

Second Sunday of Easter

Quasimodo Geniti

8 April 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT

Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



*Like newborn infants, Alle- / luia, **

long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alle- / luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*

shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

*In distress you called, and I de- / livered you;**

I answered you in the secret place of / thunder.

I am the | LORD your God, *

who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

*Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;**

and with honey from the rock I would sat- / isfy you.

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.

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long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alle- / luia.

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

VERSE

Matt. 28:7b; John 20:26a,c

Alleluia. He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Alleluia.

Old Testament: 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. "And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. "And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." "Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. "And 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." "So 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. "And 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. "Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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." "So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. "Then 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 clean cut off.' "Therefore prophecy, 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. "And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. "And 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: 1 John 5:4-10

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. "Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

"This 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. "For there are three that testify: "the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. "If 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. "Whoever 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.

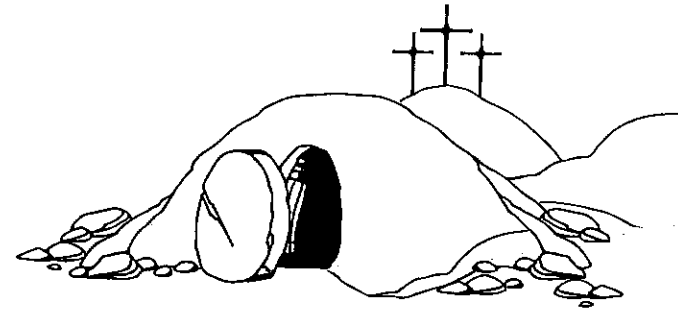
Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

"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." "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." "Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. "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." "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." "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." "Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" "Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; "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.

- Jesus continues to appear to the disciples on Sunday, the eighth day. This is the third time that Jesus declares His Peace which the world cannot give to them (See John 14:27-31). This peace is not external, temporal, or political, but it is eternal reconciliation with God.
- Thomas confesses the same words of John 1:1.
- "...God so arranged it that Thomas was not present, so that Thomas' unbelief might benefit us. . . . By his refusal to believe without seeing and feeling, Thomas laid such a foundation for the article of Christ's resurrection that we can have no more doubt about it" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 170).
- "[Jesus] showed His own hands, feet, and sides, as if to say, 'Here behold the wounds and scars that I received when I fought for you. By these learn of My great love which I have had toward you in that I gave life and limb for you, and for your sake overcame the devil, harrowed hell, slew death, and blotted out sin, and will now be gracious and merciful to you'" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 171).

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.

- "Signs"(Greek: *semeia*) – This is more than a miracle; it reveals God's mind and work (John 10:38). This is used 17 times in John.
- The Scriptures were written to give the hearer faith, which only comes through the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith is the gift and work of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). Faith confesses that Jesus is "My Lord and my God," as Thomas confessed. Without this confession no one can be saved (Romans 10:9-10).



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER QUASIMODO GENITI

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Roberto E. Rojas, Jr.

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

Introit:

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a – *The Spiritual milk of the Word*

Psalm:

Psalm 33 (antiphon: v. 6) – *The steadfast love of the LORD*

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 – *The valley of dry bones*

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

1 John 5:4-10 – *Overcoming the world*

Verse:

Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c – *He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*



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John 20:19-31 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the words of this Gospel to be written by John the Apostle around AD 90. This text is the historical account of Jesus' appearance to the disciples after His physical crucifixion and resurrection.

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.

- "The first day of the week"— Jesus appears to the disciples on Sunday evening, one week after His resurrection.
- The doors were locked because the disciples were afraid that they would be arrested for supporting Jesus against the authority of Rome. Yet Jesus manifests Himself in the flesh through locked doors by the power of His divinity.
- Jesus proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is the risen Lord. "[T]he very same Christ who was born of Mary and who was nailed to the cross truly rose again. It was He and no other, as He showed His disciples the scars in His hands and His side" (*Luther's Works* 28:150).

