



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter**

Thought: Often this day is focused upon Thomas and his absence when the Lord appears and offers the gift of Peace. Yet, Jesus returns a week later and knows what Thomas needs to put doubt aside for a stronger faith. I don't find doubt the disaster of faith. I find doubt part of the journey that should drive us forward to a deeper and stronger faith. For we are sent Children of God in the peace offered by Jesus and that peace has to withstand the many perils of this world. Henry David Thoreau said, "Faith keeps many doubts in her pay. If I could not doubt, I should not believe."

Prelude – "Because He Lives" West Coast Choir

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Because-He-Lives-Amen--West-Coast-Choir-18.mp4>

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 16

L: Let us come together and bless the Lord.

C: You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you!

L: Let us keep the Lord always before us.

C: You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you!

L: Let our hearts be glad and rejoice in the Lord!

L: You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you!

C: Show us the path of life and the joy of your presence.

Gathering Hymn – "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" arr. Hal Hopson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TygzRjinL8>

**Invocation
Confession and Absolution**

P: God, we are people full of doubts, worries, and concerns. We constantly see evidence that seductively testifies against the salvation that Christ brought into this world.

A time of silence

P: Forgive us our doubts.

C: Holy God, help us to use those doubts to deepen our faith. We know that nothing good in this world will come to pass unless we put aside our fears and act bravely, testifying to the love and grace you came to bring to us all. Thank you for our doubts, God, and help us use them to deepen our faith.

P: We give you thanks, God, for all the gifts you have given us, even the gift of doubt. May our doubts be transformed into faith and zealous service in this world. With your gift of peace, we pray.

C: Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt.

C: May we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 2:14, 22-32

*After the holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost,
Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd.*

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9

*This letter was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships
and suffering because of their faith in Christ.*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia!”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel – John 20:19-31

The risen Christ appears to his disciples, offering them peace and the gift of the Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospel Reading & Children's Time – "What's the Question?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiYBNOCPbYI&feature=youtu.be>

"Doubting with Determination!" – Pastor Barnes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzEUvGZHLyE&feature=youtu.be>

"Amazing Grace" – Pastor & Leslie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gf8oKLYFCkU&feature=youtu.be>

Hymn of the Day – "We Walk By Faith" by Jan Sanborn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7dzDuEhoXQ>

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,
on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different way. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection on Holy Communion

"Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW #167

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1vkcVMHyuw&t=6s>

Santa Teresita Catholic Church, Mangilao, Guam Pentecost Sunday - 6PM Youth Mass Youth & Young-at-Heart Choir

The Words of Institution

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God – Marty Haugen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0D_TJ8KqAhQ

Music for Communion – Dragon School Oxford: "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2svZhZT6Pro>

Even though we are apart, remember that the promise and gift of Baptism, never runs “dry.” You are a forgiven child of God and strength of community and holding the bread and wine will be yours! In, with and under is always the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Benediction – Numbers 6

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.
+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sending Music – “Risen” New Easter Song by Shawna Edwards

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCQsK1t9EKY>

