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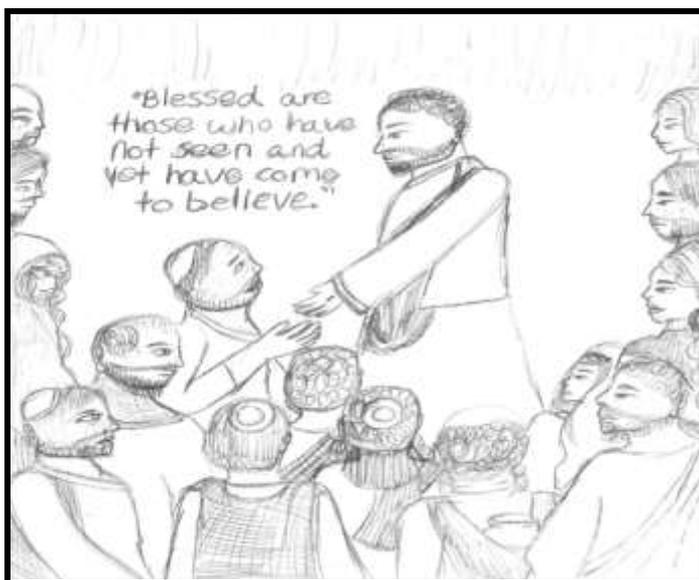
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*April 11, 2021*  
*Second Sunday of Easter*



## **John 20:29**

*<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."*

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***FM 88.9***

*Thank you for joining our service today.*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

**Tena Rackow**

**Welcome**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

**“We Walk by Faith”**

ELW #635

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

**2nd Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

P: Holy Gospel according to John **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.**

### Message

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;  
stand forth in mighty conflict in this his glorious day.  
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.  
(Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus verse 2)

**Hymn      “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”      LBW #389**

### Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.    **C: And also with you.**  
*Leader will lead the prayer.*

*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, Tim Tessendorf, the Heimann Family, Janet, Lori, J.T., Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeili, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Sue, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, the Anthony Nelson family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Norma, Tyler’s Justice Center for Children, and those serving our country especially Kyle. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Alvin and Lois Niesman*

*Prayer will conclude with the Lord’s Prayer.*

## Sending

*God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

### Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☐ give you peace.

**Amen.**

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

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

**“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”**

ELW #382

*Psalm:133:1*



*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”*

## Announcements

**April 22—Luther Day—Many people, One Voice.**

Visit [LSSI.org/GSS](http://LSSI.org/GSS) to learn our call to social advocacy and become informed about current legislation affecting Illinois residence.

**April 25-Good Shepherd Sunday-**

On Good Shepherd Sunday, many congregations of the ELCA across the state celebrate their shared social ministry with LSSI.

*Attendance March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

*In-person~25*

*On-line views~54*

*On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.*