

The Third 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— ³what we have seen and heard we also declare to you 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. ²¹My 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Fourth Hymn: *congregation chooses*

The Gospel: John 20:19-31 *(please stand as you are able)*

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Fourth Hymn & Offering: *congregation chooses (you may be seated)*

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *“Give Thanks” (ushers bring offerings forward)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.

Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.

Statement of Faith: *“In Christ Alone” (please stand as you are able)*

**Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**Vs 2: What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.**

**Vs. 4: No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.* Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Geri Lindholm, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Rod Nardinger, Beth Carlson, and Gage Miller. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always, **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Meal and Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

Solo by Kayla Ryan

“Here Is Bread” #483

**Vs 1: Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**

**Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**Vs 2: Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]**

"Nothing But The Blood"

Vs 1: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Vs 2: For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

Vs 3: Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

Vs 4: This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

"Bless the Lord O My Soul"

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship your holy name.

Vs 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. [Chorus]

Vs 2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. [Chorus]

Vs 3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Final Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name. Sing like never before,
oh, my soul. I worship your holy name, worship your holy name

Hymn of Thanksgiving for the Holy Supper: *"Lamb Of God"* (please stand as you are able)

Vs 1: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Lamb of God, I'm asking you to take away my sin.
I confess that I've done wrong, I need your help again.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
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Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.

The Blessing: P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: congregation chooses

Dismissal: P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news
C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Hymn Sing Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Easter Litany: (stand as you are able)

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light
and our salvation.

C: Amen

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not
loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit
work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ
Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with
Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

First Hymn: congregation chooses (you may be seated)

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 apos-
tles 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Hymn: congregation chooses

The Second Reading: Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of
Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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