His glory will shine.  
Wonderful day my Beloved One bringing.  
My Savior, Jesus is mine. *Refrain***

Words and Music by Mark Hall and Michael Bleaker  
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**EPISTLE READING** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who

through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31**

On 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!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So 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."

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!" Then 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Reader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Even as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, we are made aware of our need to confess our brokenness. Yet we admit our sinfulness, not as those who have no hope, but as those who know that Jesus died for us and rose from the dead for us. Trusting in Him alone, we make our personal confession:

**People: Father, forgive me when I act like a doubting Thomas, living as if Christ were still in the tomb.**

**Forgive me when I doubt Your promises to always love and protect me.**

**Forgive me when I worry, doubt and despair.**

**Forgive me when I ignore the guiding of Your Spirit and your word of peace.**

**I repent of these and many other sins – particularly for having such small faith when You are so great and trustworthy.  
I confess with my mouth my wrongdoing and wrong-thinking and ask Your forgiveness.**

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

**Pastor:** The empty tomb proclaims the Gospel of Christ. He died as the sacrifice for our sins. He was raised by the Father that we might know that ALL of our sins are forgiven!. Because Jesus is alive we can live new lives of faith, joy and good works. Because Jesus defeated death for us, we will one day get up from our graves to live forever in glorified bodies.

I stand before you as Christ's representative and say to you: Your sins are forgiven before God. Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ is with us! Christ will come again!

**People: Thanks be to God! We celebrate Jesus!**

### **SONG OF PRAISE "Celebrate Jesus"**

**Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.  
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.**

**He is risen, He is risen And He lives forevermore.  
He is risen, He is risen; Come on and celebrate  
The resurrection of our Lord. (*Sing three times*)**

Text and Music by Gary Oliver CCLI# 549168

**SERMON** "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won...NOW WHAT?" John 20:19-31 Pastor Eric Hauss

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH / PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **WORD'S OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **BLESSING**

### **CLOSING SONG "The Day of Resurrection"**

**The day of resurrection, Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God,  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath bro't us over With hymns of victory.**

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth her song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is there-in.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord hath risen, -  
Our joy that hath no end.  
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## **Holy Communion**

Since our church feels a Biblically founded stewardship regarding the Lord's Supper, we ask that you prayerfully consider these truths. **Baptized Christians** who have been instructed in the Lord's Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcome to commune.

+ *I know that I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and from my heart I repent (turn from) all my sins against God and other people, intending to amend my sinful life.*

+ *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin through His death and resurrection for me.*

+ *I believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.*

Pastors Kevin and Eric and the Board of Elders  
St Peter's Lutheran Church

**TODAY'S OFFERING** will be received as you leave the parking lot!

**Have a Delightful Lord's Day**