

## Today's Scripture Readings

### First Reading

*Acts 5:29-42*

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

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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; <sup>39</sup>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, <sup>40</sup>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. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

### Epistle

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

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

### Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

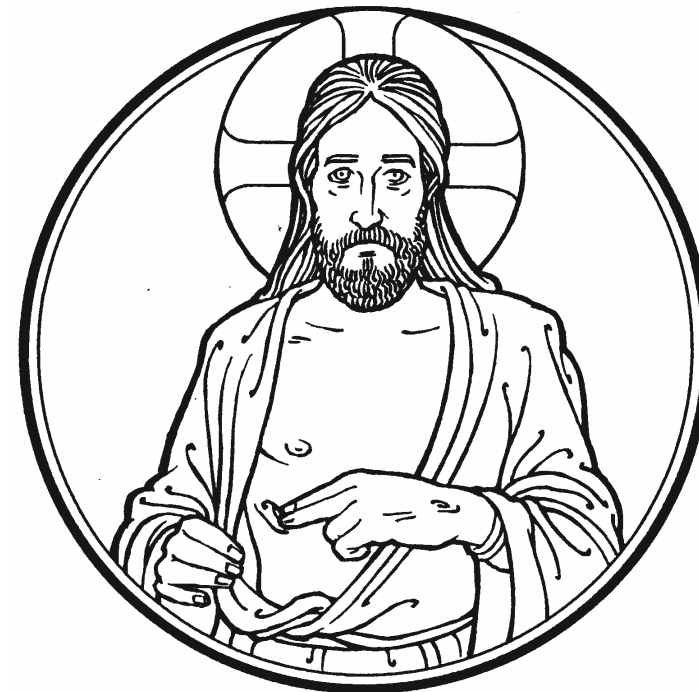
<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.*

### In Our Prayers this Week—

- *April mission of the month, House of Hope, Madagascar.*
  - *Peace among nations and safety for all in the Middle East.*
  - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
  - *Ellie Klein, undergoing testing.*
  - *Jean Estrello, upcoming surgery.*
  - *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Norm Taylor, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Jan Klug, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*
  - *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*
  - *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, recovering from surgery.*
  - *All who are battling cancer:*
    - *Jessica Dolezal*
    - *Debi Verbage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*
    - *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*
    - *Jayne Cotter*
    - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
    - *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*
- Please also keep in prayer*  
—our Seminarians *Luke Konkel & Andrew Harrill;*  
—Rev. *Nathan Meador, our district president;*  
—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*  
—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*  
—our circuit congregation, *St. Paul in Sheboygan Falls and Revs. Kyle Backhaus and Adam Wolfe;*  
—our Missionary *Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*  
—our shut-in Members, *Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



*'Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"*

**John 20:29**

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, “*Let the little children come to me...*” Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

*We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.*

### Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the Ministry of the Gospel, in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this Office, and to those whom they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His Cross He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “*repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones He calls us to believe that He “*is the Christ, the Son of God,*” so that by such faith we “*may have life in His name*” (John 20:31). In His resurrection we have the “*living hope*” to which we have been “*born again*” and by which we are guarded “*for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “*though you have not seen Him, you love Him,*” and by the mercies of God “*you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*” (1 Peter 1:8).

### THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — *Luke 24:32* “*Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?*”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #483 — “*With High Delight Let Us Unite*”

❸ **Collect of the Week** — O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — *M:* Ex. 33:1-23; *Luke* 7:1-17 *T:* Ex. 34:1-28; *Luke* 7:18-35 *W:* Ex. 34:29—35:21; *Luke* 7:36-50 *Th:* Ex. 38:21—39:8, 22-23, 27-31; *Luke* 8:1-21 *F:* Ex. 39:32—40:16; *Luke* 8:22-39 *Sat:* Ex. 40:17-38; *Luke* 8:40-56

*Sun:* Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36; *Luke* 9:1-17

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Easter 3* (April 19):

*Acts* 2:14a, 36-41; *1 Peter* 1:17-25; *Luke* 24:13-35; *Psalm* 116:1-14

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

Greeter — *Lois Marks*

Elder — *Chris Neumann*; Usher — *Jonah Marks*

Altar Guild — *Mandy Neumann*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Kari Marks*

Cantor — *Jeff Ourada*; Acolyte — *Carter Fischer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

*The flowers in church today are given by Carol Navis in memory of Bob.  
“Those who sow in tears, shall reap in joy.” Psalm 126:5*

**Introit** (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\***  
**make known his deeds among the | peoples!**

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

**Glory in his | holy name;\***  
**let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!**

Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

**Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\***  
**his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.**

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

**Collect** (*spoken by pastor*)

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.

**Gradual** (*sung responsively*) adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

**He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\***

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

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