SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 8, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

Acolytes – Olivia Adams & Gary Bockman
Cantor – Phil Como   Lector – Donna Malbon

†Stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today No. 369

Welcome
Sharing of Peace

Announcements – Barbara White (see page 9)

† Thanksgiving for Baptism

P:   Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All:  Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P:   Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

P:   We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.
All:   We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P:   We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow.
All:   We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

P:   We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman’s thirst with living water.
All:   We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

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P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

All: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus’ death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

All: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie

Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-enn prayer.
Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.

We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Renew us with your sav-ing pow’r; cre-ate in us new hearts!
Hymn of Praise

†Prayer of the Day (Unison)

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

Choir – Thine Is the Glory

Budry/Hoyle/Handel
First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

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. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 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. 35 They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The Word of the Lord.  All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson 1 John 1:1—2:2

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— 2 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— 3 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. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 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. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 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. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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; 2 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.  All: Thanks be to God.

†Gospel Acclamation
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.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.”

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

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

Message Labels Pr. Steve Beckham

†Hymn of the Day – *Christ Is Alive!* No. 389

Apostles’ Creed (please remain standing)

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

Prayers of Intercession (please remain standing)

The Offering is Gathered

Organ – *Awake, My Heart With Gladness* arr. Wilbur Held
†Offertory Prayer (please rise)

A: Let us pray,

Be known to us, O Lord, 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. All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right…and join their unending hymn …

†Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.
Invitation to Communion – (Please follow the ushers’ directions)

†Distribution of Communion

†Post-Communion Blessing

Benediction  All:  Amen.

†The Sending Song – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  No. 367

Dismissal

P:  Go in peace…  All:  Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Allegro  George Frederick Handel

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ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the Glory of God by Sandi and Galen Anderson for their wedding anniversary and son, Casey’s birthday.

TODAY – Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for coffee, juice and conversation… Ten minutes following, we will have Prayers for Healing. Please come to the front of the pews… New issues of The Lutheran and In Our Home devotionals are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Take one for your quiet time.

TUESDAY – There is no Adult Education. We are an election poll site.

WEDNESDAY – Choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Adult Education, 9 a.m. (Psalms) Worship, 10:30 a.m. Noisy Offering; Newsletter deadline.

BIRTHDAYS: TODAY – Lanae Caldwell. FRIDAY – Bev Pandora.

JOYS & CONCERNS – Judi & Al Mellow celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. We rejoice with them on this special occasion…Continue to keep Galen Anderson, Kay Berg, Don Melin, Judi Mellow, Janet Sims and those on the outside Prayer Wall in your prayers.