

Old Testament

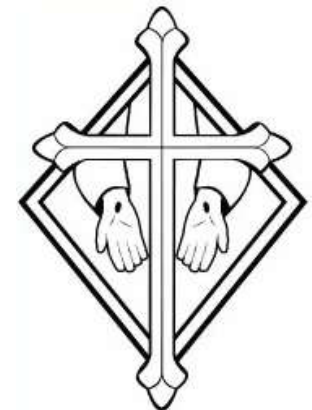
Job 19:25-27 NIV I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see Him with my own eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Epistle

I John 5:4-12 For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the One Who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit Who testifies, because the Spirit is the Truth. 7 For there are Three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. 10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Gospel

John 20:19-31 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, "Peace be with you!" 20 After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw The LORD. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." 22 And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen The LORD!" But he said to them, "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." 26 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, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to Him, "My LORD and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name.



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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April 8th, 2018 ✧ *Quasimodogeneti* = Newborn Faith

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **Blessed Easter to you!**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP Printed here and in the (red) TLH hymnal at p.5 .

Service		
Opening Hymn	204 (3v)	Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Hymn of the Day	208 (10)	<i>Sing v.1-5</i> Ye Sons & Daughters of King
Offertory Verses	210 (5v)	<i>Sing v.1-2</i> Th'Strife is O'er, th'Battle Done
Third Hymn	208 (10)	<i>Sing v.5-10</i> When Thomas afterward had
Closing Hymn	188 (6v)	Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the Sunday after Easter

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deut. 9:1-29	Deut. 10:1-22	Deut. 11:1-32	Deut. 28:1-14	Deut. 28:15-68	Deut.34:1-12
Luke23:26-56	Matt.26:1-35	Matt.26:36-75	Matt.27:1-38	Matt.27:39-66	Mark14:1-31

PROPERs for EASTER 2 = SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 8TH

INTROIT As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word. Alleluia! Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me! Sing aloud to God, our Strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. 1Peter

COLLECT Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the LORD's Resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through the Same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and...C: J A -men.

GRADUAL C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Alleluia! After eight days, when the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you!" Alleluia! ...Ps.73 & John 20

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. Job 19:25-27	"I know that my Redeemer lives! And I will see Him."
Epi. I John 5:4-12	Faith in the Son wins the victory over the World.
Gos. John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the Ten and Thomas (the twin).

OFFERTORY TLH #210, VERSES 1 & 2 ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
The strife is o'er, the bat-tle done; - Now is the Victor's tri-umph won;
Now be the song of praise- begun. - ALLELUIA!

Death's mightiest powers have done- their worst, And Jesus hath His foes- dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy- outburst. - ALLELUIA! A-MEN.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Bev Foster (Joe)	Comfort & recovery. Bev is back home after (knee) surgery	
Jim & Elma Hendricks	Health & strength. Jim gets low BP. Elma bronchitis	
Linda Kryszak	Linda is living with daughter Amy in (southside) Lakeland	
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee has good days and bad. David is help & support	
Donna Martin	Sprained her ankle last week, is home recuperating	
Linda Springer (Steven)	Linda slipped and fell on wet floor, was injured	
Janice Thomas	Janice had stent replaced. Is working with Mayo Jacksonville	
James Vanesky & Delores	Recovery. Jim is back home after rehab from fall	
Matthew Wold (Mark)	Will have his twelfth chemo soon. Course of action	
Volunteers		
	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Elaine Jones	Linda & Don Bires?
Treaters	Mary Lou Knigge !Donuts!	(Volunteer)
(Head) Usher	John Weber	John Weber

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday (Communion)	43 / (--)	35 / 32
Bible Class Attendance: Sun/Wed	8 / 12	8 / 9
Last Sunday Offering	\$	YTD Total \$

Calendar of Events		
Today, 4/23	8:15 am	Bible Study Heb. Ch.9 Jesus=NT.Mediator
<i>Easter-2 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (No Communion)
<i>Quasimodogeneti</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Mon.-PM, Tuesday	- day-&-½ -	Pastor in Port St Lucie (teaching music)
Wednesday, 4/26	6:00 pm	OSL Bible Study - Jesus' PASSION Ch.9
Thursday, 4/27	1:30 pm	OSL Council April Meeting at church
Sunday, 4/30	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. Ch.9 Jesus=NT.Mediator
<i>Easter-3 Sunday =</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (W/ Communion)
<i>Good Shepherd Sun.</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

Our Savior 2017 Elders: **Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; & Don Wienke 815-8892.** Please contact them with any concerns you have. **From Martin Luther's Sermon on Easter-2 John 20:19-31 ✧ Believe in the LORD**

