

Week 26 – New things – 4/25/2022– (weekly readings: 2 Corinthians 2-7)

Message idea: Easter made a new man out Thomas, and it can to the same for us! (the sermon will utilize second Corinthians 5:17 and the gospel reading today - doubting Thomas - side-by-side in this narrative)

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Sermon outline: **New things**

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Easter made a new man out Thomas, and it can to the same for us! See. Touch. Believe. Confess

Our “new creation” comes to life when we are “in Christ”

1. The old is gone (sin, satan, death)
 - a. Sin
 - b. Satan
 - c. Death
2. **The new has come.**
 - a. Forgiveness
 - i. forgiveness takes an old relationship, a broken relationship and makes it new again.
 - ii. Forgiveness makes it possible for us to have a second start of the third starter for starter for start getting the idea?
 - b. **New life has come**
 - i. the resurrection from the dead announces life over death
 1. we don't need to be afraid anymore will, not afraid of death
 2. which means really to worry anymore, her future safe and secure
 3. the resurrection declares that this is the day the Lord is made
 - a. **Psalm 118:24 (NIV)** ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 4. **New Every morning**
 - a. **Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)** ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
 - i.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

Opening Psalm

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created.

And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Song:

Confession & Absolution

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Taking refuge in the mercy of the Lord, let us come before Him in prayer.

A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word and to examine our hearts before Him.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us. Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hears our prayers and answers them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. By faith, we stand at His cross and empty tomb. We find our refuge and sing for joy in the shadow of His wings. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is Risen. Indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day:

- P** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Song:

Children's Message: (no song after the children's message)

Scriptures:

First reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 16-21 (NIV) ¹ Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NIV)** ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (NIV) ¹⁹ 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.

Message Song:

Message: NEW, Easter makes us new

Creed

Prayers of the Church

As we pray together for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, you are invited to take a moment now in silent prayer to lift up the names and needs that are upon your heart this day.

(A time of silence for personal prayers)

Gracious God, You are exalted over all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy, You shower us with blessings of both body and soul as You care for Your creation. Enable us to see Your hands at work in our midst that, together with all those who share in the power of Your Son's resurrection, we always say of You:

You alone are Lord and God!

Giver of life, You renew our souls through the power of Your Holy Spirit as we dwell in the shadow of Your wings. As we continue to celebrate the joy of our Savior's Easter victory, grant that Your Church on earth always speaks Your Word with boldness and confidence, that like the first eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, we share with all people:

You alone are Lord and God!

You govern all nations with Your mighty and merciful hand, O Lord. Show forth Your favor to the land in which we live, raising up men and women who will serve as godly leaders among us; blessing those who make, administer, and judge our laws; protecting all those who serve in harm's way for the benefit of others; and helping us always to know and believe:

You alone are Lord and God!

In Your Son's earthly ministry, people brought to Him all those who were sick and suffering that He might touch and heal them. This ministry of healing continued through His disciples in the earliest church. Even now, we know that Jesus heals, renews, and restores through the Means of Grace He has provided for our benefit. Place Your healing hand upon those for in need, [*especially* . . .]. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:

You alone are Lord and God!

Prepare the hearts of all those who will receive You at Your Table this day, O Lord. Help us to cast aside all bitterness and pride, laying our burdens down at the foot of Christ's cross. Because He lives in triumph over death and the grave, we experience His life-giving presence as we are gathered in His name to remember His sacrifice. Grant that all who share in His body and blood look upon Him, trust in Him, and always say of Him:

You alone are Lord and God!

We bring all these prayers before You, gracious Father, in the name of Him who is risen from the dead and reigns with You forever as our Lord and God: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Song (during distribution)

The Dismissal & Sending

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace to serve the Lord.

Benediction

As you leave God's house today

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace."

(The Benediction is from & Numbers 6:24-26)

Closing Song:

Sending

Go in peace to serve the LORD.

Thanks be to God!