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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 April 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune* Jerry McCrory  
 GATHERING HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* ELW 382  
 HYMN OF THE DAY  
*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* ELW 383  
 MUSICAL OFFERING  
*The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*  
 Clark Henderson  
 COMMUNION HYMN  
*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* ELW 582  
 SENDING HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* ELW 376  
 POSTLUDE  
*Christ lag in Todesbanden* G.P. Telemann

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presiding Minister The Reverend Larry Hawkins  
 Director of Music Daniel W. Deitzel III  
 Assisting Minister Elizabeth Parker  
 Eucharistic Minister Lindsay Mills  
 Cantor Mike Ennis  
 Acolyte Louise Palmer  
 Lector Elizabeth Benion  
 Greeters Lisa Kratzer and Dan Tosheff  
 Ushers Floyd and Nancy Eberly  
 Altar Guild John and Susan Wesley  
 Offering Counters Maria Archer and Sue McDonald



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## PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Light of the world, shine upon us and disperse the clouds of our selfishness, that we may reflect the power of the resurrection in our life together. Amen.

Victorious God of all worlds, you have declared that as your disciples we are to be victors over the powers of this world. But we often feel doubtful and defeated. Come to us in the Word and Sacrament to empower us. Overcome our doubts and fears. Increase our love for others. Help us especially to love the unlovable, as you, Lord Jesus, have loved them and us. Amen.

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

**Persons with impairments** - St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.) We welcome any comments concerning St. Michael's efforts to accommodate persons with impairments or disabilities.

As part of our stewardship of the earth God has created for us, we are using our worship bulletins for a complete season of the church year. Please remove the worship service section and place it in the basket provided in the narthex. You may take this cover and the readings insert. Thank you for helping to conserve our natural resources and allowing the cost of paper to be redirected to other areas of ministry.

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

## GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>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 any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Chapter 1**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Chapter 2**

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; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**PROPER VERSE**

Alleluia. Blessed are those who <sup>1</sup>have not seen\*  
and yet have come <sup>1</sup>to believe. Alleluia. (John 20:29)

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Deadline for <i>Archangel</i> news for May	Today
Family Promise Week	Begins today
Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Susan Wesley on April 17; Andrew Fuller on April 18; and Rachel Winegar on April 21.

Readings for the *Third Sunday of Easter, April 22*, are:

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

Today we begin a week of hosting Family Promise. Volunteers are needed to prepare an evening meal, plan evening activities, stay overnight and drive the van. If you would like to help, there is a sign up poster in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Wayne Noss or Ron Maynard if you have any questions.

Today is the deadline for news items for the May issue of *The Archangel*. If you have any news, send it to Norma Ickes ([nickes@comcast.net](mailto:nickes@comcast.net)). Also, if you are a worship assistant and have any days in May when you will not be available, contact Lindsay Mills ([lmills266@comcast.net](mailto:lmills266@comcast.net)) today.

The Primary Election Day Soup and Bake Sale will take place on Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. If you are able to contribute soup or baked goods, contact Lindsay Mills ([lmills266@comcast.net](mailto:lmills266@comcast.net) or 234-6644) or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Both soup and baked goods can be packaged for you. Items will be accepted from Sunday, April 22 through Election Day. If you are available to work anytime during the day, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

If you have not done so, consider volunteering a few hours to help Helping Hands Ministries on a Sunday or Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. See Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions about this congregational ministry.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a “wish list” on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating some of these items to help feed the hungry.

Lutheran Night with the Senators will take place on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each (\$4 from the ticket price will be donated to Camp Nawakwa and Kirchenwald). A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The last Sunday to sign-up will be May 6. All orders are due by May 7. Don't miss out on this fun event!

There are many openings for Altar Flower, Bulletin and Fellowship Hour sponsors. Please take a moment to sign up on the charts in Fellowship Hall.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Vera's birthday by Sonya and Scarlett.

Bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Andrew Fuller's baptismal anniversary by Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God by Jackie Smith.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2012

### FIRST READING

ACTS 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### PSALM

PSALM 133

*The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The assembly sings the refrain where marked.*

How good and how pleasant it is to  
live together in unity.

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
flowing down upon the collar of his robe. R**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:  
life forevermore. R