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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 8, 2018**



*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."  
John 20:27*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Thomas is seldom remembered for anything other than his doubt. In our quest to find relatable biblical characters, we often leave Thomas as a man who needed evidence—proof. We may miss his bold confession: “My Lord and my God!” While the other ten disciples had seen Jesus eight days earlier, none of them confessed as Thomas did. And none of them believed until Jesus appeared to them and spoke His Word to them. Focus today not on Thomas’s doubt but rather on his confession of faith.

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jeff Kane – April 12<sup>th</sup>; Lincoln Jepsen April 15<sup>th</sup>

**♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate  
And God's rich blessings contemplate.  
Praise for another year on earth.  
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** In the Epistle, John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Let us consider our sins so that we do not deceive ourselves with false righteousness.

*Silence for reflection*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have chosen darkness instead of light. We have chosen death instead of life. Forgive us. Let Your light and life come to us again.**

Pastor: John also writes, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Having heard your confession, and trusting in God's Word and promises, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of the risen Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. "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."**

## ☩ WORD ☩

### PSALM OF THE DAY

*(Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 95:1-7)*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

**People: 🎵 And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People: 🎵 make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**🎵 Glory be to the Father and to the Son ☩ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Hallelujah!**

## **ANTIPHON**

Pastor: The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.

**People: O come, let us worship Him.**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

**People: ♪ For He is our maker.**

## **WE SING THE VENITE**

*pew hymnal #220 & 221*

*Please be Seated*

## **FIRST READING** Acts 4:32-35

*(Great unity filled the Early Church as the apostles gave testimony to the resurrection of Jesus)*

*(The Word is read)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE:** 1 John 1:1-2:

*(God has come near to us with His light and life.)*

*(The Word is read)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

**Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     John 20:19-31  
*(Jesus appears to a troubled Thomas.)*

Pastor:     The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**People:     Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

Pastor:     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES CREED**     *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

*Please be Seated*

**SERMON HYMN**     “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”     #411

**SERMON**     “Though the Doors Were Locked...”  
*Pastor Bill Geis*

*Please Stand*

## **CANTICLE TE DEUM**

**“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” #941**

*Please be Seated*

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*Please Stand*

## **KYRIE**

**♪ Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(The pastor will end each petition with “Lord, in Your mercy,”  
and the people will respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

## **WE READ TOGETHER THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

**Lord God, make Your Word a Word of power and peace.  
May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the  
heart to the lip, and from the lip to our life that, by your  
grace, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You  
send it, the demonstration of our faith; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** 🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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

**People:** 🎵 **Amen.**

**HYMN** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” #470

# THE MESSENGER

April 8, 2018

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano, Sandra Newman, and Jim Teter.

**HOLY WEEK OFFERING:** \$841

**OFFERING APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>:** \$2,641

**APRIL PASTORS:** April 15<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Ed Trost; April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastor Keith Loesch; April 29<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Fran Lieb

**VOTER’S MEETING:** Today after the service we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter voters meeting after a brief lunch. All are welcome. Pastor Geis will speak to us about our situation and how the District office may be of help.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** The theme for Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> will be **"Peace to You"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ. (Luke 24:36-49) Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.