

*But God raised him
from the dead ...
it was impossible
for death to keep
its hold on him.*

Acts 2:24

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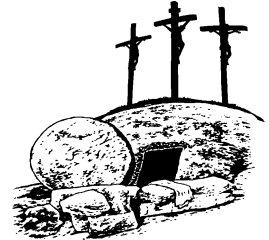
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2nd Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2011

Pre-service Meditation Psalm 116 pg. 148



A Communion Prayer

O dearest Jesus, in the council of the godly and the congregation of the Lord, I thank You with all my heart for remembering us by spreading such a bounteous table for our souls before You died. I praise You, most merciful Savior, with all my capabilities and energies. You not only gave Yourself as a sacrifice for my sins and the sins of the whole world by dying on the cross, but You also nourish us poor mortals with Your body and blood in Holy Communion. In this Supper You give us all those gifts of grace and the benefits You acquired. O Lord, the bread which we break is the communion of Your body given for us on the cross. The wine we drink at Your altar is the communion of Your precious blood, shed for us throughout all Your painful sufferings. Who are we to deserve such great proofs of Your goodness? Who are we that You draw near to us by uniting with us, closely that You are and ever will remain in us and we in You, as members of Your body? What return can we make to You for taking such a deep interest in our souls? You cleansed them from all transgressions and consequent condemnation. You applied to them Your perfect obedience, merits and righteousness giving Your own self as a pledge of our salvation. O dearest Jesus, You established a memorial of Your wonderful gifts to us in this Holy Super. May this Sacrament be a constant memorial in my heart of Your love and mercy. As often as I shall eat of this bread and drink of this cup, I will proclaim Your death, and tell in thankful strains what You have done for me. Redeemer and Savior, grant that by means of this blessed food and drink I may be strengthened more and more in my faith. Join me inseparably to You. Give me strength to lead a godly life upon earth. Assure me of eternal life in heaven for the sake of Your holy merits. Amen.

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Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 15



Psalm for the Day:

(from 1 Peter 2:2-3 and Psalm 105)

- P:* As newborn babes,
- C: Desire the pure milk of the word,**
- P:* That you may grow thereby,
- C: If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**
- P:* Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name;
- C: Make known His deeds among the peoples!**
- P:* Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
- C: Talk of all His wondrous works!**
- P:* Glory in His holy name;
- C: Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!**
- P:* Seek the LORD and His strength;
- C: Seek His face evermore!**
- P:* Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
- C: His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,**
- P:* He remembers His covenant forever,
- C: The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,**
- P:* As newborn babes,
- C: Desire the pure milk of the word,**
- P:* That you may grow thereby,
- C: If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**
- P:* Glory be to God!
- ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."**

- THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS -

**"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
 To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
 God showeth His good will to men,
 And peace shall reign with us again;
 Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."**

(TLH 237:1 adapted)

P: Let us pray - *Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of Your grace bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

ALL: ♪ "A - - - men"

Scripture Readings
"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - John 20:31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 PETER 1:3-9 Blessed *be* the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

P: Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Hallelujah!

ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Our Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to John, chapter twenty, beginning with the nineteenth verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

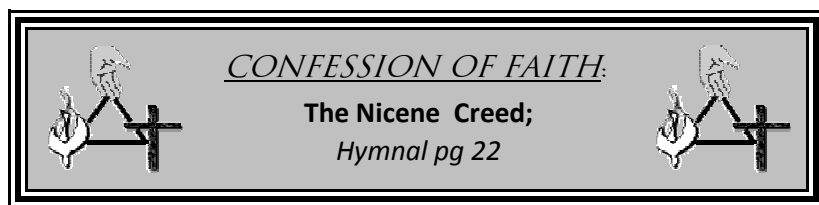
GOSPEL LESSON ~ JOHN 20:19-31 Then the same day at evening, being the

first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when

Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. 30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