24. In the same manner He still comes to us through the Gospel, offers us peace and bestows His works upon us: if we believe, we have them; if we believe not, we have them not. For the LORD's Hands and Feet really signify nothing but His works, which He has done here upon earth for men. And the showing of His side is nothing but the showing of His Heart, in order that we may see how kind, loving and father-like His mind is toward us. All this is set forth for us in the Gospel as certainly and clearly as it was revealed and shown to the disciples bodily in our text. And it is much better that it is done through the Gospel than if He now entered here by the door; for you would not know Him, even if you saw Him standing before you, even much less than the Jews recognized Him. Scholia.net

Refrain: This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the- Lamb Who was slain,**
Whose Blood set us free to be the people of God. [Refrain]
- 2. Pow-er, riches-, wisdom and strength,**
And honor-, bles-sing and glory are His. [Refrain]
- 3. Sing- with all the- people of God**
And join in the hymn of all crea--tion. [Refrain]
- 4. Blessing, honor, glory and might Be to God and the Lamb- forever. Amen.**
 Sunday 4/30 *Good Shepherd=Easter-3 (p.15 w/ LS)#s 426 368 187 206 436*

E2B *Quasimodogeneti* John 20:19-31 "WORDS, WOUNDS, BREATH & PEACE" 4/8/18

INTRODUCTION The doors of the room were locked; the disciples were afraid. Afraid of being arrested, rounded up, beaten, killed. It happened to Jesus, why not to them? The body was missing; the tomb was empty. Questions would be asked. Interrogations. Who moved the body? Where was it buried? Peter and John had seen the grave, actually gone into it, saw the burial linens. Mary Magdalene claims to have seen Jesus. They would be the first to be tried and imprisoned. It was only a matter of time before they would hear the knock on the locked door, and it **wouldn't** be with the news, "*Christ is risen, Alleluia!*"

SAME PLACE(?) Perhaps it was the **same room** they celebrated the Passover with Jesus, where they **ate His Body and drank His Blood and heard His Words**. They'd heard the news - **He is risen!** Why were they afraid? If Jesus is risen, what is there left to fear? Death is conquered; the grave stands open and empty; death has lost its venomous sting. (So) **Why were they afraid?**

CAN'T BE TRUE They didn't believe; not fully, not to the core. They heard the news and didn't believe it. It was simply too good to be true. Even though Jesus prepared them, telling them three times He would die and rise, even though Mary claimed to have seen Him, and Peter and John saw the empty, open tomb, they didn't believe it. **Thomas refused believe it**. Dead men simply don't rise from the dead. We refuse to believe it too. We're sensible, scientific, (post-)modern people. We disbelieve, and so we are afraid too, living small and puny lives, cowering, running from Death as though it had the upper hand over us.

POOF. HE'S HERE Jesus appeared among them. No knock on the door. *Who's there? Jesus. Yeah right.* He simply appears, standing among them, God in the flesh. He appears where and when He pleases, and it pleases Him to appear to His disciples there in their little room on the first day of week. A "divine service."

PEACE "*Peace be with you,*" He says, **just as He says to us in the Liturgy**. He shows them His hands, His side, the marks of His death. He's the crucified and risen One, the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world. He has the wounds to prove it. They were glad to see the Lord. Who wouldn't be glad? He is risen, just as He said. His words have weight, the weight of the One who conquers death and the grave. You better listen to Him.

(2x) **PEACE** "*Peace be with you,*" He says again. Wasn't once enough? No, not with Jesus, with whom there is always more. With His peace, He sends them. They won't be hiding behind locked doors for long. "*As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.*" He is the apostle of the Father, and now He makes His disciples into apostles. Sent ones - sent to speak in His stead and by His command. Holy Ministry.

BREATH He **breathed** on them, as He(God) **breathed on Adam** when he was made from the mud. "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" With His words and breath come the Holy Spirit. A **mini-(Pre-)Pentecost**. Fifty days later, everyone would receive the Spirit with a big wind and fire. For now, these in the locked room with a breath from the newly risen body of Jesus and His words. His breath is their breath; His Words, their words; His Spirit, their Spirit. He is the Lord of life; they are His ministers, given to speak on His behalf; "in the stead and by His command."

The words which Absolution give - Are His Who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent - Is but His humble instrument. (LSB #614)

4GIVE/NESS (And) His **mandate is forgiveness**. This is why He died and rose from the dead - that forgiveness of sins might be stuck into ears and believed. **That's all His pastors are good for - Forgiveness**. "*If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.*" This is His gift, from Calvary's Cross and the open tomb to you. Forgiveness you can hear.