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.

- "Breathed on them"—Jesus delivers the Holy Spirit by breathing (Greek: *pneuma*) and speaking to them. The Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father, but also from the Son.
- Christ gives institutes the Office of the Holy Ministry and gives the authority to forgive sins (See Matthew 18 and the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer).
- "Why does Christ attach to the ministry the name keys of the kingdom of heaven? To indicate that the preaching of the Word is not a vain and useless babbling of words, but that the Holy Spirit is present in this ministry, is efficacious through it, and wants, by this means as with a kind of keys, the kingdom of heaven to be unlocked and many to be brought into it. Therefore, ministers of the Word should, by this term, since they hear that the keys of the kingdom of heaven have been given and entrusted to them, bestir themselves to speak of the doctrine of sin, repentance, faith,

forgiveness of sins, new obedience, etc., not coldly and lightly, nor only in general or superficially, as a story, but set it forth and apply it to their hearers faithfully and diligently, sure that the Holy Spirit wants to kindle, increase, strengthen, and preserve repentance, faith, and new obedience in the hearts of their hearers through this their ministry. . . . Similarly the name keys should admonish the hearers not to despise the Word and ministry and regard it as a vain sound of words by which only the ears are struck, but that they might know and be firmly persuaded that if they want to enter the kingdom of heaven, the approach and entrance is not given and granted to them except through these keys. . . . [L]et them not think that they are only words, and that of a man; but let them consider and firmly believe that it is the voice of the Holy Spirit Himself, bringing comfort to our hearts through this means, and that whatever is loosed on earth in that way is loosed and forgiven in heaven by God Himself, because it is done through the keys and the kingdom of heaven." (Martin Chemnitz, *Enchiridion*, paragraph 283).

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."

- Thomas didn't accept the testimony of the other disciples; rather he remained skeptical and demanded proof of Jesus' physical resurrection.
- "This account is helpful for unseasoned Christians who are still weak in faith, who never seem able to trust in God, and do not know how to get faith, and in whom there is no end of vacillation and doubt. These people are presented with a comforting example here in Thomas, who was deeply immersed in these thoughts of unbelief, and who took a great deal of effort before he was confirmed in faith" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 170).

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News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

FAMILY NIGHT has resumed and will continue for three more weeks, concluding on April 25th. Come join us for an end of the year PICNIC at 6pm on May 2nd!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 4/08 Michaela Novak, Elizabeth Hoins 4/09 LeRoy Thom, Rick Latta 4/10 Karter Purvis 4/11 Ben Hoins 4/12 Grace Wioskowski 4/13 Jon Botsch

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 4/09 Donna Bond, Carol Hansel 4/13 Wanda Portenier, Sue Fintel 4/14 Hunter Dalland

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

MENS' STEAK NIGHT- Monday, April 9th 6:00pm Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

VOTERS' MEETING 9:30am Sunday, April 22nd

LADIES OF PEACE: LWML has a meeting Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m. Bring your Mite Box and Layette items for our missions. Join us for fellowship, devotion, and dessert. Hope to see you there. To ride the bus, please call Diane Gundlach 402-463-7448.

LIFEQUOTE "Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." *Martin Luther - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

