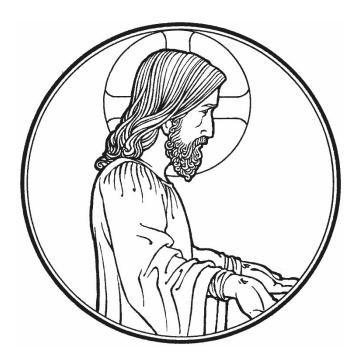
# **Brace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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A Congregation of The Lutheran—Church Missouri Synod Pastor Brian J. Thorson



# Quasimodogeniti: The Second Sunday of Easter

The Sunday of the Confession of Thomas 19 April A+D 2020

Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining us where Christ our Lord has promised to be with his gifts of faith, forgiveness, and everlasting life through His Word and Sacraments! **Guests**, please sign our guestbook. To all in attendance, please sign the **Red Attendance Books** as they are passed down the pews during the offering.

Today	's Service			
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# About This Service

This service is intended for our members to hear God's Word while services are suspended. Please sing along and participate in the service. Also, contact Pastor at 816-934-1741 (cell) or 660-259-2932 (church) to schedule Holy Communion. You may also schedule for Communion on our church's website at <u>https://www.gracelutheranlexington.org/register-for-holy-communion/</u>. Please send your offerings to the church. If you are mailing them, mark "offering" on the outside of your envelope.

## Serving Today at Grace

- Pastor Brian J. Thorson
- Organist Jennifer Thorson
- Altar Guild Marilyn Schelp
- Video Dan Lefholz

## Our Response to God's Grace

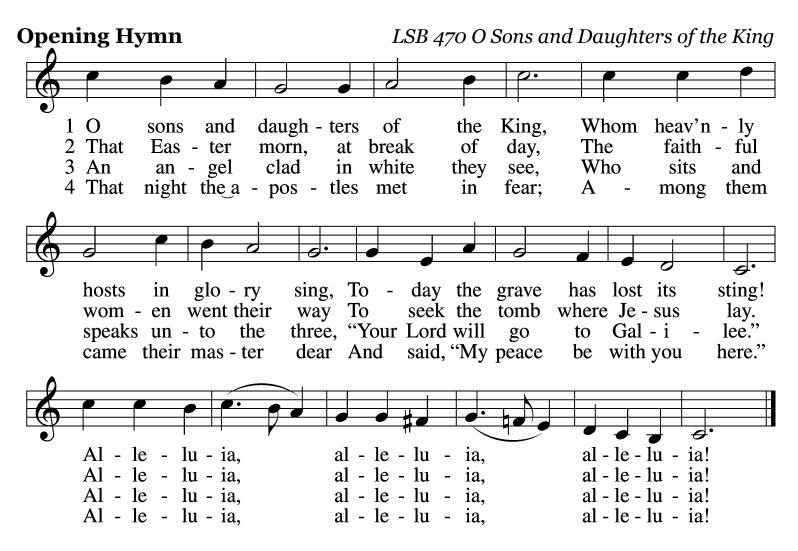
### **Present Last Week**

No services due to COVID-19.

#### **Offerings Last Sunday**

General	\$4545
KMMO Radio Missions	\$75
Seminarian Tom Goodroad	\$265
Local Lutherans for Life	\$125
Community Charity	\$85

# Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. –1 Peter 1:3



- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- No longer Thomas then denied;
   He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
   "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
   Be laud and jubilee and praise:
   To God your hearts and voices raise.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word,

