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FOCUS We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. What we do have is Christ, His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood. Though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, “My Lord and my God!”

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Everlasting God”

Brown/Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord. *(Repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.

(Repeat from beginning)

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAISE THE LORD!

Psalm 148

- L** Praise the LORD!
C Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
L Praise him, all his angels;
C praise him, all his hosts!
L Praise him, sun and moon,
C praise him, all you shining stars!
L Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
C Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
L And he established them forever and ever;
C he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
L Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
C fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
L Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
C Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
L Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
C Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
L Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
C his majesty is above earth and heaven.
L He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.
C Praise the LORD!

PRAYER

SONG

“Living Hope”

Johnson/Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free.
 Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
 You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name.
 Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeat)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory! *(Chorus)*

Jesus Christ, my living hope! Oh God, You are my living hope!

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FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say we

have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 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.² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-29

- L** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said:
- C** **Peace be with you!**
- L** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. [Again Jesus said:]
- C** **Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**
- L** And with that he breathed on them [and said:]
- C** **Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.**
- L** Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him:
- C** **We have seen the Lord!**
- L** But he said to them:
- C** **Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.**
- L** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said:
- C** **Peace be with you!**
- L** Then he said to Thomas:
- C** **Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe. "My Lord and my God!"**
- L** Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

SONG

"Trust in You"

Daigle

Letting go of every single dream I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wondering Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty warrior King of the fight No matter what I face You're by my side

Chorus: When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust I will trust in You

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath I want what You want Lord and nothing less
(*Chorus*)

I will trust in You.

You are my strength and comfort You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation The Rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood (*Chorus*)

I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

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Confession and Forgiveness

1 John 1:6-10

L

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C

we lie and do not practice the truth.

L

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C

and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

L

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L

If we say we have not sinned,

C

we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

L

Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C

Amen.

L

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

L

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

Amen.

L

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C

Amen.

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

L Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom our prayers have been requested.

Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

L Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

L Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

L Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

L Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

L Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SONG

“We Believe”

Hooper/Fike/Ryan

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation We believe, we believe

In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe, we believe

Chorus: We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back (again)
(We believe)

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations We believe, we believe (*Chorus*)

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud - our God will save We believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail We believe, we believe (*Chorus*)

He's coming back again He's coming back again We believe, we believe

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SERMON

“Never Beyond a Doubt” *Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch*

John 20:28-29—“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’²⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

Have you ever had _____? (*Genesis 3:1-24*)

- I. Our text today brings us to _____, a disciple of Jesus who, like _____, was a _____ and a _____.
(*Luke 20:29*)
- II. It has been said, “ _____ your _____ and _____ your _____. (*Luke 20:25b & 28*)
- III. Do you and I daily _____ in our lives?
- IV. Yes! There are times we have relied on _____ like _____ and _____ leave _____ behind. (*Job 23:10*)
- V. Faith is a _____ of _____!

Romans 10:17—“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

How Often!

How often we trust each other, and only doubt our Lord. We take the word of mortals, and yet distrust His word; But, oh, what light and glory would shine o’er all our days, If we always would remember God means just what He says.
—Selected

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“God My Rock”

Brown/Baloche

When my heart is overwhelmed, I will look to You alone,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
You will stand when others fall; You are faithful through it all,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.

In the blessing, in the pain, Through it all, You've never failed me.

Chorus 1: You are the strength of my heart. You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on You. I can rely on You.

When I've struggled to believe, You have not let go of me,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
Carried through the darkest storms, You have held me in Your arms,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.

In the blessing, in the pain, Through it all, You've never failed me.

Chorus 2: You are the strength of my heart. You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on You. I can rely on You.
You are the joy of my life. You are my song in the night.
There is no one as true. Jesus I trust in You. (yeah)

Jesus, we trust in You! Jesus, we trust in You!

Jesus, we trust in You! Jesus, we trust in You, God! (*Chorus 2*)

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ELDERS: *5pm— ; 11am—*

ACOLYTE: *5pm— ; 11am—Jaidyn Oelke*

TECH: *5pm— ; 11am—*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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