

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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## April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Sunday after Easter *Quasimodogeneti*

**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** Words on gold liturgy sheets or in red hymnal p.5

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	201 (5v)	Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!
Psalm Hymn	ELH359 (5v)	This is the Feast of Victory for our LORD
Hymn of the Day	208 (10)	<i>Sing v.1-8</i> Ye Sons & Daughters of King
Offertory Verse	208 (10)	<i>Sing 9-10</i> On this most holy Day of days →
Third Hymn	209 (4v)	Who Is This that Comes from Edom
Closing Hymn	196 (5v)	I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still

### 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  
 Luke 23:26-56 Matt. 26:1-35 Matt. 26:36-75 Matt. 27:1-38 Matt. 27:39-66 Mark 14:1-31

### PROPERs for EASTER 2 = SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

**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).

### 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...much less than the Jews recognized Him.

**PSALM "HYMN" for Easter: This is the Feast of Victory - Please SING along!**

Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*

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

Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*

2. Pow-er, riches-, wisdom and strength, And honor-, bles-sing and glory are His.

Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*

3. Sing- with all the- people of God And join in the hymn of all crea--tion.

Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*

4. Blessing, honor-, glory and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. A--men.

Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*

5. For- the Lamb--- Who was slain Has begun His- Reign,- Al-le-lu---ia!

Last: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu--ia!*

**OFFERTORY 208: 9. On this most holy Day of days – To God your hearts and voices raise - In laud and jubilee and praise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle-lu-ia!**

**10. And we with Holy Church unite, - As evermore is just and right, In glory to the King of light: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle-lu-ia! A-men.**

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Linda Avant (Al's mother)	Linda has had acute Syatica pain. In & out of LRMC
Mary Lou Knigge	Mary Lou is home still after her (high HB) episode
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon home still rehabbing. Andrea starting new work
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Jim had a procedure on his L5 lumbar
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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Vivian & Tom Temple	Joan Patrick
Treaters	(April) Potluck Brunch	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	39 / (28)	29 / 24
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	(Breakfast 27), 7	11, 10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$.	YTD \$,.( \$21.3K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	BibleStudy Biblical Symbols: Water (H <sub>2</sub> O)
Easter-2C Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (No Communion)
Quasimodogeneti	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Wednesday 5/1	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study: Extraordinary Love2
Next Sunday 5/5	9:00 am	BibleStudy Bible Symbols: Wind & Spirit
Easter-3 G.S. Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Jesus Good Shepherd	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

**Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892**

Sunday 4/15 Good Shepherd=Easter-3 (p.15 LS) 426 (259) 368 187 627 436

EASTER2 *Quasimodogeneti* John 20:19-23 "DOUBTING THOMAS" 04.28.19 OSL

D.T. DOUBTING THOMAS Thomas Didymus = the Twin. We traditionally call him "**Doubting Thomas**" don't we? Poor Thomas. He's the one who missed church on Easter. He was not there in the upper room that first Easter evening when the Lord Jesus appeared to his fearful band of disciples who were cowering behind locked doors. He simply appeared among them without so much as a knock on the door and said, "Peace with you." And after they collected their wits, He showed them His hands and His sides, still bearing the wounds of the cross.

AUTHORITY Again Jesus said, "**Peace be with you.**" And He breathed on them and spoke to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" It was a little Pentecost in preview. Fifty days later, the big one. Here Jesus establishes His Apostolic Ministry. Sending them with authority. "*As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.*" His breath, His words, His Spirit, His forgiveness, His peace. The sins they forgive are forgiven, what they retain is retained. "*As certain on earth as though Christ Himself were speaking.*" He is. That's the nature of apostolic ministry. "*He who hears you, hears me.*"

OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY In so doing, Jesus guarantees that His Voice is heard in His Church until He reappears in glory. This was not simply the sending of a few, but the creation of an Office. **The Office of the Holy Ministry.** Judas' vacancy would be filled by Matthias. Jesus would add Paul as (lucky) number "thirteen." They, in turn, would ordain others. But these first ones are **unique. They had seen the Risen Lord with their own eyes.** They had seen the nail marks in His Hands, the spear mark in His Side. No question about what they were seeing. They felt His Breath. They heard His Words. Wouldn't you have loved to be among them in that upper room? To see what they saw? To hear what they heard? How much easier it would be to believe! Or so we imagine.