HEAR, NOT SEE You can't see Jesus, not just now. The picture in the **Revelation** tells you that you **don't want to see** Jesus now. **The sight will kill you**. Wait until you're dead; then you'll see Jesus. Now you hear Him, His Breath and Words spoken to you by the Spirit in the Office His Words create, the pastor He has sent to you.

(Small) **CATECHISM: *What is confession?*** Confession has **two parts**. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, **not doubting but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in Heaven**.

BEST NEWS Can the Good News **be that good?** That not only can we hear about Jesus and what He has done for us, how He died for our sins and rose for our justification, but **we can hear Jesus' own forgiveness**, what He won for us on the Cross delivered to our ears like a(n Amazon Prime) package delivered to our front door? Is this what church and ministry is supposed to be about? Quick, find the pastor, **demand** to be forgiven in Jesus' Name. **Luther** said that's how it should go in a Gospel church. You should be **dragging the pastor by the ear to hear confession and speak forgiveness**. Drop whatever you're doing, Pastor. Sinners need to be absolved. That would certainly change the shape of a pastor's work week! So, **Why don't we?!** It's simple - we don't (fully) believe it.

NO GIFTS Thomas wasn't there that Sunday. **See what happens when you miss church?** You miss out on the **gifts** - *no words, no wounds, no peace*. **Only fear**. The disciples went and told him, but he didn't believe them either. He wants to see the hard evidence and touch it - His hands and side. A week later they are again behind locked doors. Freedom is hard to get used to. Prisoners often go back. Prison, even of the self-chosen variety, is always safer. Be patient with the apostles; give them fifty days and they will be proclaiming Jesus risen from the dead from the roof tops.

POOF. HE'S HERE (AGAIN) **This time Thomas is with.** And Jesus appears again. (Poof!) "*Peace be with you.*" Again the Hands, the Side. "*Put your finger here, and see my hands; put out your hand and place it in my side.*" Jesus had heard Thomas' request! Proof is what you want - here it is Thomas. With these Words: "*Stop disbelieving and believe.*" **The words are important**. These are the words Thomas needs to hear; faith creating words, with Jesus' breath. Believe, Thomas. And he believes and confesses, "**My Lord and my God.**" (That's) Faith.

APPLICATION **You haven't seen Jesus. You can't touch Him. But you can hear** Him through His proclaimed Word and the living breath of His Spirit. You can **eat His Body** under the bread; you can **drink His Blood** -- the wine. "*Blessed are you,*" Jesus says. Blessed are you have not seen and yet have believed." Thomas and the others are the eyewitnesses testifying to the evidence of Jesus' resurrection. You bear witness to the power of Jesus' Word, a living and active Word from a crucified, risen, and reigning Lord who breathes Forgiveness, Life, and Salvation.

(STOP) DISBELIEF He comes to us gathered here on this First Day of the week, this Sunday of the “newborns.” (*Quasimodos*) The doors are closed, though not locked. We’re a bit more open to the world. We don’t have as much to fear. In other places of the world they might very well be locked. He comes to us in His Word, in the bread and wine of His Supper, in His holy Office. Peace be with you. Your sins are forgiven, spoken with the **breath** and **words** of crucified and risen Jesus Himself. Stop **DISbelieving** and **believe**.

CONCLUSION (And now) He sends us. Apostolic ministry, Apostolic church. You are sent with God’s benediction out the doors of *this little room* to a world that doesn’t know or doesn’t care. Fear not. Do not fear even if you are arrested and hauled before the authorities as Peter and John were. Do not be afraid to say, “*We must obey God rather than men*” and to suffer the consequences. Do not be afraid to stand out as baptized believers. You will. Do not be afraid to let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

PEACE 2 U! The crucified, risen, and glorified Lord Jesus Christ is with you as Lord of the Church and Lord of Creation. “*Fear not,*” He says to you, “*I am the **First and the Last, the Living One**. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the Keys of Death and Hell.*” He’s unlocked the prison, swung wide the doors. Your sins are forgiven. Your death is defeated. **Peace be with you. Blessed are you, believer, blessed are you. Peace be with you! IJ’N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church ✕ (*Quasimodogeneti*) **Sunday After Easter April 8th**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible brief silence)

Father of glory, remember Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all Your Baptized people to be bold witnesses of our Lord’s Resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fount of wisdom everlasting, look in kindness upon our Synod, that all we undertake together may be to Your praise and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, ...