and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

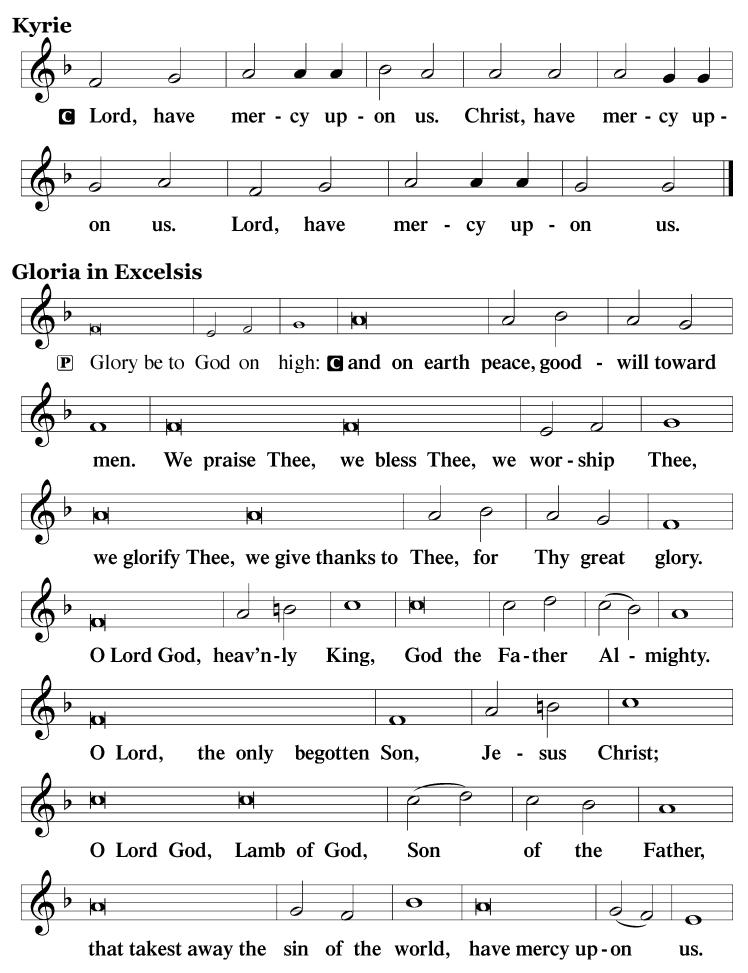
- **C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

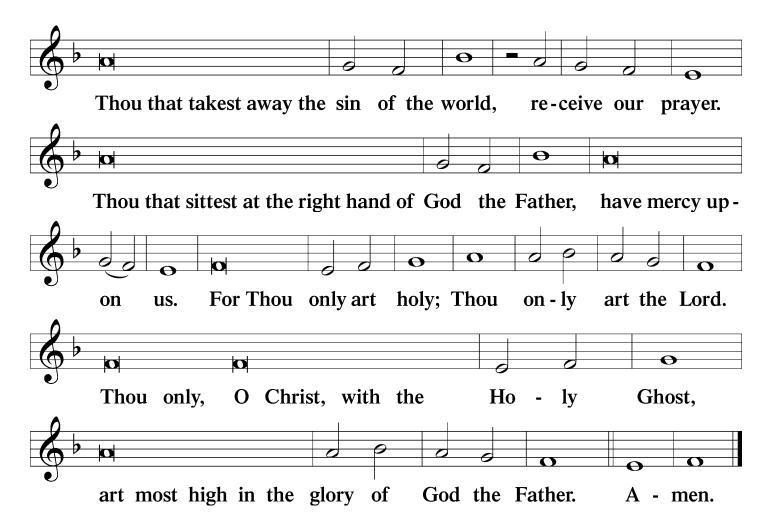
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD







## **Collect of the Day**

**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.

Be Seated

## **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will

### Ezekiel 37:1–14

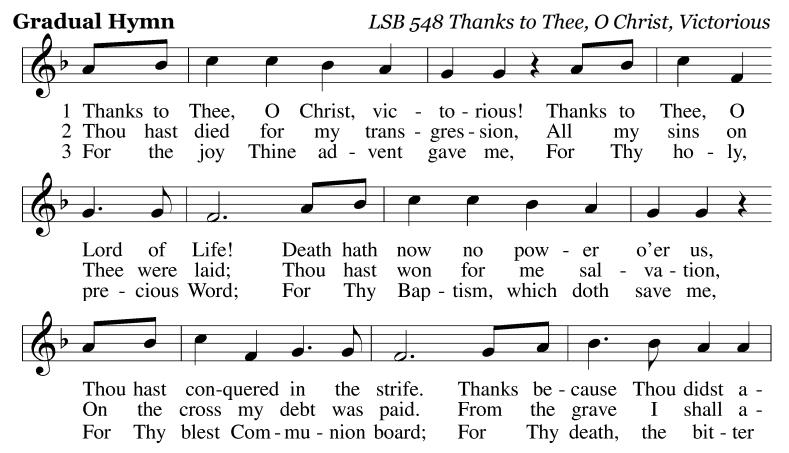
cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

