

*SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek  
April 7, 2024*

Pre-service Psalter 159:1,4 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 88 \*\*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5

Psalter 342:3-4\*\*

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 240:1-2,5 \*\*

**Text: John 20:28**

**Theme: The Risen Savior knows...**

**1. Thomas' character**

**2. Thomas' needs**

**3. Thomas' faith**

Prayer

Psalter 151:2,4-6 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. What have you learned about the differences in character among God's children? How does that encourage you?
2. Describe what changed Thomas around when he was stuck? What often doesn't work in such situations? How is that helpful to you personally or in your interaction with others?
3. With Thomas 'Jesus shows He knows' has that become personally precious to you? How? Take a moment to thank the Lord for that.
4. Faith vs. feeling, and emotions... what are we to make of that as we listen to Thomas' history? Was there something that has helped you to understand the relationship more clearly? If so, what was it?
5. \* Why is Thomas called doubting Thomas? What did Thomas miss out on because of his doubt? How did the Lord Jesus show that he knew exactly that Thomas needed? What did Thomas say that showed his faith in the Lord Jesus? \*

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Pre-service Psalter 402:1,6 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 162 \*\*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:5-9

Apostle's Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 429:3-4 \*\*

**Text: Ephesians 6:5-9**

**Confessional Support: HBC, LD 39**

**Gospel Obedience in Society (2) – Employers and Employees**

**1. Gospel Authority-structures**

**2. Gospel Attitude**

**3. Gospel Applications**

Prayer

Psalter 246 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: 315 \*\*

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**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. When you hear the word slave, what is helpful to keep in mind? How was slavery different from more recent forms of slavery?
2. What was the task of a slave? What was the task of a master? How do these tasks translate themselves to today's society?
3. How does the relationship between a slave and its master relate to salvation by the Gospel of Christ?
4. Why is the attitude required for slaves also necessary for masters? What kind of attitude is a Gospel attitude in our work-relationships?
5. Is this passage applicable when you work with a cruel boss? If so, how, or why not? Is this passage applicable when your employer asks you to do something morally wrong? If so, how, or why not?
6. How does this passage radically transform the way we look at the employer-employee relationship and work in general?
7. \* What lessons are there for you to learn about how we are to relate to work and to employers when you grow up? For whom do you need to do your work? How are you to do your work? \*

\* Questions for younger children