

Easter 2

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you," were the words of the risen Lord to his disciples. Their task was to preach the good news of new life in Christ, forgive the sins of the repentant, and carry on Jesus' ministry. With the power of the Holy Spirit given to them, they would carry on where Jesus left off, going into the world with the good news. Just as Jesus sent the eleven, so he sends all the baptized.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)

Apostles Are Arrested

Peter and the other apostles went out healing and performing miracles in the name of Christ Jesus, and many were hearing about the amazing things that were being accomplished. This caused some to be jealous as more and more people were coming to faith in Christ. The leaders of the temple arrested the apostles and threw them into prison, but an angel freed them during the night.

Psalm 148

Praise the Name of the Lord

The psalmist sings of the whole earth and heaven praising the name of the Lord. Every person, every animal, even every inanimate object shall praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4–18

Priests Forever

The apostle John wrote to the seven churches in Asia, saying that the one who loves us and forgives us is the one who has made us into a kingdom. We are priests forever in service to the King. One day the King will return with the clouds, and there will be no doubt of his identity as all will see him and know him.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19–31

Peace Be With You

Jesus entered the house where his disciples had locked themselves away in fear. He spoke to them a blessing that has continued among Christians ever since: "Peace be with you." Then he showed them the evidence of his death as he opened his hands to them and revealed the wounds on his palms and his side. After that, he commissioned them to go and forgive as he breathed the Spirit's life into them.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White
- Use the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise in the Easter season.
- Use the Nicene Creed.
- It's always a good idea to remind the faith community what the passing of the peace truly means. As we greet one another with the peace of Christ, we are putting an end to any quarrels, grudges, or pain between us. We are saying to one another, "I forgive you, and I love you." All this happens before we go to the Lord's Supper and hear him say to us, "I forgive you, and I love you."
- The word "shalom" ("peace" in Hebrew) means "I hope all is well with you!"

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
Thine is the Glory	145	---	---	376	161	161
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!	---	674	474	377	---	---
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing	144	---	---	288	---	---
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!	131	---	---	382	---	---
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	543	---	790	858	11	11
We All Believe in One True God	374	---	953	411	---	---
Like the Golden Sun Ascending	---	---	---	---	156	156
Christ has Arisen, Alleluia!	---	678	466	364	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Glory
(CCLI# 7034795)
Reason to Believe
(CCLI# 4396561)
Your Great Name
(CCLI# 5393329)
O Come to the Altar
(CCLI# 7051511)
Worth
(CCLI# 7052784)

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