

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WEEKEND OF  
APRIL 18 AND 19, 2020

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**St. Luke RADIANT (e-worship)**



**“Jesus and Thomas – Come and See and Believe”**  
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# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Prelude

## GATHERING

### Invocation

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Call to Worship

By his resurrection Christ broke apart the gates of death,  
**and opened to us the way of life,**  
announced victory to the women and apostles  
**and brought salvation to the whole world,**  
annihilated the power of death and renewed the entire creation,  
**gave us the promise of resurrection**  
so that we might rise with him in new life!

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## WORD

### First Reading

**Acts 2: 14a, 22-24**

*Pew Bible, page 992*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>“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 - <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm (Read Responsively)

## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Second Reading

## 1 Peter 1: 3-9

*Pew Bible, page 1103*

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

## Children's Sermon

## Gospel Acclamation

*Let Us Rejoice, excerpt*  
*Marty Haugen*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Holy Gospel

**John 20: 19-31**  
*Pew Bible, page 989*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>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 any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <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 come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

Courageous Thomas

*Pastor Wayne*

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 635

*We Walk by Faith,  
to the tune, NEW BRITAIN  
"Amazing Grace"*

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:

4 For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.

5 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.  
Music: NEW BRITAIN (CM) W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*,  
1835. arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

## The Nicene Creed

*The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent,  
Christmas, Easter, and on festival days.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

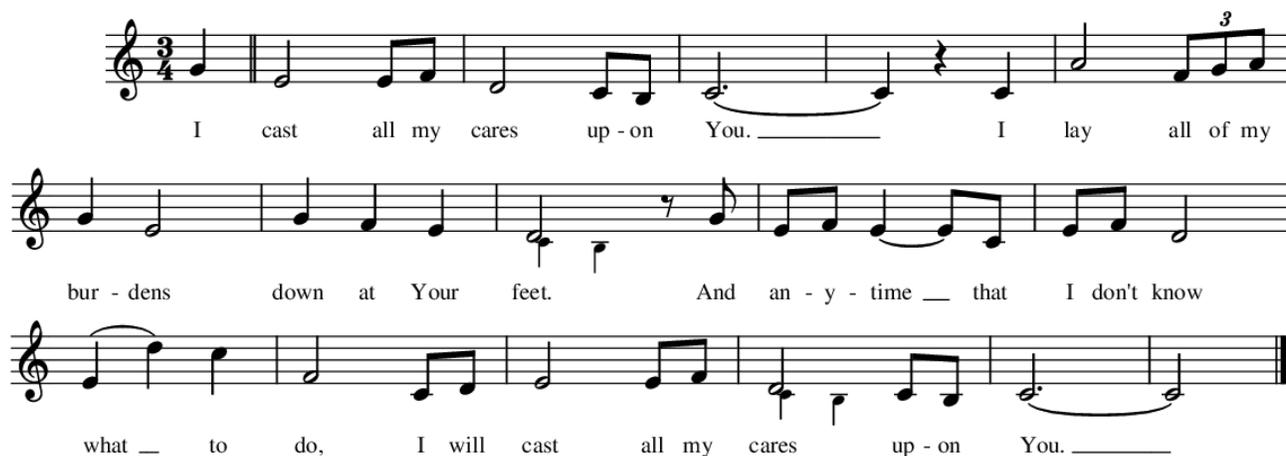
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

### Prayer Hymn W&P 27

### Cares Chorus



I cast all my cares up - on You. I lay all of my  
bur - dens down at Your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know  
what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on You.

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—response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

—response after the final petition: **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Within a household, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and offer a prayer for our siblings in the virtual household.*

## THANKSGIVING

### Offering

We are invited to joyfully give our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church. We may send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>.

*Our St. Luke "bucket of change" offerings for April will go to ELCA World Hunger, even now – especially now, we share with those in need at home and around the world.*

### Offertory Music and Liturgical Dance

*Lord of the Dance*  
Lyrics: Sydney Carter, b. 1915  
Music: LORD OF THE DANCE,  
a Shaker melody, arr. Sydney Carter  
Liturgical Dancer: Lauren Hollowwa

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing (Benediction)**

*-response after the prayer: Amen.*

# Sending Hymn

## *I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)*



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I  
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But  
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The  
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's  
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I  
they would-n't dance, and they would-n't fol - low me; I  
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They  
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And  
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But  
live in you if you'll live in me: †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
came with me and the dance went on.  
left me there on a cross to die.  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915

Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, Irregular; adapt. from a traditional Shaker melody by Sydney Carter, b.1915

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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