

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 28, 2019
“WILLING TO BELIEVE”

MY REDEEMER LIVES..... Preservice #1

I know He rescued my soul
His Blood covered my sin
I believe I believe

My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe

I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
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You lift my burdens; And I rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your Kingdom come

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POWER IN THE BLOOD..... Preservice #2

Would you be free
From the burden of sin
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power power
Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power
Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free
From passion and pride
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power power
Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power
Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be whiter
Much whiter than snow
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Sin stains are lost in the life giving flow
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power power
Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power
Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

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THEME.....“Willing To Believe”.....*John 20:19-31*

There is a difference between a person who has a mind that is completely closed to believing and a person who has a willingness to believe. Thomas was certainly willing to believe yet he desired more than just hearsay. He needed some substance and so would many of us. For Thomas it was not enough to hear from others; he wanted to see and to touch – to have some kind of experiential evidence which is understandable. Again, he was very open to believing and because of the nature of this astonishing news; Thomas wanted more than just accepting the verbal news at face value. It is very normal for people to yearn for some kind of proof before believing but it would be the closed mind and heart that is not willing to believe first.

WELCOME AND GREETING

BAPTISM HYMN..... “See This Wonder in the Making”

See this wonder in the making
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping
His to be, awake or sleeping
Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet"
Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them,
With Your love and peace embrace them.
Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.

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EMMERSON ROSE HANSEN.....Date of Birth: November 25, 2008

Witnesses:

Alec & Christina Ring

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Name, *the Almighty God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✕ everlasting.*

Randall Hansen.....Revelation 2:10

¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Erica Hansen.....Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Cheyenne Deters.....Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Brad Jeffries.....John 8:31-32

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Jennifer Soltwedel.....Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

WORDS ADDRESSED TO THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age," You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

Confirmands: Yes I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Confirmands & Congregation:

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

Confirmands & Congregation:

Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands & Congregation:

Yes, 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.

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor God of Truth and Life, it is a joy to worship together as one body in Christ--embracing the Word of God and our common faith in your Son, Jesus. People find themselves searching for truth and yearning to find purpose and meaning for their lives. Help those on the search to see Jesus in us and that through our lives filled with blessed words and Godly actions, their faith will be strengthened. Through

Jesus Christ, you have given us the perfect example to live by, a savior who loves unconditionally and gives us a compass to live by. Inspire in us the will to spread this Good News to others so that they may experience Christ and be willing to believe and make Him the Lord and Savior of their lives.

ALL In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Loving and Merciful God, you speak to us through your Word, yet we often do not adhere to the Word because it gets smothered by the words coming at us through from the world. We are in bondage to sin and cannot break away from its grips by our own means. Out of love, you sent Jesus to journey to the cross so that we would see the incredible sacrifice he made for our benefit. Jesus rose from the dead and made himself known once again in the flesh. We are so thankful for the gift of faith – faith in the resurrection and faith in your promise to forgive our sins and give us new life in Christ. Our willingness to believe leads us to moments like this in which we can freely confess our sins to you.

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

All Gracious God, we confess that we lose sight of your will and plan for our lives and allow the pressures of living in the world influence our minds and hearts. We do not see clearly what your desire is for our lives because our belief system is shattered by selfishness and tainted by society. We are sorry we have not lived in obedience to you and ask for your forgiveness.

Pastor When we make confession of our sins and seek forgiveness, the Lord keeps His promises and gives us a clean start. We are washed clean and freed through his holy and precious blood. Be assured that your sins are forgiven.

† We Hear God's Word †

Acts 5:12-20 (21-32) (ESV)....(on page 1698 in NIV pew Bible).....(page 4 in bulletin)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC....Holy Spirit Living Breath of God.....Praise & Worship Choir

Words & music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Scripture Reference: Galatians 5:22-23 – *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is not law.*

Revelation 1:4-18(ESV).....(on page 1913 in NIV pew Bible).....(page 5 in bulletin)

John 20:19-31 (ESV).....(on page 1686 in NIV pew Bible.....(page 6 in bulletin)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Alpha and Omega, who created the universe through the power of His Word. God is the originator of all that is good and made people in His image. This one, true God had such amazing love for the world that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save all people from their sins. We believe this is true. We believe in Jesus as Lord, who entered the world as God in the flesh. He was born in humble surroundings, grew in power and stature, and lived among His creation by taking the form of a servant for our sake. He suffered a painful death on the cross for our sins and in three days, rose from the tomb. We believe this is true. We believe in the Holy

Spirit, the transforming power that exists in all places simultaneously. It is this power that helps us and counsels us in a world that can divert us away from that which is God's will for our lives. We believe that the presence of the Holy Spirit nurtures and strengthens Christian communities and the Church all over the world. We believe this is true.

BLESSED REDEEMER..... Sermon Song

Up Calvary's mountain one dreadful morn
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn
Facing for sinners death on the cross
That He might save them from endless loss

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me

"Father, forgive them," my Savior prayed
Even while His lifeblood flowed fast away
Praying for sinners while in such woe
No one but Jesus ever loved so

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me, dying for me

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me

Oh how I love Him, Savior and friend
How can my praises ever find end
Through years unnumbered on Heaven's shore
My songs shall praise Him forevermore

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**MESSAGE "Do You See Jesus".....John 20:19-31
Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

BLESS THIS OFFERING Offering Song

God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring You.

May our lives do Your will, guide and guard us forever.

Give us courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.

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Scripture Reference: Genesis 14:20, Psalms 9:1-2 "Bless This Offering" Pulic Domain CCLI License 51072

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

† We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Pastor Risen Savior, you have invited us to the table to experience your presence and receive healing as we join with one another and your people of every time and place. We come in all our imperfections and sinfulness--asking for your forgiveness to cleanse us. We thank you for the means of grace in the bread and the wine, a reminder of the body broken, and blood shed for our sake. Christ took our place and became sin in order to remove all our sins. We are grateful for this incredible gift which has made it possible for us to live with the Lord for eternity.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS.....Communion Song

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All ours sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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+ WE DEPART IN PEACE +

DISMISSAL BLESSING

Pastor May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you for daily life so that you may remain faithful and obedient to His Word.

ALL Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Go now in peace with the comfort and assurance that Jesus has risen from the grave and given you a life filled with His promises and hope for the future.

ALL Amen!

My Savior Lives.....Closing Song

Our God will reign forever And all the world will know His name
Ev'ryone together Sing the song of the redeemed

I know that my Redeemer lives And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way My Savior my Savior lives

The King has come from Heaven And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever Is the song of the redeemed

I know that my Redeemer lives And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way My Savior my Savior lives

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