



**MY  
LORD  
AND  
MY  
GOD!**

**St. John's  
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
APRIL 11, 2010  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**Prelude**

“Amazing Grace”

Janet Linker

**Hymn**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

LSB 549, sts. 1,5-7

*Please Stand for Last Verse*

**Invocation**

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

**C** *Amen.*

**Baptism**

9:15 am

*We rejoice at the baptism of Lucas Josiah Dhom*

*Son of Randall and Sara Dhom*

*Sponsors are Betsy Riedle and Josh Frye*

*Today the Dhom family also thanks the Lord for the memory of Sara's brother Josh Riedle*

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** *who made heaven and earth.*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

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

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** *Amen.*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 105:1-5,8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**C** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

- C** *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

- C** *Glory be to God on High,  
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** *Amen.*

*The Book of Acts supplies the First Lessons for these Sundays of Easter – showing us what the resurrection of our Lord meant to the first Christians. As the apostles continued their Lord's healing and teaching ministry, they experienced the opposition of the Jewish authorities, just as Jesus had. But even that provided opportunities to tell the Good News, as Jesus had told them it would.*

## First Reading

*Acts 5:12-20*

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet

*The Book of Revelation is a letter from John to the Christians of Asia Minor – but really is a letter from Jesus himself, whose Spirit gave John the visions it describes. It will provide the Epistle Lessons on the six Sundays of Easter. This introductory section portrays, not "Jesus meek and mild", but King Jesus, resplendent in glory.*

## **Epistle**

*Revelation 1:4-18*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from

his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The story of doubting Thomas is the traditional Holy Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter. We, who live in a science-oriented world that always looks for proof, have to be happy that Thomas was a questioner – and that all of his questions were fully answered by the risen Jesus.*

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 20:19-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

<sup>19</sup>On 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.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup>And 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 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.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <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 believed.”

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** **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.**

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

*8:00 am & 10:30 am*

**Hymn**

**“Amazing Grace”**

*LSB 744*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**☐** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

*Sit*

**Announcements & Record of Fellowship Is Shared**

**Offering**

**Organ Offertory**

**“Grace Greater Than All Our Sins”**

*Stand*

**Response**    “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”    *LSB 805*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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**Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB Back Cover or LSB 241*

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** *And with thy spirit.*  
**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** *Thanks be to God.*

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

- P** 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.  
**C** *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**Hymn**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477*

## **Postlude**

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**Elder:** Alan Phelps  
**Assisting:** Kevin Rankin  
**Ushers:** 8:00 am Troy Walker, John Kendall, John Schaljo  
9:15 am Robert Arnholt, Kurtis Rankin, Tom Roth  
10:30 am Mike Love, Alan Severson, Myles Coverstone  
**Acolytes:** 8:00 am Gabriel Stoll & Wyatt Schaljo  
9:15 am Jessica Youngblood & Emily Love  
10:30 am Riley Phipps & Shelby Phipps  
**Altar Guild:** Racheline Arnholt, Micki Rappe', Laura ZuHone  
**Driver:** Corinne Thomley (234-8748)

**Assisting in Worship Next Week - 4/18/10:**

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