

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

April 11, 2018



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

***Making known
by Word and Action
the Healing Presence of God
in Christ Jesus with Us
and with the World.***

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MY LORD and My GOD



Thomas is seldom remembered for anything other than his doubt. In our quest to find relatable biblical characters, we often leave Thomas as a man who needed evidence—*proof*. We may miss his bold confession: “*My Lord and my God!*” While the other ten disciples had seen Jesus eight days earlier, *none of them* confessed as Thomas did. And *none of them* believed until Jesus appeared to them and spoke His Word to them. Focus today not on Thomas’s *doubt* but rather on his *confession of faith*.

OPENING HYMN “O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB 470

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the
 Who sits and speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will
 A - mong them came their mas - ter dear And said, “My
 That they had seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 go to Gal - i - lee.” Al - le - lu - ia!
 peace be with you here.” Al - le - lu - ia!
 the dis - ci - ples’ word. Al - le - lu - ia!

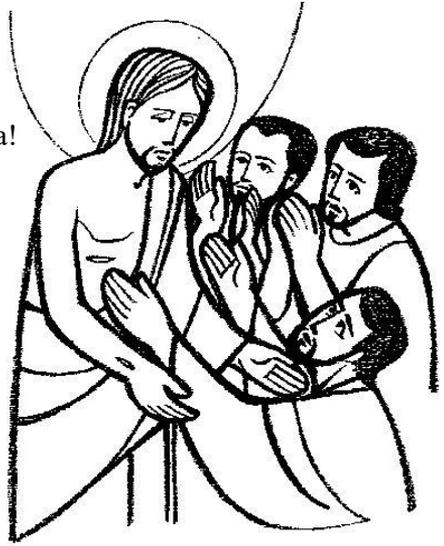


6 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!



INVOCATION *and* OPENING SENTENCES

P In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P He brings us light

C that shines in our darkness.

P He brings us life

C that death cannot overcome

P God is light.

C In Him there is no darkness at all.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the Epistle, John writes, “*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*” Let us consider our sins so that we do not deceive ourselves with false righteousness.

Silence for reflection...

P Heavenly Father,

C we have chosen darkness instead of light. We have chosen death instead of life. Forgive us. Let Your light and life come to us again.

P John also writes, “*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” Having heard your confession, and trusting in God’s Word and promises, I announce

the sure and certain grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of the risen Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

C Amen. *“We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”*

HYMN OF PRAISE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice...” **LSB 475**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C Amen.

**PUT
YOUR
FINGER
HERE**



FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

EPISTLE READING

I John 1:1–2:2

GOSPEL LESSON

st John 20:19–31

SERMON HYMN

“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”

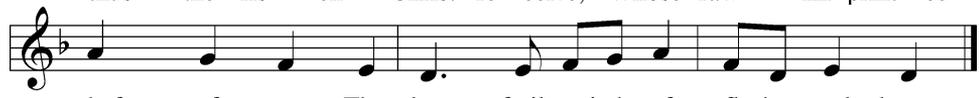
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1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the
keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -
one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers
thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



left of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.
read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.
palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

SERMON

*“Jesus’ Gifts to Holed-up Disciples:
Peace, Pardon, and Resurrection
Hold Up the Disciples!”*



Baptized
IN THE NAME OF THE
THE Son AND THE
Holy Spirit
Father



HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

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1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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alive in Christ

baptism

dead to sin

RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2

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- P** O Lord, **C** have mercy.
P O Christ, **C** have mercy.
P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

VERSICLES

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
P In the day of my trouble I call upon You;
C for You answer me.
P Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
P For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.



- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your Name.**
P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your Name forever.**
P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**
P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{ each petition ends “*Lord, in Your mercy:*” response: “*hear our prayer!*” }

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

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- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

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- P** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.
P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
 Amen.

SONGS BY REQUEST ...

