

## The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome Visitors- We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions about what we believe or how to join our confession of the Savior, you may speak to the ushers or the pastor

Music and Meditation- We have reserved 15 minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

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Hymns: 162, 165, 570, 166

Prayer for the Day

**O risen Lord, You came to Your disciples with Your Word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of Your abiding presence; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

First Reading- Acts 12:1,2; 17-32

Disciples bear witness to Jesus' resurrection

The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 16, page 68 of the hymnal

**Second Reading- Revelation 1:4-8**

Glory be to our resurrected Lord.

The Verse for the Day- **Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

The Gospel Lesson- John 20:19-31

Sermon Text : John 20:19-23

<sup>Jn 20:19</sup> 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!"

<sup>Jn 20:20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>Jn 20:21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

<sup>Jn 20:22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>Jn 20:23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Theme: Publish Peace

1. The Risen Jesus Comes to His Disciples
2. He Proclaims Peace Between God and Man
3. He Tells His Disciples to Publish Peace

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering..

**After the Service—**

Coffee time

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45.

Bible class and Sunday school will gather for a brief devotion then children will leave to go to their Sunday school classes.

**This Week-**

Tuesday- Elders 5:30 pm. Council Meets at 7.

Thursday- Pastor in town.

Saturday- Lutheran Women's Mission Society meets at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran, 17770 E. Iliff Ave. Aurora.

Registration at 8:00 a.m. Theme: Our Mission to Thailand. (Men's Bible Study moved to April 24.

Next Sunday- Worship service at 9:30 with Holy Communion.  
Quarterly meeting at 10:30  
Sunday school at 10:30.  
Confirmation Instructions at 12:15.

### **The Ministry of the Keys**

First: *What is the use of the keys?*

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners, but to refuse forgiveness to impenitent as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'" "

Second: *How does a Christian congregation use the keys?*

A Christian congregation with its called pastor uses the keys in accordance with Christ's command, by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us Himself.

*Where is this written?*

Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." – The Small Catechism

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