

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

OPENING HYMN “IN THEE IS GLADNESS” LSB, PAGE 818

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠SERVICE OF THE WORD

✠PSALM 148 (*Antiphon: V. 13*)

Pastor: ¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

People: **praise Him in the heights!**

Pastor: ²Praise Him, all His angels;

People: **praise Him, all His hosts!**

Pastor: ³Praise Him, sun and moon,

People: **praise Him, all you shining stars!**

Pastor: ⁴Praise Him, you highest heavens,

People: **and you waters above the heavens!**

Pastor: ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!

People: **For He commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: ⁶And He established them forever and ever;

People: **He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Pastor: ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,

People: **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

Pastor: ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,

People: **stormy wind fulfilling His word!**

Pastor: ⁹Mountains and all hills,

People: **fruit trees and all cedars!**

Pastor: ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,

People: **creeping things and flying birds!**

Pastor: ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,

People: **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Pastor: ¹²Young men and maidens together,

People: **old men and children!**

Pastor: ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,

People: **for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

Pastor: ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for His people,

People: **praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

✠ KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

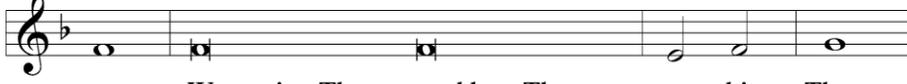


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

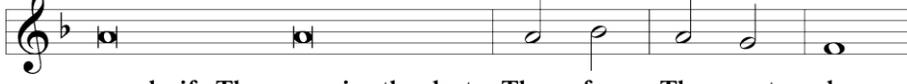
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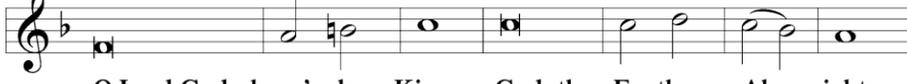
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



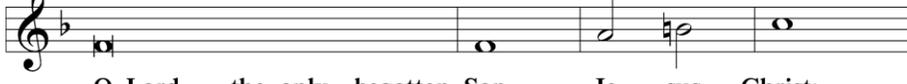
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



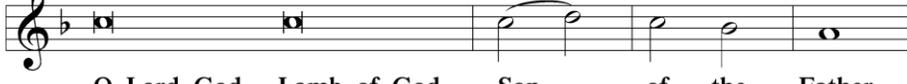
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



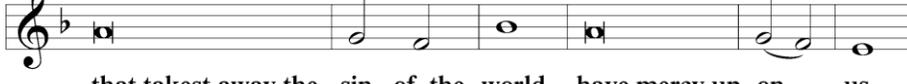
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



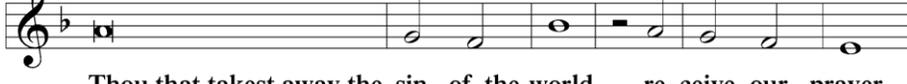
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



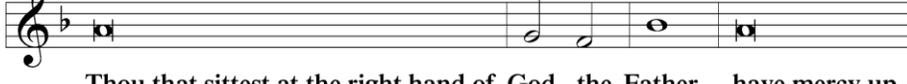
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



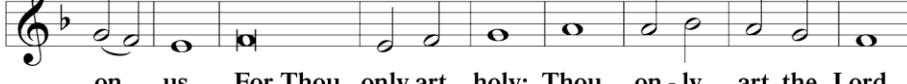
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



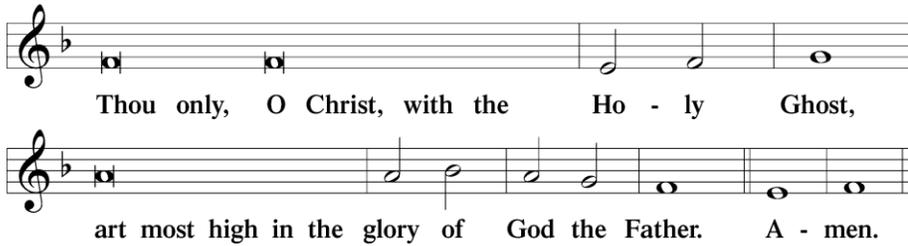
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



† SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ Amen.

THE FIRST READING --- ACTS 5:29-42

Reader: The first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is from the fifth chapter of Acts

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, Whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*adapt. From Matt. 28:7, Ps. 8:6*)

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: **He Has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE --- 1 PETER 1:3-9

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of 1 Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL --- JOHN 20:19-31

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

People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR" *LSB, PAGE 527*



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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THE SERMON "GUARDED THROUGH FAITH"

✠ **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

✠ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

✠ **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "PRESERVE YOUR WORD, O SAVIOR" LSB, PAGE 658



1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

5 Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor
In Your eternal light.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 116:1-14; Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK: People are getting in to or are thinking about planting gardens etc. What about that seed that is a few years old? Is it even worth taking time to put it in the ground?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: Deuteronomy 24--30

1. Review Deuteronomy 24:17--22. Describe how God desires His people to treat those who are in need, even those in need who are not among the fellowship of believers. See also Hebrews 13:16.
2. Those who have fallen into thinking, "I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart" (Deuteronomy 29:19), have swallowed one of the devil's most convincing lies. In his second epistle, Peter writes about this same expression of unbelief. According to Peter, what quality of God's Word are the scoffers failing to acknowledge? See 2 Peter 3:3--7.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Did the soldiers wonder about Jesus in years to come? Surely, a Man of such power could have avoided the cross. But that wasn't what Jesus was doing with His authority. He was in charge that night, because He was about the business of saving us. And now that He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we know that He is in charge of everything in heaven and earth—and we are safely His forever." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministeries--* **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org**

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

April 19 – Easter II –Conditions like cancer and dementia pose significant struggle. Pregnancies affected by poverty, disability, or sexual assault involve read difficulties. Abortion or physician-assisted suicide may seem like resolutions. Yet intentionally ending innocent life opposes God and will fail (Acts 5:38-39) to secure any ultimate peace or comfort. Instead trust, wait, and rejoice (1Peter 1:5-6): God's gifts and His works—even amid suffering—no one and nothing can overthrow.

CORONA VIRUS: Due to the corona virus the elders chose not to have church services until further notice. Unfortunately, the virus does not prevent the bills from coming in and needing to be paid. We were over \$2700.00 short of meeting our expenses for the year as of Feb. 29,2020. Consequently, we are asking for your help. If you could please make your monthly or weekly contributions to the church it would be very helpful. You can drop it off at the church, put it in the locked church mailbox or mail it to the church at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1505 College Ave. Alamogordo NM 88310. I want to thank you in advance for your faithfulness and generosity to the church. God's Blessings, Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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Sunday	5:30 AM	Sunday	12:30 PM
Wed.	11:30 AM	Friday	8:00 AM
Friday	2:00 PM	Friday	6:30 PM

KFUO RADIO: This week on KFUO.org, dig into the book of Romans on Sharper Iron with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the book of Revelation with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear curious theological discussion with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (4/20 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org!

MISSION SUNDAY: This Sunday is Mission Sunday. Our mission for April is the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute in El Paso.

LWML: The Ladies Retreat planned for May 1-2 in Ruidoso is being cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions. Hopefully, we can look at rescheduling sometime this summer.

LWML RMD CONVENTION scheduled for June 5-7 in Keystone, CO has also been cancelled.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE is tentatively planned for AUGUST 15th. It is a prime opportunity for everyone to Be cleaning out closets, cabinets & sheds to preparation to contributing to the annual sale. Monies go To supporting our LWML Mission goals, activities, and church projects.