

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

### Prelude

### Word of Welcome

*Stand as you are able*

### Gathering Hymn

'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' vs 1-3

**364**

### Greeting

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

**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.**

*Please be seated*

### Kyrie

pp. 138-139

### Hymn of Praise 'This is the Feast'

pp.140-141

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray

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.

**C** **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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

I John 1:1 – 2:2

<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. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say

that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'Christ is Risen!' (382-refrain)

C **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Risen our victorious head!**

**Sing his praises! Alleluia!**

**Christ is risen from the dead!**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Holy 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

'Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain'

**382**

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**Nicene Creed**

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## Prayers of Intercession

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## Peace

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

*Please be seated*

## Offering

*Stand as you are able*

## Offertory

'Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen' vs 1

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## Offering Prayer

A Be known to us, O Lord,

**C in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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*Please be seated*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand.*

*Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

## **Hymns at the Distribution**

'Lamb of God'	p. 146
'Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes'	<b>381</b>
'Now the Green Blade Rises'	<b>379</b>

*Stand as you are able*

## **Table Blessing**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

- A Life-giving God,  
C **in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

## **Blessing**

- P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C **Amen**

## **Sending Hymn**

'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' vs 4 & 5 **364**

## **Dismissal**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for volunteers to be Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. The lists are shortened as people adjust their lifestyles. All of the positions are done on a rotational basis. The more we have the less often the same person needs to be responsible. Assisting Ministers and Lectors rotate weekly and the Ushers rotate monthly. Please prayerfully consider this as your mission. Guidance will be given. If you can help, please let Pastor Dan or any council member know. Thank you for your consideration.

A huge thank you for all the extra hands setting up tables and chairs, prepping in the kitchen on Saturday or Sunday, putting items out for the buffet, cooking on Sunday and clean up at the end. Especially Ron Bailey for consuming all that coffee so the pots were lighter to move to clean up. Great job everyone.

Robbie Johnson and Carey Mackesy

**Worship Assistants: April 8**

**Greeters:** Mason –Marty Grow  
East – Carol Aldinger

**Assisting Minister:** Lois Hilger

**Lector:** Lois Hilger

**Liturgist:** Becky Luett

**Communion 8:30:** Ron Baily

**Communion 10:30:** Luann Seidl

**Ushers:** Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 04/01/18:** 8:30 am–87 & 10:30 am–20

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/29/18** No School

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.*

*There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.*

*If you are looking for a church home,  
you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Gladys Prah and James DeBaal.

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Ken Johnson; Lloyd Learman; Judy Cross

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Drew Gilbert; Kenny Verdegan.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

**Sunday 10% Giveback Program**-Go to Texas Roadhouse in Appleton on any Sunday with your church's bulletin or newsletter and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to the church.

Don't forget your items for **Faith in Action** the first Sunday of any given month. It is very much appreciated.

**HONEY DO LIST** Larry Baumbach has placed a sign up on the table in the narthex for things that you see around the church that need attention. Please help keep up the church with your suggestions.

Please continue to save your items for the **Rummage Sale** coming at the end of May. We ask that you keep your donations at home until at least May 1<sup>st</sup>. See the newsletter for more information.

**Adult Forum** is **TODAY** at 9:40 am. We will be looking at "Living the Toughest Teachings of Jesus."

**LID's for KID's:** There will be a collection box in coat rack area for you to drop off plastic lids/caps. Only plastic nothing with metal on it. The money will be used to purchase wheelchairs for disabled children in our community. Some common examples are: milk jug caps, soda bottle caps, water bottle lids, peanut butter lids, detergent caps, ice cream pail lids, cool whip, cream cheese or cottage cheese lids. We will make sure they get to the right place.

**The Luther College Collegiate Chorale** will be performing at First Presbyterian Church Neenah (200 Church St.) on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. This is the final stop on the group's 2018 spring tour. The ensemble is made up of 100 select junior and senior singers. A free-will offering will be taken at the performance. Conducted by Jennaya Robinson, Collegiate Chorale's program this year is "Prayers for Peace," including works by Kim Andre Arnese, Moses Hogan, Jake Runestad, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear an outstanding college choir perform! Contact the First Presbyterian Church Office (725-4391) with questions. We hope to see you there!

**Ruby's Pantry** is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. You normally get pizza, frozen food, canned goods, meats, bread and other assorted items (could be toilet paper or napkins, etc). In the Appleton area Ruby's is located at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at N1615 Meadowview Drive in Greenville WI 54942. They distribute food the first Saturday of the month. There is some information available on the table in the narthex. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our Faith In Action bags.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter **Devotional Books** are available in the narthex.

**GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday, April 8**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, Apr 9**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
- Tuesday, Apr 10** ..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting  
10:30 a.m. W&M Mtg  
6 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
- Wednesday, Apr 11**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, Apr 12**..... 10 a.m. Grilled Cheese  
10 a.m. -1 p.m. Salvation Army
- Friday, Apr 13**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Apr 14**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Apr 15**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**\*\*Newsletter Deadline Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>\*\***