



The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2009

*The Day of Olavus Petri, priest, (d. 1552) and Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, (d. 1573); Renewers
of the Church*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting One

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INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

***Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573;
Renewers of the Church***

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

The THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Pastor gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

Please follow the Cross of Christ as we gather and sing. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

“Christ is risen! Alleluia!”

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 KYRIE

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The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

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.

The PSALMODY

Psalm 133

How good and how pleas-ant it is to
live to-geth-er in u - ni - ty.

¹How good and how pleas-¹ant it is,
when kindred live togeth-¹er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-¹on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar¹ of his robe. Refrain**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the ¹hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life for- ¹evermore. *Refrain*

The SECOND READING

1 John 1:1—2:2

Chapter 1

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 — 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.

Chapter 2

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.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands

The HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Risen Christ"

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING: "Let All Things Now Living"

The assembly stands

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
 Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
 Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

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The LORD'S PRAYER

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

*To reflect the celebratory nature of the Fifty Days of Easter, **the Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail. Please remain standing.** Standing, a symbol of rising and resurrection, is the posture for the Fifty Days of Easter.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“We walk by faith”

ELW 635

“Peace, to sooth our bitter woes”

ELW 381

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray...Good Shepherd,
lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal
to bring joy and fulfillment to others.
Guide us on paths of justice.
Teach us to live for you as servants to one another.
Enfold us in your abiding love.
We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Children by the grace of God,
one in Christ,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
rejoice in the resurrection
and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The SENDING HYMN
“Let all things now living”

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The SENDING

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The SENDING MUSIC: “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

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The **Altar Flowers** are given by Mike & Doris Keener in memory of our daughter Debbie, who died one year ago today.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Mike & Doris Keener in memory of our daughter Debbie, who died one year ago today.

PRAYER CONCERNS— Tim Whitman, Judy Himes, Rick Staley, Dave Himes, Al Moser, Sam Seward, Margaret Cozart, Alvin Himes, Julius Haelterman (Elaine Jensen’s father) and all nursing home residents.



The Church landscaping crew is looking for donations to buy mulch, flowers, and stone for the memory garden. If you would like to donate to this good cause please mark your offering envelope with the amount you would like to go to **Landscaping** or place your donation in a brown pew envelope and mark it **Landscaping**.

On **Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:30pm** there will be a performance of *Godspell* at St. John UCC. The public is invited. There will be a free will offering to help offset the cost of travel for the performers.

APRIL AND MAY SOCIAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

The Social Missions committee is collecting baby items (especially diapers) for the United Methodist Church food pantry for the months of April and May. Any money collected in the Social Missions envelopes will be used to purchase diapers for the Food Pantry. Remember that all items donated to the Methodist Food Pantry are given to those in need in our area.

We are collecting:

Diapers (last year we donated over 60 packages of diapers in a one month period-the challenge this year is to donate 100 packages of diapers (remember we have a 2 month period to work with this year).

Other baby items being collected for the food pantry include:

Baby Wipes

Baby Soap

Baby Lotion

Baby Shampoo

Baby Q-tips



Vacation Bible School will be held from June 22 – 26, 2009. It will be held this year at St. John UCC. We are looking for teachers and helpers. If you would like to help please call Janelle Allensworth at 330-878-0400 or the Church Office. The VBS will also need 30 dozen cookies from First Lutheran for Wed., June 24th. There will be a sign up sheet located in the Narthex beginning the middle of May.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 4/19—4/26)

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| Sunday | <u>The Second Sunday of Easter</u>
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
3:30 PM—Cooperative Catechism (Social Hall) |
| Monday | 6:30PM – Social Missions
7 PM—Beach City Church Council (First, Beach City) |
| Tuesday | 9:30 AM—Bishop’s Easter Visitation (Grace, Dover)
12 noon – Rachel Circle |
| Wednesday | 10 AM— <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Thursday | 7 PM— <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Sunday | <u>The Third Sunday of Easter</u>
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |

Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week

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| Sunday | Worship |
| Monday | 5-9 |
| Tuesday | 9-5 |
| Wednesday | 9-5 |
| Thursday | 11-9 (includes <i>The Divine Drama</i>) |
| Friday | OFF |
| Saturday | OFF |

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***