



Christ is  
**STILL**  
Risen

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

My God and My Lord

April 27, 2025

## AS WE GATHER

‘Twas the week after Easter . . . and Jesus is STILL RISEN! He lives! And, because He does, so DO we and so WILL we! Because He lives, we can not only face tomorrow, but we can celebrate every breath we are given today with the full confidence that, no matter what transpires, we are HIS presently and eternally!

We are grateful this morning for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Dan May, who is filling in for Pastor John. Pastor John and Vicki are in San Antonio, Texas, taking care of their 2-year-old grandson, Dominic, for an entire week.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Billy Edwards

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## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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

All: Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ Arose”

**Low in the grave He lay – Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord!  
Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch His bed – Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead – Jesus, my Lord!  
Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away – Jesus, my Lord!  
Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: **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.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### SONG OF THANKS

“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the WEAK say, “I am STRONG,”  
Let the POOR say, “I am RICH”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us;**

**And now let the SICK say, “I am WHOLE,”  
Let the BOUND say, “I am FREE”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

## † GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY †

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 5:12-20

*(ESV page 1085)*

<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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

*(ESV page 1077)*

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to You, 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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S TALK

**LITTLE WORSHIP** (*Children from 5-10 years old are welcome to follow the Little Worship leaders for a worship time all their own during the sermon.*)

### SONG OF PREPARATION

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

LSB 720

*Solo: We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe Him near.*

**All: We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice and cry “My Lord and God!”**

**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.**

**For You, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word, beneath the bread and wine.**

**Lord, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.**

### SERMON

“My God and My Lord”

John 20:19-31

*Jesus knows us and still loves us. He came to strengthen His disciples and dealt compassionately with the doubt of Thomas who is a week late to Easter. Doubting is normal and Jesus knows what we need. He comes saying, "Peace be with you." Those are great words to hear!*

**OFFERING** *(You are invited to place your financial gifts to the Lord in the offering plates as they are passed through the pews. You can also give your one-time or recurring gifts to the Lord through the "Vanco Mobile" app for your phone or by clicking on the "Give" tab on our website.)*

**FOLLOWING CHRIST IN APRIL—Matthew 5:16**

*As we continue our 2025 Ministry Focus on the second portion of our Mission Statement, we focus on Jesus' mandates in Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

*How will I listen to and obey Jesus' mandate to "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" during the month of April? With the help of God, I will . . . \_\_\_\_\_*

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**OFFERTORY**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

[Piano Solo]

**CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE DAY**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

**All:** 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.

**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 His favor and † give you His peace. *(Numbers 6:24–26)*

**All: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## “He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

**Chorus:** He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me I see His loving care;  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last. *(Chorus)*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *(Chorus)*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

## POSTLUDE

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