Ruler of all, to Your care and protection we commend all our elected officials and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant them wisdom and honor as they carry out their responsibilities. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly King, Your Son promised that He does not break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick. Remember in mercy all who struggle with the darkness of doubt and despair, and bring to their hearts the peace of Your Son’s Resurrection victory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

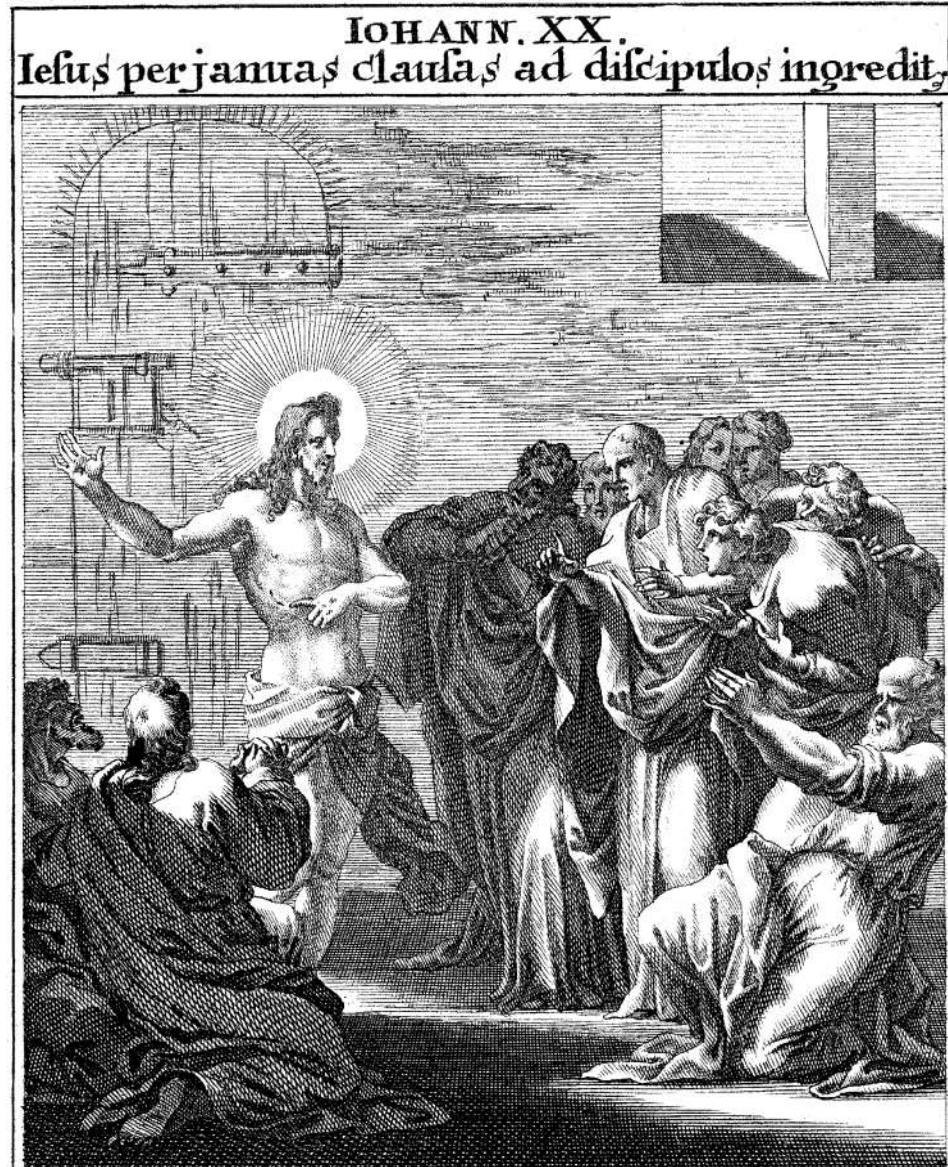
Forgiver of all our sin, You have given Your Church the Keys of the Kingdom. Help all pastors to use them faithfully, that Your people’s joy may overflow. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Healer, we commend to You all those who are in need of restoration, whether of body, soul or spirit [*especially remembering before You OSL Prayer List*]. Grant to them Your peace, that they may bear their sufferings with patience as they await Your gracious healing. Lord, in Your ...

Everlasting One, receive our thanks this day for all who have fallen asleep in faith in Jesus Christ. Bring us to share with them the joys of the Feast that never ends. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray, “**Our Father...**”

Our Savior Lutheran Church **OSL** Lakeland, FL ✕ **ELS**
Sunday after Easter (Easter2B) ✕ *Quasimodogeneti*
Words, Wounds, Breath, Peace ✕ April 8th, 2018 9:30 am



Woodcut illustration from a 1695 Bible – **John 20**
Jesus appears to His disciples following the Resurrection
(*this time **Thomas** is not present – out back mopping?*)