

Second Sunday of Easter



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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin (John 20:24). Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF QUILTS

OPENING HYMN “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #384

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed!

C **Alleluia!**

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

The Easter season is seven Sundays, when we ponder the mystery of Christ’s presence. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become
the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vs. 1 & 5) ELW #389

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection.
By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the
resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early
Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their
fellow believers who were in need.*

PSALM 133

L ¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

C ²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

L ³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

LESSON: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Walk by Faith”

(vs. 1-3) ELW #635
(Alt. tune: ELW #452)

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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 Pilot,
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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P Holy God, we give you thanks and praise *John 20:19-22*
for light and life and love, and—above all—the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

INVITATION TO FIRST COMMUNION

P At this time, we are delighted to invite forward Tosten who participated in the First Communion classes and learned about communion.

P Today we join with this young person and his family to again break bread in the presence of the risen Lord and have our eyes opened and our hearts burn with faith, with hope and with love.

C **We gladly join with you at the Lord's Table today, one in Christ through the mystery of this gift of life and the promise of God's most holy word.**

P Let us pray together.

C **Dear Lord, throughout time your word told us of and promised us your steadfast love. In this sacred meal that we are about to celebrate, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes with forgiveness and new life in bread and wine and your word and Holy Spirit. May our hearts be opened to your presence and goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	"Lamb of God"	page 154
	"The Day of Resurrection!"	ELW #361
	"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"	ELW #380
	"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"	ELW #619

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

**CHARGE

P Let your life be a sign of Christ's life *John 20:29-31*
so that others may come to believe that the Lord is risen indeed.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Thine Is the Glory" ELW #376

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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