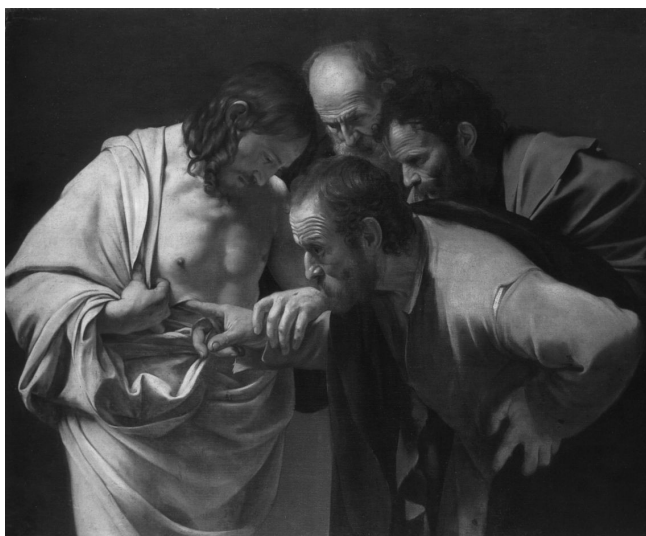


Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Quasimodo Geniti
The Second Sunday of Easter
15 April 2012



**Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed**

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A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

The Offering

In the service, members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church before the Service of the Sacrament.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young chil-

dren won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar. However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor *before the service*, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. **We are not condemning anyone with this practice**; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

If you are not communing with us today, please do come forward to receive a blessing.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

A note on the service:

Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.

The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the hymnal, where Psalm 1 is also page one, and the first hymn is 331, following page 330.

It helps to follow the service if you use this service bulletin as a bookmark.



700 *Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P What is Baptism?

C Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

P Which is that word of God?

C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Introit (Ps 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)



A Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word.
Alle- | luia.

C Sing aloud to | God our strength,*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

A In distress you called, and I de- | livered you,*
I answered you in the secret place of
thunder.

C I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land
of | Egypt.

A Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.
and with honey from the rock I would
sat- | isfy you.

C ❖ *Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**
and to the Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

A Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word.
Alle- | luia.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *“Peace be with you.”* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *“Receive the Holy Spirit”* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Old Testament reading—Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we

are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.’”

Epistle Reading—1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Alleluia & Verse (Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c)

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

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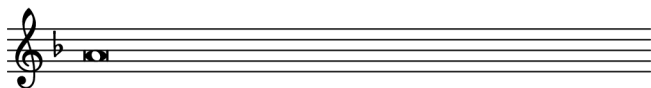
He has risen from the dead,*

and behold, he is going before you to Gali-lee.

PTO



Alle - lu - ia. Alle - lu - ia. Alle - lu - ia.



Eight days later, Jesus came and stood among



them and said,* “Peace be with you.”



Alle - lu - ia. Alle - lu - ia. Alle - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—John 20:19–31

[L] The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



[C] Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this

book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

470 Hymn: O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

193 *Prayer of the Church*

Offering

458 Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (verses 1, 3, 5–7)

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

482 Hymn: *This Joyful Eastertide*

Sunday School Presentation

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Ron

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE XXVIII: CHURCH AUTHORITY

The authority of the Keys, or the authority of the bishops—according to the Gospel—is a power or commandment of God, to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer Sac-

raments. Christ sends out His apostles with this commandment, “As My Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld” (John 20:21-22). And in Mark 16:15, Christ says, “Go preach the Gospel to every creature.”

This authority is exercised only by teaching or preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, either to many or to individuals, according to their calling. In this way are given not only bodily, but also eternal things: eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. These things cannot reach us except by the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, as Paul says, “The Gospel ... is the power of God for salvation to everyone that believes” (Romans 1:16). paragraphs 5-8

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
The Week Ahead		
18 Apr	1pm	Pastor’s Surgery (<i>The Highlands Hub</i>)
19 Apr	7.30pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
22 Apr	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
Further ahead		
25 Apr	1pm	Pastor’s Surgery (<i>The Highlands Hub</i>)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
26 Apr	7.30pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
29 Apr	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
2 May	7.30pm	Finance Meeting (Parsonage)
5 May	Barbecue at the Parsonage (<i>tbc</i>)	
6 May	10.30am	Divine Service at St. Francis, Funtley
27 May	<i>Scout Hall unavailable for service. Venue tbc</i>	

Next Sunday’s Readings:
Ezekiel 34:11–16; 1 Peter 2:21–25; John 10:11–16

Daily Readings:	
Sun:	Exodus 20:1–24 Luke 4:1–15 <i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII: 35–41</i>
Mon:	Ex 22:20–23:13 Luke 4:16–30 <i>FC SD VII: 42–47</i>
Tue:	Ex 23:14–33 Luke 4:31–44 <i>FC SD VII: 48–51</i>
Wed:	Ex 24:1–18 Luke 5:1–16 <i>FC SD VII: 52–58</i>
Thu:	Ex 25:1–22 Luke 5:17–39 <i>FC SD VII: 59–61</i>
Fri:	Ex 31:1–18 Luke 6:1–19 <i>FC SD VII: 62–68</i>
Sat:	Ex 32:1–14 Luke 6:20–38 <i>FC SD VII: 69–72</i>