

**Christ has been raised  
from the dead,  
the first fruits of those  
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV



## **“The Resurrection Removes All Doubt and Gives Us Answers!”**

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

James N. Proeber, Pastor  
Wisconsin Synod

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### **Welcome to Our Redeemer**

Every day we have doubts. Every day we have fears. Every day we face the devil’s deadly devices. All are answered and overcome in Jesus’ triumphant resurrection from the dead. Because he lives, every doubt is erased. Because he lives, every fear is removed. Because he lives, we can live peaceful and confident lives in love and joyful service.

### **For Parents with Small Children**

There are children’s service folders available in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up as you enter. There is also a “cry room” and rest rooms in the fellowship hall. After you go through the doors of the church, turn left. In addition, you may watch the service on the monitor in the fellowship hall.

## The Order of Worship

### **Pre-Service Music and Welcome**

#### **Opening Hymn**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

*Christian Worship 141*

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide,

Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.  
You have conquered in the fight;  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days,  
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

### **The Invocation**

P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God  
the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

### **The Confession of Sins**

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, through the gracious invitation and blessing of our victorious Savior you and I can draw near to the Lord and humbly confess our sins to God our Father, knowing he will hear and answer us for the sake of our Savior.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words,**

and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

**Absolution**

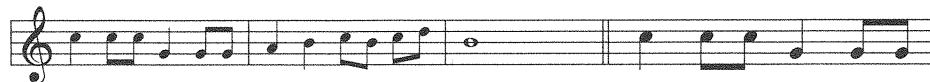
*God's Forgiveness Proclaimed*

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority as our living and triumphant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.




C: Glo - ry to God in the



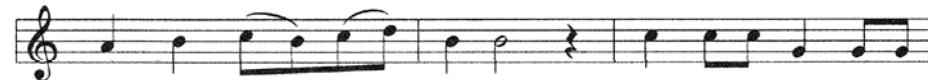
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Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



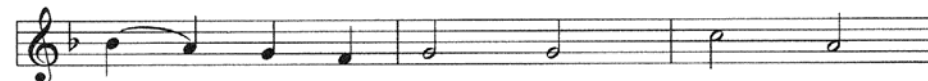
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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



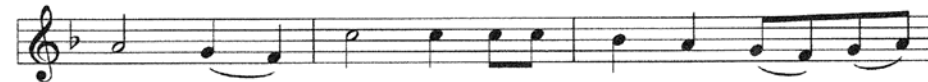
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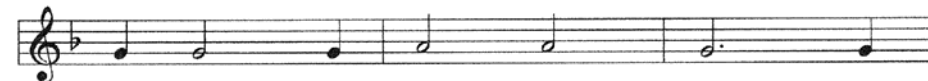
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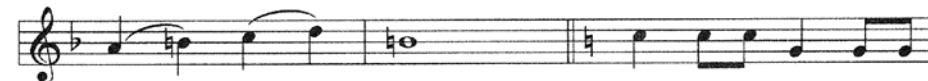
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
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Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

**Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious Lord and living Savior, you have given us every reason to rejoice and praise your holy name. You have forgiven

our sins. You have cleansed us and make us righteous. You have given us peace and the promise of heaven. Continue to bless us through these gifts secured by your resurrection. Also, use your victory over death and the devil to fill us with confidence, and to free us from doubt and despair. Keep us by your love, and keep us in your love until we join you in your heavenly kingdom. There we will praise you our Savior, together with your Father and the Spirit—our only true and gracious God.



C: A — men!

## The Lessons from God's Word

*"I Know that My Redeemer lives!"*

### **The Power of the Resurrection**

*Acts 3:11–20*

<sup>11</sup>While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk?"

<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suf-

fer. <sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out,  
<sup>20</sup>so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord  
and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

**Psalm of the Day**

*Psalm 150*

P: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary. Praise him in the expanse that shows his might. Praise him for his acts of power. Praise him according to his abundant greatness.

Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn. Praise him with the harp and the lyre. Praise him with hand drums and dancing. Praise him with strings and the flute. Praise him with the sounding cymbals. Praise him with loud cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

***Congregation responds***

“The Day of Resurrection”  
*Christian Worship 166 st. 1*

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

**Epistle**

*1 John 1:5–2:2*

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.



