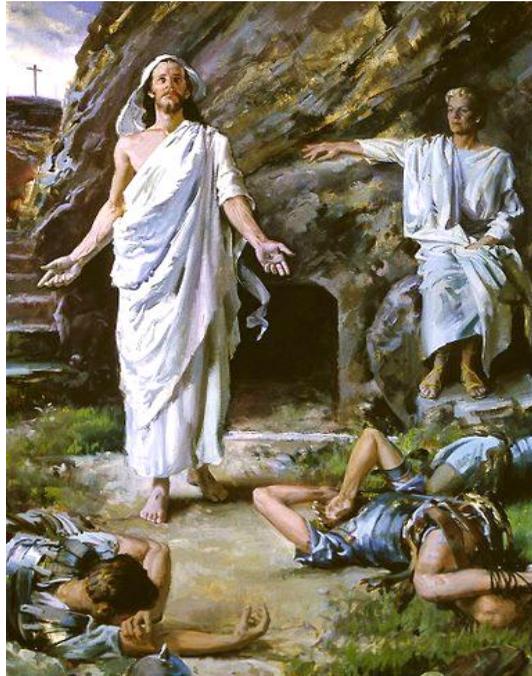


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The Second Sunday After Easter  
April 15, 2018

*“The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.” (Psalm 18:46)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 118 (page 148-149 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 188** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”*

A Service Of The Word (page 22, Worship Supplement)

**FIRST LESSON:** 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – <sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. <sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup> My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*responsively*) – Psalm 98

**L:** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

**C:** HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS HOLY ARM HAVE GAINED HIM THE VICTORY.

**L:** The LORD has made known His salvation;

**C:** HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS HE HAS REVEALED IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS.

**L:** He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**C:** ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.

**L:** Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

**C:** SING TO THE LORD WITH THE HARP, WITH THE HARP AND THE SOUND OF A PSALM,

**L:** with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

**C:** LET THE SEA ROAR, AND ALL ITS FULLNESS, THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL IN IT;

**L:** let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

**C:** FOR HE IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH. WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS HE SHALL

JUDGE THE WORLD, AND THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY.

SECOND LESSON : Luke 24:36-49 rise

<sup>36</sup> Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" <sup>42</sup> So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And He took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."



THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 764 (Worship Supplement) "God Of Grace And God Of Glory"

SERMON: Acts 4:8-12

**FORGIVEN, AND CALLED TO SERVE**

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup> if we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."



OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 207:1-4 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "Like The Golden Sun Ascending"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 207:5-6 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "Like The Golden Sun Ascending"

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WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. After church in our BIBLE STUDY we're discussing the CLC general pastoral conference's response to the WELS/ELS/CLC JOINT STATEMENT.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Bible study at 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Tyler Louderman. OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS after our Bible Study. North Aurora Care Center Service: 3:00 PM, Batavia Rehab Center Service: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,100.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our attendance last Sunday was 13. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$2,476.25.

VOTERS MEETING TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, on SUNDAY, APRIL 29.

CLC NEWS: Valerie Hammett has accepted the lower grade part time teacher call issued to her by Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. Amy Mielke has accepted Messiah's full time 3-4 grade teacher call. Jane Murch and Valerie Hammett have returned their music teacher calls. Lisa Noeldner now has the call to this position. Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Mathew Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has the call to Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, and the call to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI. Professor Steven Sippert has accepted the call to serve as ILC President for the next two years. The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the one graduate from the ILC teaching program, Michaela Winters, to Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.

DORM SUPERVISOR NEEDED AT ILC: ILC is in need of a boys' dormitory supervisor for the 2018-19 school year. Men who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position who are interested in applying should contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu, 715-523-1138) for an application or for more information. The deadline for applications is May 21.