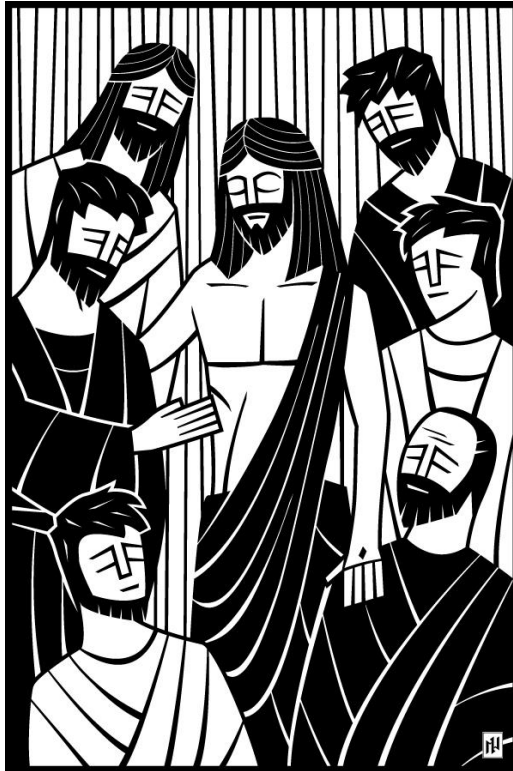


# ✝ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ✝

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## About Our Worship Service

**Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!** Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives us forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same Gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love as you worship with us today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our church. If you have any questions or need any assistance, **please speak with the pastor.**

Our practice of closed communion: If you have not communed with us before, please read the note about our Lord's Supper practices printed later in this bulletin under "Distribution of Holy Communion."

Rest Rooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest book: If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Mother's Room: Parents with crying children are welcome to use the mother's room, located off of the narthex. The room is equipped with speakers so parents can listen to the service.

Chair Lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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# QUASIMODOGENITI

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*The Season of Easter*  
**Victorious**

Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever!

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
**Witness Marches Victorious Over Restraint**

The Second Sunday of Easter has traditionally been called “*Quasimodogeniti*.” It derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit of the day (the traditional opening verses) from 1 Peter 2:2, “Like (*quasi*) newborn babies (*modo geniti*), crave pure spiritual milk.”

The good news of the risen Christ is bigger than a single day. The Easter Gospel will continue to march across centuries and continents. However, there will always be forces that try to slow that march. Those forces could be self-inflicted fears and doubts. They could be various types of persecutions. Whatever the case, the good news of Easter will not be restrained. The gospel cannot be boxed in any more than Christ could be put back in a tomb. Many may try and restrain the good news of Christ. But the march of the Church's witness will never slow down.

# ✚ DIVINE SERVICE I ✚

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***Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!***

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*Personal prayers for worship are printed on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.*

*"Understanding Lutheran Worship" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.*

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## THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

**OPENING HYMN**                      157    *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*\* The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the red hymnal.*

**INVOCATION**    (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

*\* Please stand.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**    (1 John 1:8-9)

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*\* Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

# KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



# HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

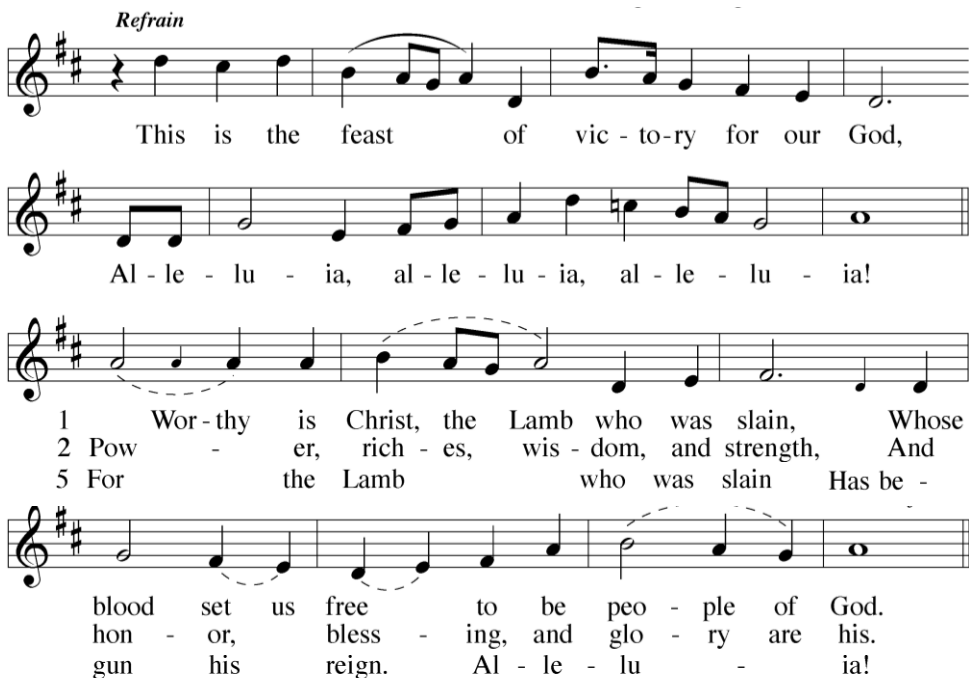
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

