

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021**  
**Preaching today is**  
**Pastor JoHanna Buchholz**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

**Gathering Song**- Alleluia, Jesus is Risen! (v. 1-3)

**Verse 1.** Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Verse 2.** Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Verse 3.** Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Kelsey Joy**

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**Greeting**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading- Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need

### **Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

### **Second Reading- 1 John 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

## **Gospel - John 20:19-31**

<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.

**Sermon** - "Unless I see . . ."

## **Song of the Day - "He Has Been Raised"**

Lost and frightened, feeling sadness  
someone you loved has gone away  
Seeking answers; finding questions  
Could it be true, what the people say?

He has been raised.  
He is not here.  
Can you believe your ears?  
Let go of all your hurts and fears.  
Jesus is alive!

We are struggling, we are wond'ring  
Can we walk the streets of faith?  
We are loved and we're forgiven  
Why don't we trust in these arms of grace?

He has been raised.  
He is not here.  
Can you believe your ears?  
Let go of all your hurts and fears.  
Jesus is alive!

Our mourning and weeping has turned to rejoicing,  
the stones from our tombs have been rolled away  
life has come from death today, now....

He has been raised.  
He is not here.  
Can you believe your ears?  
Let go of all your hurts and fears.  
Jesus is alive!

He has been raised.  
He is not here.  
Can you believe your ears?  
Let go of all your hurts and fears.  
Jesus is alive!

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love . . .

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Sharing of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

### **Offering**

*We give thanks for your continuous giving in support of the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran. For those worshipping today in-person, there is a basket at the back of the sanctuary where you may leave your offering after the service. Offerings may also be made online at [www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org](http://www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org), or mailed to the church office.*

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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

### **Blessing**

**P:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Sending Song** - Your Love is Everlasting

Your Love is Everlasting performed for worship by Hans Peterson, Michelé Crowder, Jeff Engholm, Steve Thompson, and Matthew Ian Fleming

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### **Dismissal**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!