NO THOMAS Thomas Didymus, the Twin, was not with them that first Easter evening when Jesus appeared to them. Why, we aren't told. Perhaps out of fear, he had run away and was hiding. The rest were in a locked room, after all. Perhaps he was with his twin. Maybe he was disillusioned. He'd left all to follow Jesus, and now the movement was in shambles, the Leader crucified, the cause lost. Whatever the reason, Thomas was not there to see and to hear.

SKEPTICAL TOM The others caught up with him sometime during the week. "*We have seen the Lord,*" they said. But like the others on Easter morning, Thomas also knew by his own experience that dead men don't rise, ordinarily. And like the others, he doesn't initially believe the news. He is skeptical. **He wants proof, hard evidence** that Jesus truly is Risen from the dead, that it's the same Jesus and not some impostor. He wants to see the Wounds. He wants to touch them. "*Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.*"

NOT IGNORANT TOM

You see, Thomas wasn't some **ignorant, gullible, superstitious 1st century bumpkin** who would believe every rumor that came along. He heard the news from his trusted friends, his fellow disciples. He had been there when Jesus predicted His own death and Resurrection three times. Thomas heard it with His own ears. But still, he did not believe it.

THANKS GOD FOR THOMAS! He brings veracity to John's Gospel account. Think about it. If you were making this up to deceive future generations, if you were writing some sort of myth or legend about a Resurrected Jesus, would you have His own inner core of disciples doubting His word, questioning the good news, seeking evidence? No, of course not. You would have Thomas hearing the news that they had seen the Lord and cry out, "*Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*" But that's not what happened. Thomas did not believe it, even when it was told to him on good authority. And he refused to believe it until he personally saw and touched the risen Lord.

JESUS AND SUNDAYS Eight days later, they again were in the upper room. **Eight days.** Do you notice how Jesus seems to keep **popping up on Sundays in John?** And it's always in closed gatherings? There's a pattern shaping up here. "*Wherever two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.*" He's present with His gathered Church. His **Body, His Blood, the Wounds** of His Sacrifice. His **Peace** and **Forgiveness** and **Spirit** and **Breath.** All here for you. This is the foundation of Christian worship and liturgy. The only difference between that room and this room is that our doors aren't locked and we can't see Jesus physically. But the **same Wounds and Words and Spirit.**

2<sup>ND</sup> TIME CHARM

**Thomas was with them this time.** Good for Thomas. He'd missed out on everything the Sunday before. **See what happens when you miss Church?** Thomas is there, doubts and all. That tells us something. **Bring your doubts to Jesus.** There will always be doubts on our minds. We're dealing with things unseen, things you can't measure scientifically. There will always be doubts. Sometimes little nagging ones, sometimes big ones. All the great ones of faith had their doubts. Abraham and Sarah laughed at the promise of God that they would have children in their old age, until God had the last laugh. Zechariah didn't believe the news from the angel that he and Elizabeth would conceive in their old age and bear a son name John. Mary wondered how it could be that she would conceive and bear a son even as she was a virgin.

WE ALL HAVE DOUBTS

You have doubts, I'm sure. I have them too. And then there are the doubts caused by things not going as we think they should – the seeming weakness of the Word, the weaknesses of the Church.

WHERE TO GO

But what we learn from Thomas this morning is to **bring all our doubts to Church, to the altar and pulpit, to the Words and Wounds of Jesus.** And Jesus will meet us, doubts and all.

