

**Offering** *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



**Offertory Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

ELW #556

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

*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**

**Closing Hymn**

*Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW #595

**Sending:**

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022; 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Easter

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

*(Please sign the fellowship pads as they are passed)*

Bruce Bonander, President of the congregation

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**P: Easter! New Beginnings! Amen!**

**Opening Hymn**

*Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

Insert

**Prayer of the Day (All)**

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Acts 5:27-32

Kathy Reisenweber

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high

priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

## Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

<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 the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. 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.

## Alleluia Verse

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW #389 (vs. 2)

## Gospel

John 20:19-31

Kathy Reisenweber

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<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.

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children’s Sermon

Mary Lee

## Sermon

“Second Sunday of Easter across the Synod”

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson  
(Associate to the Bishop)  
SD Synod

## Hymn of the Day

*You Are My King*

Insert

## Apostles Creed

Brittany Gerovac

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**