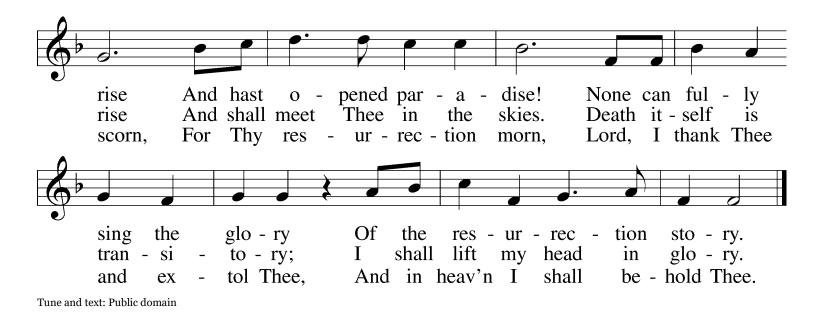
<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then 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." <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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,"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.





## Epistle

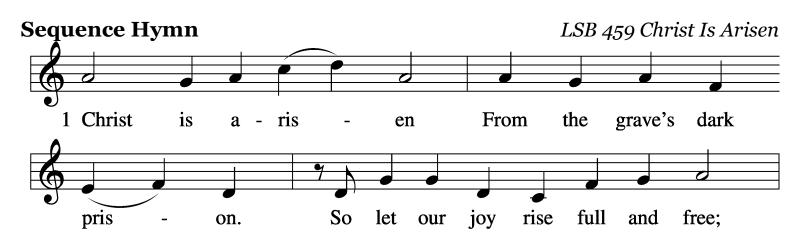
1 John 5:4–10

<sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



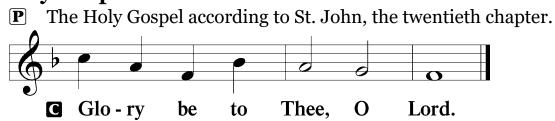


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## **Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-31

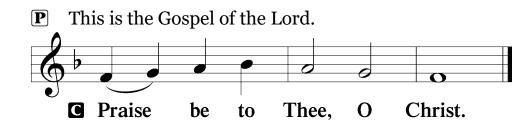


<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <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 believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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.



#### **Apostles' Creed**

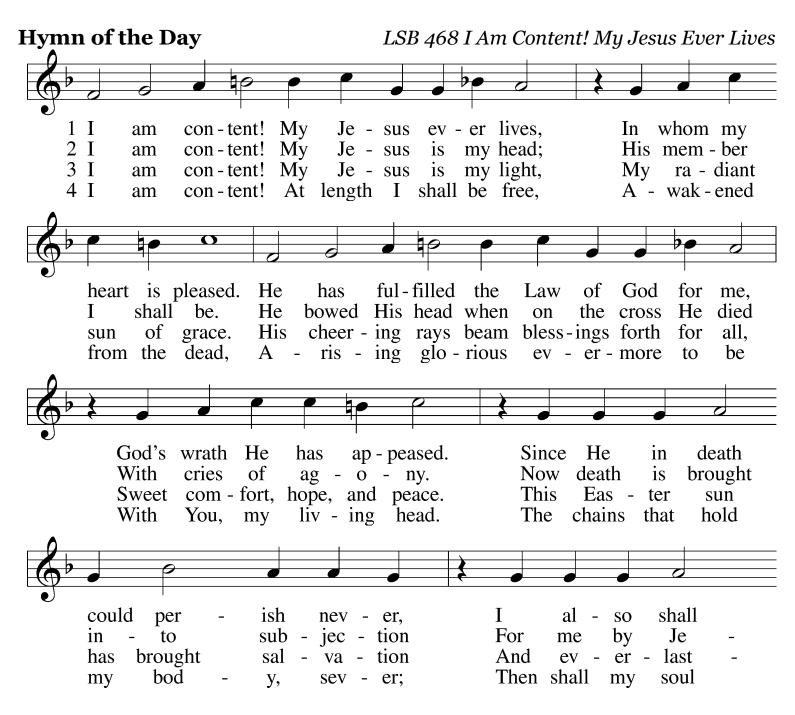
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