READS HIS MIND                    So there is Jesus again, standing among them in a locked room. Again His Peace. And now He speaks to Thomas as though He had heard him days before because He said. *“See My hands; put your finger here. Put out your hand, and place it in My side.”* This is a genuine Body we are talking about here. Not a ghost, not a spirit, not an apparition. Flesh and Bone. He’s touchable. And the Wounds are the clincher. The Wounds of His Sacrifice are still visible in Resurrection.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?                    *“By His Wounds, we are healed.”*  
Those are the Wounds that mark Him as the Lamb who was slain. And curiously, though He is Risen from the dead, the Wounds remain as battle scars. Even seated at the Right Hand of the Father in glory, Jesus bears the scars of His Sacrifice as an eternal reminder of your forgiveness. When He intercedes for you and mediates for you, He does it on the basis of His sacrifice. (As the Hymn says, TLH 341)

***Crown Him the Lord of love - Behold His Hands and Side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, - In beauty glorified.***

WORDS WITH WOUNDS                    With Jesus Wounds come also His Words. Faith creating, faith enlivening, faith sustaining words. *“Do not disbelieve, but believe.”* And Thomas does. He confesses what He believes, *“My Lord and my God.”*

BLESSING ON US                    And now a blessing, not on Thomas, **but on you and me**, we who have not seen and yet believe are blessed by God. *“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”* Blessed are you, this Second Sunday of Easter, that you believe that Christ is Risen from the dead, and that His death and Life are yours. God has not left you without evidence. No, you may not see and touch Jesus’ Hands and Feet and Side. But you have the sworn deposition of an eyewitness: *“These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name.”*

WE ARE BLESSED                    That’s where we go with our doubts – **to the Word, the Supper**. We would do well this Eastertide to reread the Gospel of John. It was written for believers that they might continue to believe, reminding us anew of what Jesus said and did. **We, like Thomas, are prone to doubt**. We live in a scientific and skeptical age. We know that dead men don’t rise, ordinarily. And yet over and against our doubts, God sets His Word, the historic record of eyewitnesses to the Resurrection, the sworn testimony of those who had seen and heard and touched. We are, of all people, blessed. No, we don’t see, but we hear and we take and eat and drink, and we are as much in the presence of the Risen Jesus as Thomas and the rest. And more.

BLESSED ARE YOU!                    **Blessed are you, dear Baptized believer**, for you have not seen and yet by God’s gift and grace you believe. And believing **you have life in the Name of Jesus. Amen. SDG**

**Possible Prayer of Church (Quasimodogeneti) Sunday ✕ April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

With Thomas, whose doubt and fear wrestled against his faith, we pray You, Lord, to strengthen our weakness, embolden us in our trepidation, ease our anxieties and help us trust in You for forgiveness of all our sins, for the new life granted to us in Baptism and for the gift of eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With the disciples behind locked doors, we pray You, Lord, to release us from the prison of our fears so that we may make known the joyous good news of Christ’s death that paid the price of sin and His resurrection that has bestowed upon us the promise of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our ...**

With the faithful on the evening of our Lord’s Resurrection, we pray You, Lord, on behalf of Your Church and those who bring us Your Word and Sacraments. Grant to those ordained for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to fulfill their holy calling faithfully where You have placed them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray You, Lord, to lead and guide our president; the Congress; our governor; the legislature of our state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect and defend those within our community who enforce the rule of law, respond in emergency and disaster, and guard our liberty here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With those who speak on mission fields far and near, we pray You, Lord, to bless the work of those who tell of Christ to those who have not heard. Bless the planting of congregations in our district and throughout the Synod, and prosper all that we begin in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With concern for those who have fallen away, we pray You, Lord, to rekindle faith within them and restore those who have wandered from Your house and from Your Word. Make our congregations places of welcome, and teach us to rejoice with the angels over every sinner who repents of their sins and rejoices to believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear ...**

With concern for the wounded and hurting, we pray You, Lord, to grant the sick and suffering healing and relief according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of those for whom our prayers have been requested [*including **OSL Prayer List***] and those we lift to You in our hearts... Be the comfort of those who grieve and the peace of those at the last, that they may know the joy of Your presence in all their sorrows and afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts for all Your mercies, we pray You, Lord, to teach us to use wisely all Your gifts and with a grateful heart to be generous with those in need. Give us a willing heart to return to You the tithes and offerings that testify to our faith and evidence our gratitude for all Your gifts, that neither Your work nor Your Church should suffer any lack. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With confidence in Your mercy, we pray You, Lord, to give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation and to keep from us all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. L.P. ...**