P: *So far the Word.*

C: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**



Hymn 207:1-4

"Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

~ The Sermon ~

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them... (22) "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-- (23) this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. (24) God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. (25) For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; (26) therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. (27) For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. (28) You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' (29) "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. (30) Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him

that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, (31) he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. (32) This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. (ESV)

EASTER CONFIDENCE

- Jesus' confidence about Easter
- Our confidence from Easter

~ The Offertory ~

P: *Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Cor 15:20-22)*



♪ **He is arisen! Glorious word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heaven are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!**

**Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth--
He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen. (TLH 189)**

Hymn 207:5-6

"Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Communion Prep Hymn 312

"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

~ COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 24 ~

Communion Prayers can be found on pp 118-119
Distribution of the Lord's Supper



~ LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 29 ~

Hymn of the Month 728:3

"Christ Is Living"

(Verses 1-2 introduced by the choir)

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

NEW HYMN OF THE MONTH This morning we begin a new hymn of the month. It comes from the Easter section of our Worship Supplements, hymn 728, "Christ Is Living!" Both the words (Nicolas Martinez, 1917-72) and tune (Pablo D. Sosa, born 1933) have Spanish roots. (Original title in Spanish is, "¡Cristo vive, fuera el llanto.")

One of the themes of Easter is victory and triumph. After the sullen and somber season of Lent, the Church triumphantly sings of her Lord's victory over death as He rises from the dead. "Christ is Living!" does a fine job of capturing this attitude of the Church. In the first verse the Church defiantly singing of Jesus' resurrection, "Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more." We are reminded of the words Revelation 21:4, "**And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.**"

Also in the first verse the Church triumphantly sings, "Death and grave, you now are nothing; Christ is free of ev'ry power." Jesus won the victory over death and the grave. Paul writes of this in 1 Corinthians 15, "**Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?**" (15:54-55) Let us continue to defiantly voice the victory over death that is given to us by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ!

WATCH YOUR STEP!!! This past week the steps going from the entryway to the basement were replaced. The bottom steps have not yet been covered by carpet and may be a little bit slippery because of the wood. PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP!!! Thank you to all who put in the time this week to replace the steps and dug a deeper hole for the sump-pump under the steps (about 2 feet)!

SUMMERSCHEDULE The Voters are looking for date suggestions from the congregation for the following summer events:

- **Vacation Bible School** - Possible weeks for VBS are:
 - Week of June 27-31
 - Week of July 11-15 or 25-29
 - Week of August 1-5
- **Valleyfair/Twins Game** - Once again, we'd like to arrange a group outing to Valleyfair and try to include this year a Twins game at the new Target Field. Assuming most of June is out due to Camps and Conferences, the Twins play at home from June 27-July 6; July 14-24; Aug 5-10; and Aug 18-28 with various days off during those weeks.
- **Harvest Festival** - The Voters are leaning toward another afternoon service in August. Pastor John Klatt has been called and accepted to be our guest speaker. He is only available on either August 7 or 21.

The Voters plan to hold a special meeting on **NEXT SUNDAY (MAY 8)** to set these dates. Please discuss with your families and share your feedback with President Paul Hansen or Pastor Pfeiffer. Thank you!

This week at Prince of Peace...

Today -

- 10:25 Bible Class (Daniel 4) and Sunday School (OT33; NT54; NT41)
- 11:15 Adult Choir practice

Wednesday -

- 4:30 8th Grade Confirmation Class (@Schwabs)

Thursday -

- 7:30 Aberdeen Bible Class (origin of the devil)

Sunday, May 8, 3rd Sunday of Easter -

- 9:00 Worship Service
- 10:15 Special Voter's Meeting
- 10:25 Bible Class and Sunday School (OT34; NT55; NT42)
- 11:15 Adult Choir Practice

Sunday, May 22 - Confirmation Sunday

- 9:00 Confirmation Examination
- 10:00 Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

		Scripture:	Hymn:
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