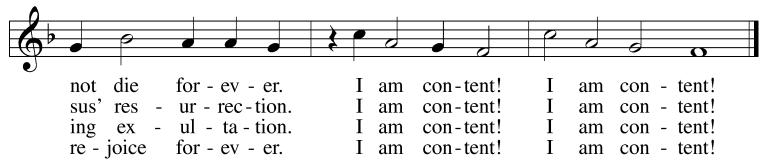
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

Be Seated





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#### Sermon

Pastor Brian Thorson

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## The Offering is Received

Please mail your offering to church

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## **Prayer of the Church**

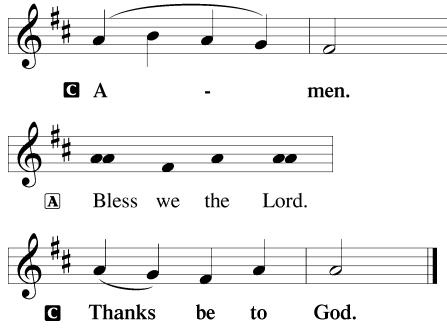
## The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

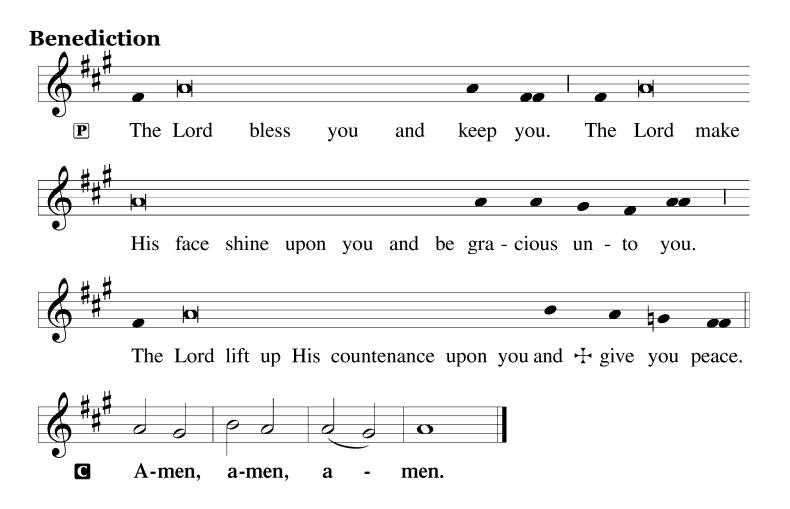
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**A** Let us pray.

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Matthew 6:9–13



Be Seated

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We are glad you are participating in our online service. We are in the Easter season, which continues for five more weeks! We will continue to sing Easter hymns and hear of our Lord's triumphant resurrection throughout the Easter season! We pray that you will join us in-person as soon as we resume regular services.

**Would you like to try using Zoom online for Bible class?** If so, please contact Pastor.

The following precautions have been implemented at Grace while the coronavirus is spreading across our country (these are recommended by The LCMS and many are aimed to prevent people from touching things that others have touched):

- Services and activities are currently cancelled. Please watch our services at our website or through our YouTube channel. As long as services are cancelled, we will be placing services online. This includes midweek and Sunday services.
- Please mail or drop off your offering.
- Please contact Pastor to receive Holy Communion. Registration is available on our church website.
- Hand sanitizer is available at both entrances to the church and at the bulletin table.

**Most activities at church have been cancelled** to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Pastoral care is still available from Pastor. He is happy to privately commune our members who desire it. To schedule, call or text him at 816-934-1741 or register on our church website.

**The April Voters Meeting** has been postponed until May. A date will be announced in late April or early May, depending on stay-at-home guidelines.

