

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1—2:2

A: The second reading according to the first book of John, the first and second chapters.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us ³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. ¹ But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

SONG OF THE DAY

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Annette George

A: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving Lord, as Pastor Diane, our incoming Associate Pastor, transitions from one congregation to another, give her peace of heart and clarity of mind. Help ease her grief over changed relationships and give her joy at the promise of new ones. Help us to be welcoming, helpful, and understanding. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 20:15

There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.

OFFERING

"10,000 Reasons"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Hallelujah"

DISMISSAL



INVITE A FRIEND *Ministry*

THREE CLASS WORKSHOP
Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke & Bob Beardslee

Learn to Make Jesus Known & Grow in Discipleship

Sunday, April 19—10:10am
How to Talk about My Faith (1 min)

Sunday, April 26—10:10am
How to Listen to Others (3 min)

Sunday, May 3—10:10am
How to Go Out & Communicate (5 min)

The Service of the Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

January Focus: Stephen Ministry

*Scripture | Prayers for others & self
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

Every third Sunday of the month



TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

SOUTHEAST ASIA, PART 2

Tuesday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.