

# Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen And Yet Have Believed

John 20:29

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

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## **Worship Plan for Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Second Sunday of Easter

LBW Setting Two without Communion

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (LBW 499)**

#### **GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**

Glory to God in the highest

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SING JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN'S SERMON

VERSE (LBW p. 83) Alleluia...

### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON *Again in the House*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Borning Cry* WOV 770 **Baltic only**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Thine Is the Glory* (LBW 145) **East only**

**BAPTISM OF EDEN FAITH PAULSEN-Baltic**

*Children of the Heavenly Father LBW 474 Verses 1&4 -Baltic*

**APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) East**

**THE PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERTORY HYMN *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* P86**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**BLESSING (LBW p. 97)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Three-Fold Amen (Sung)**

**SENDING HYMN *Low in the Grave He Lay (He Arose)* pg. 7 of bulletin**

**DISMISSAL**

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# Low in the Grave He Lay

## *Up from the Grave He Arose*

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,  
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;  
 3 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord.  
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord.  
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord.

*Refrain*

Up from the grave he a - rose, he a - rose, with a

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a -  
 o'er his foes,

rose a vic - tor o - ver death's do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

## Sunday, April 16, 2023

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
<b>East Nidaros</b>	10:30 Worship

## Things Happening Week of April 16th

Mon Apr 17	6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
Tues Apr 18	2pm Bible Study @ EN
Wed Apr 19	6:30-7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation @ Baltic
Fri Apr 21	<b>NEWSLETTER &amp; Senior Information Deadline</b>
Sat Apr 22	10:30-11:30 Food Bank Open

## Sunday, April 23, 2023

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 Worship
<b>East Nidaros</b>	10:30 Worship and livestreamed on EastNidarosLutheranChurch

### Our Response to God's Love

**Baltic: Apr 9:** Attendance ; 179 General Fund \$1809.00 Noisy Can \$74.87

**East: Apr 9:** Attendance: 61; General Fund \$780 Noisy Can \$26.25  
Easter Offering \$225.00

### Fellowship Coffee and Treats

#### Baltic

Apr 16 NO FELLOWSHIP  
Apr 23 Pam & Dale Nesheim  
Nikki Oien

#### East Nidaros

Apr 16 Deb Larson  
Sara & Scott Grunewaldt  
Apr 23 Ginger Lodmell  
& 30 Dan & Cindi Schmidt