

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church and School

“Christ, Our Life”

Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024 + 8:30 am

MATINS

(page 219 in the Lutheran Service Book)

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **OPENING VERSICLES** (page 219 in the LSB)

* **PSALMODY** (using the common antiphon and **VENITE** on page 235-237 in LSB)

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (as “Additional Psalms,” parts of Psalm 130 & 51)

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

C: Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

C: According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

P: (We pause for silent confession of sins) Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OFFICE HYMN #470:1, 4-8 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE (followed by responses on page 221 in LSB)

First Reading: Acts 4:32–35

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

Choir Anthem: “I Can See” by David Meece & Gloria Gaither

* **Gospel Reading:** John 20:19–31

* **RESPONSORY** (the one for Easter on page 222 in LSB)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE: “Christ, Our Life: Our Lord and God”

* **CANTICLE** (As the Te Deum we sing **Hymn #941:** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You”)

* **KYRIE** (page 227 in LSB)

* **LORD’S PRAYER** (page 227 in LSB)

* **COLLECTS** (beginning with the chant on page 227)

* **COLLECT FOR GRACE** (page 228 in LSB)

* **BENEDICAMUS** (page 228 in LSB)

* **BENEDICTION** (the first one listed on page 228 in LSB)

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **CLOSING HYMN #720:** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY (4/7)

Presiding and Preaching: Rev. Daniel Maske

Organist: Keith Eiser

Lay Ministers: Mark Kahle, Dave Drzewiecki

Ushers: Don, Mike & Rich Crampton
Dave Drzewiecki

Greeters: Aaron Allen, Nonie Knight

Children's Message: Kathy Taylor

Lector: Heather Crampton

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/14)

Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Keith Eiser

Mel Schroeder, Dave Drzewiecki

Don, Mike & Rich Crampton

Dave Drzewiecki

Jean VanLente, Linda Bischoff

Greg Johnson

Peggy Makowski

Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving 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 were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And 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 is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say 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 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20:19-31

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; ³¹ but 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.