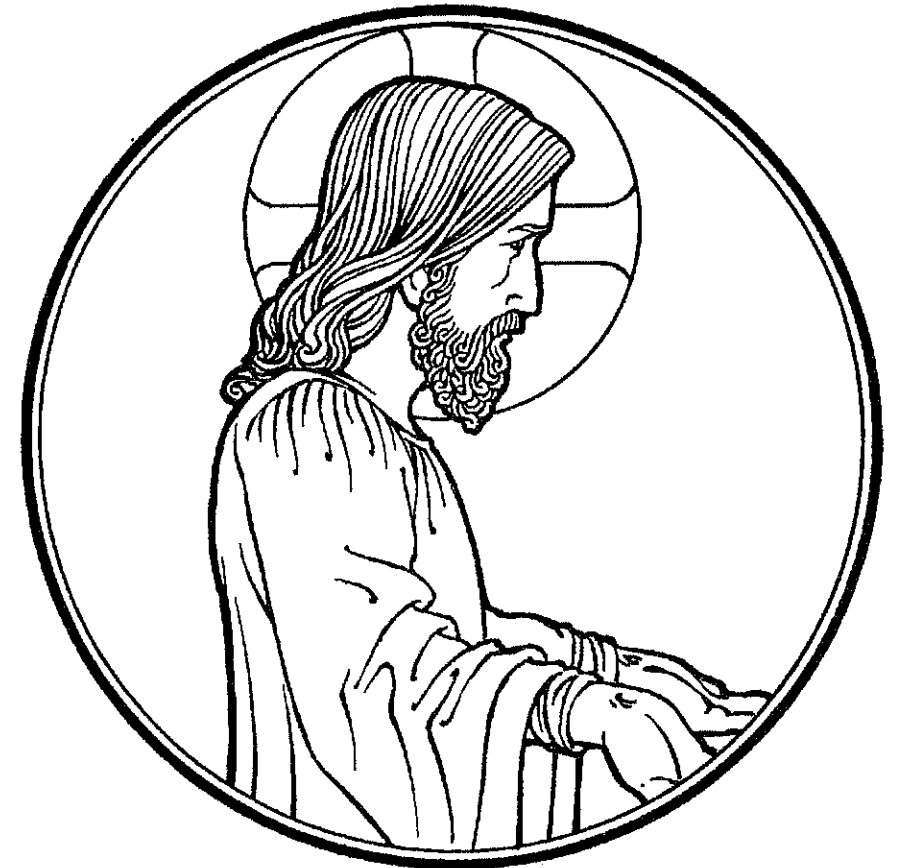
YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Proverbs 31 Woman, 2 Kings, Abraham's Visitors from Heaven, Confession & Satisfaction and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP Easter 2 (Quasimodo geniti)

John 20:19 - "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

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Quasimodo Geniti

April 8th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Barbara Thurin + Family of Paul Ohlsen **Newborn Infant** + Agnes Renee Erb daughter of Douglas & Erin Erb Hospice, **Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Phyllis Heath + Ron Davis + Janice Callan + Tonda Wolfe + Carol Metzger + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Olivia + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger **Cancer** + Andy Jacques + Taylor Cochrane + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 4/08 8:00am Merrick Russell 10:30am Annalicia Potter

Crucifers: Micah Mackay Rylie McAleese

4/15 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Violet Nunnenkamp

Crucifers: James Ellis Hunter Fowler

Altar Guild: Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe May Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka

Ushers: 8am Tucker Kehoe 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter Fowler

Elders: 4/08 Don N. 402-460-6430 4/15 Wes C. 402-984-4650

Bus Drivers: 4/08 Mike N. 402-469-4838 4/15 Gary O. 402-469-9797

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	333	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	191
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,767.20	<u>Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 68,350.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Feb Expense</u>	\$ 57,280.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 19,264.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 211,751.51

The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 8th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, April 9th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	4:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board
	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, April 10th	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Trustees and Elders Meeting
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday, April 11th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30am Lunch
	5:30pm	Family Night-Meal
	6:00pm	Classes & Choir
	7:00pm	Worship
	7:30pm	Senior Youth
Sunday, April 15th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Our Journey is Complete

Our theme for this Lenten Season has been, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Now in the Easter Season, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Processional Hymn #480

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Service of the Word

Introit *insert*

Kyrie p. 152

Hymn of Praise *"This is the Feast"*

Salutation & Collect

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

Alleluia & Verse

Gospel Processional

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day #470

Sermon John 20:19-23

"The Meaning of Peace"

Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory p.159

Service of the Sacrament

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Sanctus & Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns #618 #482 #490

"Thank the Lord" & Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #463

Postlude