Portals of Prayer for April-June are now available in the narthex table.

**Parents**, while Sunday School and WWW are suspended, it is important to continue teaching your children the Christian faith. In addition to your regular Bible stories, devotions, and prayers that you do with your children, there are now some Sunday School resources available to you for free. Please make use of them. You can find links to them from our church website under "In the Word."

**We are now podcasting** our sermons. Details are found on our church homepage under "COVID-19 Update" and the sermon listing with audio and video are under "Sermons."

**We have a Preschool teacher.** If you know of students who are interested in enrolling, please contact the Church Office to receive registration forms.

**Volunteers are needed to be trained in using the church's automatic defibrillator (AED).** A layperson's CPR class and AED training will be offered at the Lexington Fire Department once a month for the next several homes (a free 2-hour class). Please see Kristin Summerlin or Bernice Wagner for additional information.

**Plans for Vacation Bible School** are beginning. We need a VBS Director or a pair of codirectors. Please prayerfully consider serving this year. If interested, please see Pastor or Education Committee chairman Dan Lefholz.

**Bridge of Hope Resource Center** has outgrown its current space and purchased the old Bott Radio building on the south side of the square in Richmond. An anonymous donor has come forward to match \$25,000 in donations given by May 22, 2020. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Bridge of Hope, 112 S. College St., Richmond, MO 64085.

**Our hymn of the Easter season** is LSB 458, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," written by Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546). This hymn speaks of Christ's triumph over death and Satan through His victorious resurrection. Study the words of this hymn and you will find it to clearly proclaim the Gospel.

**The Lent/Holy Week offering designations** are as follows (please send in your offerings to the Church and clearly mark your designations):

- Midweek Lent 4 (March 25): University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis
- Midweek Lent 5 (April 1): KMMO Radio Missions
- Maundy Thursday (April 9): Seminarian Tom Goodroad from Trinity, Kearney
- Good Friday (April 10): Local Lutherans for Life
- Holy Saturday (April 11): Community Charity

# An Order for Daily Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. My mouth is filled with Your praise, And with Your glory all the day. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth will declare your praise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Hymn: LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

2 No son of man could conquer death, Such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth, And therefore death had brought us
Into bondage from of old
And ever grew more strong and bold
And held us as its captive. Alleluia! 3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, His people to deliver; Destroying sin, He took the crown From death's pale brow forever: Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An empty form alone remains; Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

#### **Catechism Recitation: The Sacrament of the Altar**

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Ten Commandments and the Creed may be confessed. A devotion may be read. The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.

Let us pray. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **Special Prayers**

Homebound: Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

**Sick, injured, recovering or special needs:** Erma Hechsel, Terry Thorson, Lyn & Barb Wilkey, and all who are affected by COVID-19

**The family and friends of** Sam Wagner who died on Thursday and will receive private Christian burial on Tuesday at Higginsville Veterans' Cemetery.

Expecting Parents: Rebecca & Scott Steele

Those in the armed forces: Jared Clapper, Sarah & Tom Seagroatt

Seminary Students: Michael Fox, Dale Krienke, and Tom Goodroad

**Missions:** Rev. John Fehrmann of CLEF, Rev. Charles Ferry in Southeast Asia, our preschool, and the work of our congregation

Our congregation, as we observe our centennial

To add or remove names from our prayer list, please contact Pastor. Thank you.

# This Week at Grace

For hospital visits, private confession and absolution, communion for the homebound or any other pastoral calls, please contact Pastor.

<u>Today, Apr. 19, 2020: Quasimodogeniti, the Second Sunday of Easter</u> Sunday School (materials under "In the Word" at our website) Divine Service (online at <u>www.gracelutheranlexington.org</u>)

Pastor is available to commune individual families throughout the entire week and on weekends. Please contact him to schedule a time or visit <u>https://www.gracelutheranlexington.org/register-for-holy-communion/</u>.

<u>Next Sunday, Apr. 26: Misericordias Domini, the Third Sunday of Easter</u> Sunday School (materials under "In the Word" at our website) Divine Service (online at <u>www.gracelutheranlexington.org</u>)

Looking Ahead

Oct. 4 Centennial Celebration