<sup>2:1</sup>My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

### **Verse of the Day**

P: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

*Congregation responds*

“The Day of Resurrection”  
*Christian Worship 166 st. 3*

Now let the heav’ns be joyful; let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen; our joy shall have no end.

### **The Gospel**

P: The “Good News” about our Savior is recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke, reading from the thirty-sixth verse.



**C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

<sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh

and bones as you see that I have.”<sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup>While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb.<sup>43</sup>He took it and ate in front of them.<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you:

Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **The Confession of Faith**

*(We unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)*

**P: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”  
*Christian Worship 145*

Jesus lives! The victory’s won!  
Death no longer can appall me.  
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Bright scenes will then commence.  
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To him the throne  
High o’er heav’n and earth is given.  
I shall go where he is gone,  
Live and reign with him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me he died;  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Prue in heart and act abide,  
Praise to him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from him shall sever,  
Life nor death nor pow’rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate to life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath

When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
“Jesus is my confidence!”

Sermon

Luke 24:36-49

**“Jesus is the Answer!”**

To our doubts, troubles, and fears  
Found in the testimony of the Scriptures

**“Create in Me”**

*Psalm 51*



C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.



## Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

### **Prayer for the Lord's Blessing**

*Special Requests and Prayers*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*(the congregation will join with the pastor)*

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

### **Hymn**

**"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"**  
*Christian Worship 447*

Who trusts in God, a strong abode  
In heaven and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love to Christ above —  
No fear his heart oppresses.  
In you alone, dear Lord, we own  
Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our shield from foes, our balm for woes,  
Our great and sure salvation.

Though Satan's wrath beset our path  
And worldly scorn assail us,  
While you are near, we will not fear;  
Your strength will never fail us.

Your rod and staff will keep us safe  
And guide our steps forever;  
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath  
Our souls from you will sever.

In all the strife of mortal life  
Our feet will stand securely.  
Temptation's hour will lose its pow'r,  
For you will guard us surely.  
O God, renew with heav'nly dew  
Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand at your right hand  
Through Jesus' saving merit.

### **Closing Prayer**

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, too often we are like the disciples. We are troubled and doubts arise in our hearts. We look at the challenges and threats before us, and we are ready to give up the fight. Come to our rescue. As you showed them your hands and feet, show us the same unmistakable proof. While you were pierced for our transgressions, these wounds are now our unwavering assurance. You have risen. You have conquered death. You have overcome every enemy. Let this joyous news comfort us when we are troubled, and dispel every doubt in our hearts. Make it our confidence, as well as our source of courage to live our lives to your glory. Hear us and answer us all according to your undeserved love as our living and triumphant Savior—who lives and rules over all things together with the Father and the Spirit.



C: A ——— men!

### **The Benediction**

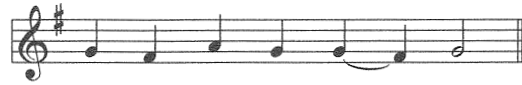
P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word,

be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

### Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

*Christian Worship 153*

Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;  
From the gloomy house of death forth the conqueror has gone,  
Bright forerunner to the skies of his people yet to rise.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; praise him ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav’nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.

Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,  
Lives forever to bestow blessings on his Church below.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours eternally;  
Joined to him, your living head, where he is you too shall be;  
You with him at his right hand victor over death shall stand.

### Silent Prayer

#### Announcements

**Today**—*Welcome in our Triumphant Savior’s blessed name!* It is because Jesus lives that we know we have a sure and certain answer for all of life’s questions, problems, and doubts. We also have a sure and certain hope for eternal life in heaven. If you are

visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card, and come again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- After you get a cup of coffee, please return to the sanctuary around 11:00 am. We will have our quarterly congregational meeting.

**Monday**—Pastor and his family will drive to Arizona. If there is an emergency, please call one of the elders—Greg Grunewald or Josh Schueler. You may also call Pastor Mike Foley of Star of Bethlehem (714) 474-7023.

**Saturday**—Cleaning: Brown

- Mowing beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>—Grunewald

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>—In person worship and live-streaming at 9:30 am.** There are many comforting “I AM” statements made by our Savior throughout his ministry. None are as comforting or reassuring as the words: “I AM Your Good Shepherd.”

- Pastor Steve Degner will serve the congregation while Pastor Proeber is gone. He will return on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Thank You

To Alan Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for monitoring the audio and video of the live-stream; to Margaret and Jim Brown for placing flowers on the altar to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of his blessings.





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