

Doubting Thomas



April 7, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

*The Easter Proclamation

Easter Proclamation (*spoken boldly*)

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The angel spoke to the disciples, "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He is risen." Alleluia!

Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

*The Hymn *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"* #128

*The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*The Prayer of the Day

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.

The First Reading

-Acts 4:32-35

³²Now 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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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.

³⁵They 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.**

The Psalm

-Psalm 133

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

²**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.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

The Hymn

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

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The Second Reading

-1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We 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—²this 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—³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}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; ²and 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.**

*The Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Lord...”

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A reading from the Gospel of John.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel

-John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”²⁶ 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.”²⁷ 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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ 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.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ 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.**

The Children’s Sermon and Dedication of the Quilts (printed on insert)

The Sermon

The Hymn

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

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The Easter Creed and Baptismal Remembrance

Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people; now you are God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Yes, 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you renounce the devil and all evil works and ways?

Do you renounce your old, dead life?

Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!

Is it your desire to live as an Easter alleluia?

We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord. We will live as Easter alleluias!

*The Exchange of Peace

The Offering

*The Offertory

“Create in me...”

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*The Prayers

*The Lord’s Prayer

*The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*The Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*The Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

(printed on insert)

*The Silent Prayer

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able.

THE OFFERING TODAY and next Sunday is for current expenses.

PIGGY BANKS ARE needed **before Wednesday, April 11th** so all of the donations can be totaled up and sent to Lutheran World Relief.

THE TITONKA CARE CENTER invites you to attend an Antique Toy Show on **Thursday, April 11th at 2:30 p.m.** at the Titonka Care Center. Refreshments will be served after.

The Titonka Care Center invites you to attend a Quilt Show at the Titonka Care Center on **Saturday, April 20th at 2:30 p.m.** Refreshments to follow.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Today	4:15 p.m.	Youth Night meets at church to leave for the Grotto in West Bend at 4:30
		They will stop for supper on the way. No money is needed.
Wed., April 10	3:00 p.m.	Care Center Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sat., April 13	9:00 a.m.	4H in Fellowship Hall
Sun., April 14	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/ Holy Communion

THE CHURCH OF THE DAMASCUS ROAD can use our help! CODR is the prison ministry in the men's Fort Dodge Prison; Pastor Kelli Glasgo leads the ministry there. Visitors are welcome (with advance registration) at the worship services. "Connie's Closet" helps supply the Men's Halfway House (the re-entry program) with some basic needs - they can use the following items: **Used, clean and in good condition: men's coats, gloves, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL-3X), shirts (XL-5X), belts (all sizes), shoes (tennis shoes, black dress, non-slip and work boots), towels, washcloths, and plastic hangers. New: socks (size 6-12), underwear (L-3X).** There will be collection boxes in the back. Please bring your no later than **April 14th** and we'll connect with Pastor Glasgo at the Synod Assembly. Thank you!

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