

believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.<sup>31</sup> 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.

**Hymn of the Day:** *156* Awake My Heart With Gladness

**Sermon:** The “Ifs” of Our Lives

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Distribution Hymn:** *143* He’s Risen, He’s Risen

**Closing Hymn:** *141* At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

**Ushers:** This Week – Tyler Danielson & Tim Walsh  
Next Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger

**Greeters:** This Week – Richard & Elaine Englehart  
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# We Welcome You!

*His resurrection gives us peace.*

**Opening Hymn:** 169 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

**Order of Worship:** Service of Word and Sacrament pg. 26

## **Prayer of the Day:**

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your 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.

## **God's Word for Today:**

**First Lesson:** Acts 3:12-20 (*The bottom his Passion!*)

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup> "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

**Psalm 16:** Pg. 68 (*Sung together*)

**Second Lesson:** 1 John 1:6-10 (*Everything which the apostles had seen and heard is there to be received, shared, enjoyed in the Word. The Word brings the light. In darkness there can be no fellowship. You can't walk hand in hand, work with or support, lovingly serve what is lost in the dark. But the Word brings God to light. It shows and brings the*

*Advocate who pleads our case so effectively to light. It brings the truth to light that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Sin removed is darkness removed. The light of the Word removes the sin by revealing the Advocate which brings forth trust in him and in his merit.)*

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> 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, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

## **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 12:20-31 (*Peace with God and peace with Jesus himself was the last thing that the disciples might have expected to hear and receive from Jesus that day. But now, the very first thing the disciples hear from the mouth of the risen Savior is: Peace! That's even his message to Thomas and now with an exclamation point behind it to us who have not seen but by the power of the Word have nevertheless believed.)*

<sup>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>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> 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!" <sup>27</sup> 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