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## The Second Sunday after Easter

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**"He is not here;  
for he is risen,  
as he said."**

**-Matthew 28:6**

**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 205 *The Day of Resurrection*

**Order of Service** Page 5ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation.

**Old Testament Lesson** 2 Kings 4:42-44 Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the people, that they may eat."

But his servant said, "What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?"

He said again, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the Lord: 'They shall eat and have some left over.'" So he set it before them; and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

**Epistle Lesson** Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn** 202 *Welcome, Happy Morning*

**Sermon** John 6:1-15 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following

him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

# Who Do I Think I Am? He Is!

Seminarian Jonah Albrecht

**Hymn** 363 *To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 200:1-2, 8 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

**CALL MEETING** The voters chose to submit a call for one of the graduates from the Teachers' Program at ILC. The Lord answered our call by selecting Ben Hansen. Ben was profiled in the Spokesman a few months ago. (His parents like in ND.) Once he accepts the call, we will begin working out the details of his move, etc. We praise the Lord for answering our needs in this way!

**LADIES AID** The Ladies discussed possible approaches to a study of the book, "Enough for Now." It was agreed that breaking the group into smaller components would be helpful for discussion and scheduling. We anticipate small group meetings twice each month. Assignments will be read at home and the group will gather to talk about the things in each chapter. One group would meet during the day, another would meet in the evening, and a third would meet online. Once per month, the large group would meet in person and online at the same time. We'd like to begin as soon as possible. Please gather in the kitchen after this morning's service to select a group that fits with your schedule.

**QUARTERLY MEETING** Today's meeting will be held immediately after the service in the church. In addition to regular reports and Old Business, the agenda includes choosing dates for VBS, SS Picnic, Finance Committee meeting, July Quarterly. The voters will be given an update on the anniversary work of the Mission Society.

**FLOWERS** The altar flowers were given in loving memory of Leo Wendland.

**MISSION SOCIETY** Please plan to attend the meeting after the service next Sunday. Plans are coming together for the anniversary.

**VISITORS DAY** Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host an in-person High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 30, 2021, starting at 9:00 am for students grades 8 and up. Please register students and chaperones at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu) by Friday, April 23. A live theater performance *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch* will take place on Friday at 1:30 pm for those attending Visitors Day and for families of performers. A limited live audience may attend the Saturday performance at 7:30 pm. Both performances will be livestreamed at [youtube.com/ilcvideos](https://youtube.com/ilcvideos). An outdoor band concert will be open to the public on Friday at 3:30 pm. For additional information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud ([joel.gullerud@ilc.edu](mailto:joel.gullerud@ilc.edu) 715-544-8446).

**CLC NEWS** Seminary graduate Drew Naumann, has been assigned to Spokane, WA. Teacher graduate Kathleen Naumann has been assigned to Winter Haven, FL. Beth Sandeen, the current dorm mother, has been called to server as a counselor to the High School girls.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 5) S. Aden, B. Dronen, J. Thaemlitz  
The Boernsens and Liepolds