265 "This Is the Feast of Victory" (*Dignus est Agnus*)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





## **SALUTATION** (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

**M:** Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*\* Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

*For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please pick up a copy of "About the Propers," a weekly document explaining the changeable parts of the service. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

## **FIRST LESSON** Acts 5:12, 17-32

*The disciples served as witnesses of Christ's resurrection, but some wanted to restrain the spread of the gospel.*

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**      Psalm 150    *page 122    in the front of the hymnal*

*\* The men & boys will sing the first half of the psalm verse; the women & girls will sing the second half. All will join in singing the refrains and the "Glory be to the Father..."*

**SECOND LESSON**      Revelation 1:4-18

*The risen Savior promises to be with his churches as they share the light of the gospel in the midst of a persecution.*

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**      John 20:29b

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Alleluia.

*\* Please stand. The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

**GOSPEL OF THE DAY**      John 20:19-31

*The Easter gospel is based on the written testimony of eyewitnesses of the risen Christ. As we read that testimony, the Spirit enables us who are not eyewitnesses to also believe.*

M: The Holy Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter, according to St. John, chapter twenty.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

*\* After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



**NICENE CREED** (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

\* *Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 165 vv 1-7 *"O Sons and Daughters of the King"*

**EASTER ACCLAMATION** (Luke 24:6,34; 1 Corinthians 15:20)

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



## SERMON

Luke 20:19-31

*"Witnesses of Christ's Resurrection"*

## CREATE IN ME (Psalm 51:10-12)

\* *Please stand.*



Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\* *Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

\* Offering Collection

*God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One of these ways is by giving back a portion of what he has given us to support the work of the Church.*

*If you are a guest, please don't feel that you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' eternal love for you.*

*If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!*

\* Friendship Registers

*A Friendship Register (i.e. the maroon book) is located at the end of each pew. Sometime before you leave, please write in your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

EASTER

page 126 in the front of the hymnal

\* *Please stand at the direction of the pastor.*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked April 25<sup>th</sup> as a day to thank God for his work through St. Mark, Evangelist. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.*

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the note printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Distribution" so you may be informed about our congregation's Holy Communion practices.*

**PREFACES**

**M: The Lord be with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

**C: And also with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.** (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.** (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)



The musical score for "Agnus Dei" is written on seven staves of music. The melody is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

\* Please be seated.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

### \* Visitors

*Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:*

*The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching (to be 'in communion' means to share and hold in common). By eating and drinking at our Lord's Table, we are not only sharing Christ's true Body and Blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.*

*We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all true Christians in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune.*

*If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11. The Pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.*

### \* Communicants

*A guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Prayers for before and after Holy Communion are found on page 11.*

*When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When the pastor distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.*

### \* Children and Non-Communicants

*You are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they don't intend to commune.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN 152 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

## NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

*\* Please stand.*



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** And his mercy endures forever.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

*\* Please be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 165 vv 8-9 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"



*A personal prayer for after worship is printed on page 11 in the front of the hymnal.*

*You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the conclusion of the closing hymn.*

*If you haven't done so already, please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.*

*If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.*

*If you purchased a flower for the chancel, you are welcome to take it home after the service.*

*Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!*

BLESSED  
ARE THOSE WHO HAVE  
NOT SEEN  
+ AND YET HAVE +  
BELIEVED

**Special thanks to:** Jess Brewster for playing organ... Ben Leyrer for serving as distribution assistant... Aaron Palmer for serving as usher... and Brooke Smith for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream.

All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay informed about all congregational news. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.

Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**.  
For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)



**The Paschal Candle**

*Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (Exodus 12 & 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).*

*Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).*

*The Paschal Candle is lit every Easter morning to symbolize that Christ is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*